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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal: Skagit County is proposing amendments to Skagit County Code Title 14 which include an agritourism definition and use standards. Agritourism uses are required to be secondary and related to an ongoing agricultural use and cannot result in the permanent conversion of agricultural land. Agritourism uses are proposed to be allowed in the Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands, Rural Resource – Natural Resource Lands, Rural Reserve, and Rural Intermediate zones. The amendments propose the establishment of three levels of Agritourism:

Agritourism 1 (Permitted Use)

- Number of guests cannot exceed 50 people per day.
- Agritourism activities cannot exceed 10 days per year.

Agritourism 2 (Administrative Special Use)

- Number of guests cannot exceed 100 people per day.
- Agritourism activities cannot exceed 24 days per year.

Agritourism 3 (Hearing Examiner Special Use)

- Guests and number of days will be limited based on conditions of approval.

The amendments propose to amend the name of Temporary Use Events to Limited Event Venues. The amendments propose to prohibit Limited Event Venues, restaurants, and regularly occurring celebratory gatherings, such as weddings in the Agricultural-NRL zone. The amendments also replace “activities associated with tourism that promote local agriculture...” as an Agricultural Accessory use as they will be replaced with the new Agritourism use.

Project documents including the draft code amendments may be found on the Skagit County Agritourism project webpage linked below.

Project Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Proponent: Skagit County

Location of Proposal: Applies to areas within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that this non-project proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of completed environmental checklists and other information on file with the lead agency. This

information is available to the public on request and at
www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm

This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of this notice. **Written comments on this threshold determination must be submitted by 4:30 pm, October 16, 2025.**


Appeals process: Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this DNS on this legislative action. Appeals may be filed with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, following final Board of County Commissioner action on the proposal, based on written comments submitted on the DNS by the deadline noted above.

Comments: Comments are accepted digitally or on paper, please include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name in the subject line. Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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SEPA Responsible Official: Jack Moore, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Date of Decision: September 25, 2025

Signature 
Jack Moore, Director/Administrative Official
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