DEPARTMENT: Planning & Community Development

DIVISION: Long-Range Planning

STAFF CONTACT: Andrew Hicks, Long-Range Planner

AGENDA SUBJECT: Resolution to establish timing of the next periodic update of the Island County Comprehensive Plan to 2018 and every eight (8) years thereafter

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:
The Island County Comprehensive Plan was originally adopted by the Board of Island County Commissioners in 1998. At the time of adoption, State law required periodic updates to comprehensive plans at least every seven (7) years. Island County was required to complete an update to the Comprehensive Plan in 2005. The next update would have been required by the end 2012. However, in 2010 the Washington State Legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 6611, which extended the deadlines for the review and evaluation of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations for three years. SSB 6611 pushed the deadline for Island County to complete its periodic update from 2012 to 2015. In 2011, the Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1478, which again extended the deadline for counties to complete periodic updates and also changed the revision schedule so that periodic updates are now required at least every eight (8) years instead of every seven (7) years. ESHB 1478 effectively pushed the deadline for Island County’s next periodic update to 2016.

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution C-15-12 [PLG-003-12] establish that Island County intends to comply with the State’s extended 2016 deadline as established in RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b). Due to budget constraints and limited staff resources, the County will need the additional time afforded by the extensions to the GMA requirements for periodic updates to comprehensive plans.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:
There is no additional fiscal impact. Long-range planning is funded by the General Fund in the 2012 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

| X | Approve          |
| Schedule Public Hearing/Meeting |
| Continue Public Hearing/Meeting |
| Information/Discussion          |
| Other (describe)                |

SUGGESTED MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution C-15-12 [PLG-003-12].

[BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF BOARD]

BOCC ACTION:

| X | APPROVED         |
| DENIED                      |
| TABLED/DEFERRED/NO ACTION TAKEN |
| CONTINUED TO DATE:  /   TIME: |
| OTHER                       |
WHEREAS, Island County conducts planning activities in accordance with Chapter 36.70 RCW, the Planning Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, the planning process and the Island County Comprehensive Plan are further governed by Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Growth Management Act (GMA); and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW, Island County adopted its GMA Comprehensive Plan on September 29, 1998 by Ordinance C-123-98, with an effective date of December 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan, a system of zoning and development regulations were also adopted on September 29, 1998 by Ordinance C-123-98, with an effective date of December 1, 1998, thereby establishing Chapter 17.03 ICC, the Island County Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, state law requires periodic updates of GMA comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature recognized that many cities and counties in Washington are facing revenue shortfalls making it difficult for local governments to comply with certain statutory requirements and would, therefore, need more time to be able to meet them; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2011, the Washington State Legislature amended RCW 36.70A.130 to extend the schedule and subsequent review cycles for GMA comprehensive plan periodic updates; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b) establishes June 30, 2016 as the regulatory deadline for Island County to complete the next periodic update of its GMA comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, Island County recognizes that due to budget constraints and a decrease in staff, it will be necessary to utilize the new schedule and deadlines for the next periodic update of the Island County Comprehensive Plan, thereby extending this scheduled update from 2012 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to inform the public, regulatory and review agencies, and our planning partners of the County’s intent with respect to scheduling of the next periodic update; and
WHEREAS, following this resolution will be corresponding amendments to the Island County Code (Chapter 16.26.090) to fully implement the intent of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Island County continues to work on the precursor steps that are necessary in order to update its GMA comprehensive plan in accordance with the established schedule, NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Island County Commissioners that the County intends to complete its periodic review of its GMA comprehensive plan by the deadline established in RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b) and periodically at least every eight (8) years thereafter.

APPROVED this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2012 following a public meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board