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## **Jefferson County Commissioners and Planning Commission Hold Joint Meeting on Comp Plan Amendments**

**Port Townsend, WA**—The Jefferson County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners will hold a joint public meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the WSU Community Learning Center in Shold Business Park at 201 West Patison Rd in Port Hadlock.

“Our regular Planning Commission meeting will expand to include the County Commissioners to hear presentations on the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Preliminary Docket for both site-specific and suggested amendments,” said Josh Peters, Senior Long Range Planner for the Department of Community Development (DCD). “Joint meetings are rare and important opportunities for our legislators and their advisors to discuss timely topics in a public forum.”

There are two suggested amendments for 2006. One has been proposed by a Planning Commissioner member requesting two distinct land use maps: one Comprehensive Plan map for general land use designations and one for specific zoning classification and density to be part of the Unified Development Code. The second was proposed by DCD staff suggesting language changes to support the development of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program and to resolve issues of policy interpretation associated with request for increase in rural residential density.

There are five formal, site-specific amendments for 2006; four address land use re-designation changes of tax parcels and one proposes a Master Planned Resort for Pleasant Harbor Marina and Golf Course in the Black Point area of Brinnon.

The meeting’s agenda gives an opportunity for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment applicants to describe their proposals to both the advising body of the Planning Commission and the decision-making body of the Board of County Commissioners. Also, as part of the agenda, there will be a joint discussion about the long-range planning work plan for 2006 and beyond.

Jefferson County conducts an annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle every year as part its implementation of the Washington State Growth Management Act. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle process generally lasts through the end of the year, with public hearings, recommendations by the Planning Commission and DCD, and

adoption by ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

For more information on the amendment cycle process or regarding the joint meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, visit [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment) or call Josh Peters at 379-4450.

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