DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Proponent:  
Department of Planning and Development Services  
Snohomish County Administration Building  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 604  
Everett, WA 98201

Description of Proposal:  
Proposed non-project proposal to amend Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 30 to adopt an updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and associated code amendments as interim official controls. Ordinance is titled:

"RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT; ADOPTING THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY WASHINGTON AND INCORPORATED AREAS WITH THE ACCOMPANYING FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS; UPDATING SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTERS 30.43C AND 30.65, AND SUBTITLE 30.9 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE AS AN EMERGENCY ACTION UNDER SCC 30.73.090"

Proposed Amendments

This is a non-project proposal to adopt interim official controls into Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 30 to adopt the FIS and FIRMs that will become effective on June 19, 2020 and to update special flood hazard area regulations. Specifically, the ordinance will add a new subsection to designate a floodplain administrator and assign duties and responsibilities, add provisions for livestock flood sanctuaries, adopt standards for development in shallow flooding and coastal high hazard areas, and amend subtitle 30.9 SCC to update and add definitions to ensure consistency with National Flood Insurance Program standards.

Lead Agency:  
Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services

Threshold Determination:  
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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 by Snohomish County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review upon request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by May 21, 2020, to the responsible official at the address listed below.
Appeals: This DNS together with the subsequent legislative action by the County Council to amend the County Code may be appealed to the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board. **THIS DNS MAY BE APPEALED ONLY WHEN SUCH APPEAL IS COMBINED WITH THE APPEAL OF THE UNDERLYING ACTION PURSUANT TO SCC 30.73.100. THE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE PUBLISHED NOTICE OF ACTION ISSUED SUBSEQUENT TO THE FINAL DECISION BY THE COUNTY.** The Notice of Action describing the final decision by the County to pursue or not pursue the proposed action will be published in the County's paper of record. Any appeal must be filed with the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, at PO Box 40953 Olympia WA 98504-0953 within 60 days following publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

**Responsible Official:** Barbara Mock  
**Position/Title:** Director, Department of Planning and Development Services  
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Barbara Mock, Director

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