

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATING ISLAND )  
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ) ORDINANCE C- -07  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ) PLG-011-07  
RELATING TO WETLANDS )  
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**WHEREAS**, Island County first adopted wetland regulations in 1984 and re-adopted these regulations in 1992 under the Growth Management Act (GMA); and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required by the GMA to update its Comprehensive Plan and Critical Area Regulations and this ordinance constitutes the County’s update of its Comprehensive Plan and Regulations relating to wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005-06 the County completed field research to determine the condition of wetlands found in Island County and the effectiveness of existing policies and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 Island County published its research findings in a report authored by Dr. Paul R. Adamus; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 Island County published a report on the Best Available Science (BAS) applicable to Island County wetlands also authored by Dr. Paul R. Adamus; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005-2007, the County completed technical studies relating to wetland review and published a series of reports and memos in a technical appendix; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006-07 the County completed workshops, public hearings and peer review of its proposed amendments relating to wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to WAC 197-11-600 the County SEPA official has determined that the proposed changes attached hereto as Exhibits A through I are not likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** that the Board of Island County Commissioners hereby adopts amendments to the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Planning Commission attached hereto as Exhibit A; the amendments to Chapter 17.02A attached hereto as Exhibit B; the new CAO, Chapter 17.02B attached hereto as Exhibit C; the amendments to Chapter 17.03 attached hereto as Exhibit D; the amendments to Chapter 16.19 attached hereto as Exhibit E; the amendments to Chapters 16.06,16.15 and 16.17 attached hereto as Exhibit F; the amendments to Chapter 3.40 attached hereto as Exhibit G; the Wetlands Identification Guide attached hereto as Exhibit H; the Rural Stewardship Guide attached hereto as Exhibit I; and the Planning Commission’s Findings attached hereto as Exhibit J. Material stricken through is deleted and material underlined is added.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after adoption.

Reviewed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 and set for public hearing  
at \_\_\_\_\_ .m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David L. Jamieson, Jr.  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
& Island County Code Reviser