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Skagit County Natural Resource Land Classification and Designation Process

County-wide, Regional Planning Policies (CRPPs)

Skagit County adopted County-wide, Regional Planning Policies on June 30, 1992. The CRPPs are commonly referred to as the overriding umbrella, under which the comprehensive plan and development regulations are to be drafted. They also serve as guidelines for city/county cooperation. Under the GMA goal of natural resource industries (RCW 36.70A.020 (8)) the following CRPPs were adopted:

- 8.1 Identified critical areas, shorelands, aquatic resource areas and natural resource lands shall be protected by restricting conversion. Encroachment by incompatible uses shall be prevented by maintenance of adequate buffering between conflicting activities.
- 8.2 Land uses adjacent to agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands and designated aquatic resource areas shall not interfere with the continued use of these designated lands for the production of food, agricultural and aquatic based products, or timber, or for the extraction of minerals.
- 8.3 Forest and agricultural lands located within urban growth areas shall not be designated as forest or agricultural land of long-term commercial significance unless a program authorizing transfer or purchase of development rights is established.
- 8.4 Mining sites or portions of mining sites shall be reclaimed when they are abandoned, depleted, or when operations are discontinued for long periods.
- 8.5 Long term commercially significant natural resource lands and designated aquatic resource areas shall be protected and conserved. Skagit County shall adopt policies and regulations that encourage and facilitate the retention and enhancement of natural resource areas in perpetuity.
- 8.6 When plats, short plats, building permits and development permits are issued for development activities on or adjacent to natural resource lands and aquatic resource areas, notice shall be provided to those seeking permit approvals that certain activities may occur that are not compatible with residences.