

City of Poulsbo

Planning & Economic Development



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) WAC 197-11-970

PMC 16.20 CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE UPDATE

Planning File: 2017 Draft Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 16.20 – Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Applicant: City of Poulsbo, Planning and Economic Development Department, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Date of Application: April 7, 2017

Summary of Proposed Application:

The Growth Management Act of Washington (GMA) requires counties and cities to review and evaluate comprehensive plans and development regulations, and update them if necessary, according to a schedule established by RCW 36.70A.130. The City of Poulsbo adopted an updated comprehensive plan in December 2016, which provides a framework of goals and policies. The City's review of development regulations includes the City's Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), found in Poulsbo Municipal Code 16.20. The CAO are regulations for the protection of critical areas in accordance with state requirements. Critical Areas include:

- Wetlands
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas
- Geologically Hazardous Areas
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas

The City's CAO was last comprehensively updated in 2007. The intent of this current update is to revise the CAO as necessary to incorporate recent Best Available Science or new information since the last update (WAC 365-195-915), correction of code conflicts or internal inconsistencies, amendments to assist with ease of administration, or recommendations offered by the City's consultant critical areas biologists Grette Associates.

All documents related to the 2017 Critical Areas Ordinance Update are available for public review. The primary repository of all information related to the update is the City's website <http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning.htm>

—where draft documents, meeting dates, updates on process, and official notices (notice of application, environmental review, public hearing notices, etc.), will be posted.

Amendments to the City of Poulsbo's Critical Areas Ordinance have been made throughout the document. The amendments are based upon 1) new Best Available Science provided by resource agencies; 2) recommendations by the City's consultant critical areas biologists; 3) amending corrections or conflicts; and 4) assist with ease of administration.

Draft amendments are represented as **bold underline** for additions and ~~striketrough~~ for deletions. The Draft Critical Areas Ordinance include proposed amendments in the following Sections:

Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 16.20

Section 100: General Provisions and Administration

Section 200: Wetlands

Section 300: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas

Section 400: Geologically Hazardous Areas

Section 500: Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas

Section 700: Special Reports

Critical Area Maps

Lead Agency: City of Poulsbo

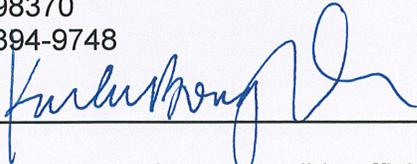
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

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Signature: _____



You may appeal this determination in writing to the responsible official listed above no later than 10 working days from the date of this notice.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedure for SEPA appeals.