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AGENDA
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

The Whatcom County Planning Commission will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Whatcom County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

Call to Order

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Department Update

Open Session for Public Comment

Commissioner Comments

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing

Birch Bay Watershed Action Plan: The Whatcom County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on changes to the Zoning Code and the Critical Areas Ordinance. The proposed addition to the Title 20 (WCC 20.50) establishes a rating system for projects that wish to qualify as Low Impact Development. The amendment to the Critical Areas Ordinance (WCC 16.16) establishes a government sponsored mitigation program, changes in buffer widths, and new criteria for wetland avoidance in the Birch Bay watershed.

These development regulations will affect landowners, developers, and builders with-in the Birch Bay Watershed. The Low Impact Development program is being proposed as a pilot program and is an optional method for meeting stormwater and critical area requirements.

More background information can be found on our web site:

<http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/naturalresources/specialprojects/birchbaywatershed-actionplan.jsp>

or contact Peter Gill at (360)676-6907.

Other Business

Adjournment

There are nine members on the Whatcom County Planning Commission. If you will be giving written information to the commissioners, please give a copy to the coordinator for our office files. For more information please contact Becky at (360)676-6907 or PDS_Planning_Commission@co.whatcom.wa.us 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham WA 98226.