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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING  
COMMISSION ON PROPOSED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS**

**Case No. MLA02-00485**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to accept oral or written comments on these County-initiated Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments on **Wednesday, March 19, 2003** beginning at **7:00 PM** at the **WSU Learning Center**, Shold Business Park, 201 W Patison, Port Hadlock. The Planning Commission will accept written comment on the merits of the proposals until the close of the public hearing. The Board of County Commissioners may hold a public hearing before taking action on the proposal (formal notice would appear in the newspaper of record).

These proposed amendments are a result of a negotiated settlement agreement between the County and the Washington Environmental Council (WEC) initiated through a petition to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) following adoption of the UDC in December 2000. The following UDC sections are proposed for amendment: Section 2 Definitions; Section 3.6.4 Environmentally Sensitive Areas, f. General Exemptions; Section 3.6.8 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas, d. Exempt Activities; Section 3.6.9 Wetlands, c. Exempt Activities and f. Mitigation; and Section 8.2 Project Permit Applications, 4. Referral and Review of Development Permit Applications. The subjects of the proposed amendments are, respectively, definition of "Agriculture, Existing and Ongoing," refinement of exemptions to environmentally sensitive area protections afforded to on-going agricultural activities, required replacement ratios for compensatory wetland mitigation, and timelines for State agency reviews of special reports, such as habitat management plans and wetland mitigation plans.

Previous notice of intent to amend development regulations under the Growth Management Act, notice of adoption of existing environmental documents under the State Environmental Policy Act, and notice of a public hearing before the Planning Commission on February 5, 2003 was made January 16, 2003. The upcoming hearing will be the second public hearing before the Planning Commission on MLA02-485.

DCD issued a 14-page memorandum to the Planning Commission dated February 13, 2003 on the issue of agricultural lands policy and regulation, one of the components of MLA02-485. DCD

issued a revised recommendation with regard to the regulation of existing and ongoing agriculture on February 28, 2003. These documents are available on the website cited below.

To inspect or request copies of the proposed amendments and other information in the file, contact DCD, 621 Sheridan St, Port Townsend, WA 98368, (360) 379-4450. Copies of the applications are available on the DCD website at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/). Navigate to Long-Range Planning Projects—Proposed UDC Amendments. For additional information, contact Long-Range Planning at the phone number above or via email: [planning@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.wa.us).