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Notice of Availability

Proposal Information

Publish date:	April 20, 2017
Proposal name:	Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/vsp
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Public Works
Contact Person:	Kara Symonds, Watershed Planner
Written comment deadline:	Friday, May 12, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Skagit County enrolled in the state's Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) in 2011 for the protection of critical areas in areas of agricultural activity. The ultimate objective of VSP Work Plans across the state is to protect critical areas while maintaining the viability of agriculture. Skagit County's plan outlines a strategy for the protection of all five critical areas, through new programs and existing regulation, while providing regulatory certainty to the agricultural sector. The substantive plan components include a proposed method to establish 2011 baseline conditions and metrics to evaluate if the County is achieving protection and enhancement.

The County's VSP Watershed Group met over 2015 and 2016 to draft the County's Work Plan. The Work Plan is now being distributed for public comment. After feedback is received, the Director of Public Works will submit the Work Plan to the Washington State Conservation Commission for their assessment.

Per RCW 43.21C.0301, the VSP Work Plan is not subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act.

How to Comment

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on proposed “Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan”
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All comments must be received by the deadline and include your full name and mailing address.
Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.