



## San Juan County Community Development & Planning

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To: The Journal and the Sounder

Re: Please publish once on July 27, 2011 in both the Journal and the Sounder

**Notice of Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Regulations for Critical Areas and Adopting Associated Provisions for Financial Guarantees. Amending Chapter 18.20 (Definitions), Section 18.30.110 (Critical Area Regulations – General Provisions) and Adding a New Section on Financial Guarantees to Chapter 18.80. of the San Juan County Code**

Notice is hereby given that the San Juan County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on an ordinance amending the Critical Area provisions of the San Juan County Code and adding a related section establishing provisions for financial guarantees. These amendments are proposed to fulfill the periodic update requirements of RCW 36.70A.130.

The proposed ordinance: clarifies the purpose and applicability of the regulations; removes an unnecessary reference to Tables 3.1 and 3.2; clarifies and revises general exemptions; amends provisions for Reasonable Use Exceptions; establishes provisions for Public Agency and Utility Exceptions, critical area mitigation requirements, conditions of approval, Critical Area Stewardship Plans, and financial guarantees; and clarifies, updates and adds associated terms and definitions.

The hearing will begin at or after 8:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the San Juan Island Grange, 152 First Street, Friday Harbor. Interested parties are encouraged to attend & submit comments at or prior to the hearing.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review. An Environmental Checklist for the proposed amendments was reviewed, it was determined that adoption of the proposed regulations will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and an environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Under WAC 197-11-340(2) a Determination of Non-Significance was issued on July 26, 2011. Comments on this determination must be submitted by August 10, 2011. Following a final decision this determination may be appealed with the underlying action to Superior Court or State Boards as provided in RCW 36.70A, RCW 90.58, and RCW 36.70C. For appeals to Superior Court the appeal period is 21 days and for appeals to the Growth Management Hearing's Board the appeal period is 60 days.

Copies of the ordinance, SEPA checklist and associated documents will be available on July 27, 2011 on the County web site at <http://www.sanjuanco.com/cao/documents.aspx>. For more information or to submit comments contact Shireene Hale, San Juan County CD&P, PO Box 947, Friday Harbor, WA, 98250, (360) 370-7569 or [shireneh@sanjuanco.com](mailto:shireneh@sanjuanco.com).