

MEMORANDUM

Clallam County Department of Community Development

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Steve Gray, Planning Manager

RE: SEPA Lead Agency and Threshold Determination

DATE: September 11, 2008

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-922 through 946, Clallam County has determined that it is lead agency and has issued a determination of non-significance for its proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and development regulations in response to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) Final Order and Decision (FDO) [*Futurewise & Dry Creek Coalition, vs. Clallam County, WWGMHB No. 07-2-0018c*] that found portions of Clallam County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations as non-compliant and/or invalid with the state Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A. Enclosed is the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Environmental Checklist.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance of this DNS, which is September 25, 2008. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. Unless the Responsible Official withdraws the threshold determination pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(3), the threshold determination shall be final at the end of the comment period.

The County's proposed comprehensive plan and zoning amendments in response to the WWGMHB decision are available for review: 1) at the Clallam County Department of Community Development during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday; and 2) on the Internet at <http://www.clallam.net> (see "2008 Growth Management Compliance Proceedings" link under "Current Issues.")

The Clallam County Planning Commission (PC) has scheduled the following public hearings to obtain public input on a recommended response to the WWGMHB Final Order and Decision:

September 17, 2008: Clallam County Courthouse, at 6:30 pm, Commissioners Meeting Room 160, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA (after hours entrance is from 4th street)

September 18, 2008: Forks City Council Chambers, at 6:30 pm, 500 E. Division Street, Forks, WA.

Following the close of the September 18 hearing, the Planning Commission will finalize its recommendations for consideration and final action by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners (BOCC).