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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
AND  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
AND AVAILABILITY OF SEPA ADDENDUM  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
ON 2003 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DOCKET  
SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS**

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Jefferson County is issuing an integrated GMA/SEPA document per WAC 197-11-210 through 197-11-235 in relation to two (2) of the suggested amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan that constitute part of the final docket of the 2003 annual Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle. Jefferson County has determined that it is the appropriate SEPA lead agency for the proposal. Adoption of any Comprehensive Plan amendment and associated Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments on the 2003 docket would be a non-project action under SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW.

Following are brief descriptions of the two suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan addressed by this notice. Each case has a Master Land Use Application (MLA) for reference:

1. MLA03-209; Jefferson County; Proposal to simplify and amend Agricultural Lands designation categories and criteria as part of a process to complete planning tasks outlined in the 1998 Comprehensive Plan; 2004 tasks include reconsideration of Agricultural Lands development regulations and potential designation of Agricultural Lands of Local Importance.
2. MLA03-210; Jefferson County; Proposal to add policy language to the Comprehensive Plan related to compliance with a Growth Management Hearings Board order concerning groundwater protection against seawater intrusion.

Two suggested amendments that concern the Jefferson County International Airport, MLA03-232 and 244, will be considered at a later date.

**GMA Notice:** This document serves as the 60-day notice of intent to amend the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and is being circulated per WAC 365-195-620 to State agencies on the list provided by the Washington State Office of Community Development of agency representatives responsible for reviewing proposed amendments to comprehensive plans.

**Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents and Notice of Availability of SEPA Addendum:** The document also serves as a notice of adoption of existing environmental documents and notice of availability of a formal SEPA document, an Addendum, pursuant to SEPA rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC). After review of the docket and existing environmental documents, the SEPA Responsible Official at the Department of Community Development (DCD) has determined that existing environmental documents, augmented by the integrated SEPA Addendum, provide adequate environmental review to satisfy the requirements of WAC 197-11-600 with regard to consideration of these two suggested amendment proposals on the 2003 Docket. A Staff Report offering recommended action on these suggested Comprehensive Plan amendments has been integrated with a SEPA Addendum per WAC 197-11-235. In accordance with WAC 197-11-630, there is no new SEPA-specific public comment period in conjunction with this adoption notice. However, DCD and the Planning Commission are accepting general comments on the merits of these suggested amendments as detailed below.

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The following existing environmental documents are being adopted:

- Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS/FEIS) and addenda prepared in anticipation of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 1998. The DEIS and FEIS are dated February 24, 1997 and May 27, 1998, respectively, and examined the potential cumulative environmental impacts of adopting alternative versions of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Draft and Final Supplemental EIS (DSEIS/FSEIS) and addenda for the Comprehensive Plan 1999 Amendments, also known as Tasks III and IV of the Tri-Area / Glen Cove Special Study. The DSEIS and FSEIS are dated June 30, 1999 and August 18, 1999, respectively, and examined the potential environmental impacts of adopting one of the identified planning alternatives for the Tri-Area of Chimacum-Port Hadlock-Irondale and the Glen Cove mixed use area.
- Integrated Staff Report and DSEIS/FSEIS for the 2002 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket, dated August 21 and November 25, 2002, respectively. Among other information, the adopted documents provide background and analysis on the classification, designation, and regulation of mineral resource lands.

Other documents have been incorporated by reference in the combined Staff Report and SEPA Addendum.

**Planning Commission Public Hearing: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to take comment on these two Comprehensive Plan **suggested amendments**. Oral and/or written comment will be accepted as detailed below. The public hearing will occur on **Wednesday, October 1, 2003** beginning at **6:30 PM** at the **WSU Community Learning Center**, Shold Business Park, 201 W Patison, Port Hadlock.

**Public Comment Period:** The Planning Commission and DCD will accept written comments on the merits of these **two suggested amendments** until the conclusion of the public hearing before the Planning Commission on **October 1** (detailed above). Oral comment may be made at the Planning Commission public hearing. Any comments on these suggested amendments submitted after October 1 will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for consideration in their legislative decision. The BOCC may hold a public hearing before taking action on the final docket (formal notice would appear in the newspaper of record). Written comments on the proposals may be submitted to DCD at 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend WA 98368 or via email to [planning@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.wa.us).

**Availability of Documents:** For more information or to inspect or request copies of the original applications for the proposed amendments, the Integrated Staff Report and SEPA Addendum, the adopted existing environmental documents or other related information, contact DCD Long-Range Planning at the mail or email addresses above, by phone at (360) 379-4450, or visit the 2003 Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle website, where documents and notices are posted in PDF:

<http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/2003%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20Amendment%20Cycle.htm>.

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