

**From:** Gary Davis  
**To:** Kirk Vinish  
**CC:** Roxanne Michael; Sam Ryan  
**Date:** 4/4/2011 9:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Whatcom County Draft Public Participation Plan

Hi, Kirk -- As I mentioned when Roxanne and I spoke with your Planning Commission on March 9, removing County planning and zoning designations from the reservation is a bigger legal and policy question than can be addressed in the scope of what we're working on with the Rural Element update. We believe removal of County designations is a separate topic that requires and deserves its own process to weigh the legal and policy issues through a public participation process. I think I mentioned at the meeting that probably the best way to initiate this process would be to have the Lummi Nation file an application to amend the County's comprehensive plan. This application would need to be filed by December 31 in order to be considered for docketing early next year. Let me know if you'd like to discuss the comprehensive plan amendment process.

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>>> "Kirk Vinish" <[KirkV@lummi-nsn.gov](mailto:KirkV@lummi-nsn.gov)> 4/4/2011 8:51 AM >>>  
Hi Gary,

Were you able to convey to the Planning Commission the views of our Planning Commission regarding leaving the reservation undesignated?

Sincerely,

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FACT: From 1975 - 2002 the number of fatal motor vehicle crashes that occurred on roads within Indian Reservations increased by 52.5%, compared with a 2.2% decrease in auto fatalities in the rest of the nation.

"Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes on Indian Reservations: 1975-2002" National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Technical Information Service. April 2004.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Davis [<mailto:GDavis@co.whatcom.wa.us>]

Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 4:46 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Whatcom County Draft Public Participation Plan

Good afternoon again -- here is the correct web site  
link <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/2031/participation/index.jsp>

>>> Gary Davis 4/1/2011 3:35 PM >>>  
Good afternoon,

Whatcom County is updating its Public Participation Plan and you are invited to review the document and make comments. It will be reviewed by the Whatcom County Planning Commission in a public hearing on April 14, 2011 and by the County Council in the following weeks, after a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The draft plan is attached  
-- it is also available on the PDS Public Participation web site  
at <http://wwwdev.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/2031/participation/index.jsp>

The PPP describes the public process for the various long-range planning topics planned to be addressed in the coming year and is designed to meet the following objectives:

Provide a roadmap for the public, outlining a clear and accessible public process for comprehensive plan and development regulation updates;

Ensure input is sought from a broad base of public participants and is elicited in a timely fashion, considered, and incorporated as appropriate into the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation updates; and

Make a concerted and continuous effort to ensure that elected officials and staff are fully aware of and understand community and stakeholder concerns.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments about the draft.

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