

**A DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: A non-project legislative action to consider amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element (Chapter 4), the Big Lake Rural Village Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map, and Skagit County Code 14.16 to address Big Lake Rural Village development standards on property commonly referred to as Overlook Golf Course. The proposed action is in response to Growth Management Act compliance issues from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB), in Evergreen Islands v. Skagit County, Case No.00-2-0046c and on subsequent appeal to Skagit County Superior Court, in Skagit County v. WWGMHB, Cause No. 01-2-00423-1 and 02-2-00560-1. The proposed amendments are the result of settlement discussions between the parties of record in the above referenced Superior Court cases and an order by the presiding judge.

PROPONENT: Skagit County

APPLICABILITY: The proposed action affects property commonly referred to as the Overlook Golf Course, in the Big Lake area near Mount Vernon, WA, located within a portion of the SE ¼ of Section 36, T34N, R4E, and also within a portion of the SW ¼ of Section 31, T34N, R5E, W.M, situated in Skagit County, WA.

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Proposed Development Standards on Property Commonly referred to as Overlook Golf Course, Big Lake, WA.

DATE AND TITLE OF ADOPTED DOCUMENTS: The adopted environmental documents are:

1. Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Use Designation Element, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Skagit County Department of Planning and Community Development, January 13, 1994.
2. Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Use Element, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Volume I: FEIS Text and Appendices H-L, Skagit County Department of Planning and Community Development, June 30, 1994.
3. Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Use Element, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Volume II: Appendices H-L, Skagit County Department of Planning and Community Development, June 30, 1994.
4. Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Use Element, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Skagit County Department of Planning and Community Development, May 24, 1995.
5. Addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Use Element, Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Skagit County Classification and Designation of Natural Resource Lands, Skagit County Planning and Permit Center, May 23, 1996.
6. Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Skagit County Planning and Permit Center, November 13, 1996.

7. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Skagit County Planning and Permit Center, May 2, 1997.
8. Addendum (Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Development Regulations Intended to Satisfy Skagit County's Outstanding GMA Obligations, Including Resolution of Issues Connected to Pending Appeals before the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board) to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Supplement Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, February 3, 2000.

DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT: Skagit County Planning and Permit Center. 200 W Washington Street Mount Vernon, WA 98273

LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning and Permit Center

FINDINGS: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Furthermore, the proposed amendments do not substantially change the analysis of probable significant adverse environmental impacts and the range of alternatives and impacts previously discussed in the adopting environmental documents. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This DNS is issued under the provisions of WAC 197-11-630.

COMMENT PERIOD: There is no comment period associated with this threshold determination.

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