



Department of Commerce

Innovation is in our nature.

Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendment 60 Days Prior to Adoption

Indicate one (or both, if applicable):

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment**
- Development Regulation Amendment**

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the following jurisdiction provides notice of intent to adopt a proposed comprehensive plan amendment and/or development regulation amendment under the Growth Management Act.

Jurisdiction:	Whatcom County
Mailing Address:	5280 Northwest Drive Bellingham, WA 98226
Date:	June 4, 2013

Contact Name:	Peter Gill
Title/Position:	Senior Planner
Phone Number:	360-676-6907
E-mail Address:	pgill@co.whatcom.wa.us

<p>Brief Description of the Proposed/Draft Amendment: <i>If this draft amendment is provided to supplement an existing 60-day notice already submitted, then please provide the date the original notice was submitted and the Commerce Material ID number (located in your Commerce acknowledgement letter.)</i></p>	<p>The Land Use Chapter of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan includes development regulations by reference. When development regulations that effect "rural character and lifestyle" change (policy 2DD), the Comprehensive Plan must be amended. Changes to stormwater management regulations in rural zones, e.g., the Lake Whatcom watershed, now require a Comprehensive Plan change.</p> <p>The Washington State Growth Management Hearings Board, in its January 4, 2013 Compliance Order (GMHB No. 11-2-0010c), found that Whatcom County lacked measures to adequately protect the water quality in Lake Whatcom.</p>
---	---

	<p>A new chapter of the Zoning code, (proposed) WCC 20.51, includes water quality measures aimed at reducing nutrients and pathogens from entering Lake Whatcom (Commerce Notice ID #17443).</p> <p>This amendment is necessary to maintain consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and implementing development regulations.</p>
<p>Is this action part of the periodic review and update? <i>GMA requires review every 8 years under RCW 36.70A.130(4)-(6).</i></p>	<p>Yes: ___ No: <u>X</u></p>
<p>Public Hearing Date:</p>	<p>Planning Board/Commission: June 13, 2013 Council/County Commission: June 18, 2013</p>
<p>Proposed Adoption Date:</p>	<p>Not Sure?</p>

REQUIRED: Attached Exhibit D.

Exhibit D

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 2: Updates to reflect the addition of the Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District

Policy 2DD-2: Protect the character of the rural area through the County's development regulations. In addition to the policies of this plan that provide measures governing rural development, the following County's key development regulations are incorporated into this plan by reference to assure that the plan contains measures to protect rural character:

C. Measures to protect critical areas and surface and groundwater resources:

3. Preserve and protect unique and important water resources through development standards in WCC 20.71 Water Resource Protection Overlay District and WCC 20. 51 Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District adopted herein by reference. ÷
4. Protect surface and ground water resources through stormwater management standards established in the County's Development Standards per WCC 20.80.630, WCC 20. 51, ~~and~~ 12.08.035 and referenced in the following Zoning Code provisions, adopted herein by reference:
 - a. 20.32.656 Drainage, Residential Rural District;
 - b. 20.34.659 Drainage, Rural Residential-Island District;
 - c. 20.36.656 Drainage, Rural District;
 - d. 20.37.655 Drainage, Point Roberts Transitional District;
 - e. 20.44.652 Drainage, Recreation and Open Space District;
 - f. 20.59.704 Drainage, Rural General Commercial District;
 - g. 20.60.655 Drainage, Neighborhood Commercial District;
 - h. 20.61.704 Drainage, Small Town Commercial District;
 - i. 20.63.654 Drainage, Tourist Commercial District;
 - j. 20.64.655 Drainage, Resort Commercial District;
 - k. 20.67.653 Drainage, General Manufacturing District;
 - l. 20.69.655 Drainage, Rural Industrial and Manufacturing District.
8. Limit phosphorus entering Lake Whatcom through WCC 20. 51 Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District and Lake Whatcom and Lake Samish due to the application of commercial fertilizers to residential lawns and public properties through WCC 16.32, adopted herein by reference.