



Notice of Availability and Open Comment Period

Description of Proposal: Notice of Availability of the Draft 3 Update to the Critical Area Ordinance and associated documents. The proposed non-project legislative action is to amend the Critical Area regulations in accordance with the Growth Management Act requirements. The critical areas ordinance regulates certain activities and development in and near wetlands, streams, fish & wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically hazardous areas, frequently flooded areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas. The draft includes updates in accordance with state law and best available science, reorganization, and functional changes to certain requirements.

Project File: PLN-2019-0010

Proponent: City of Anacortes 904 6th Street, P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221-0547

Lead Agency: City of Anacortes, Planning, Community, & Economic Development Department

Written comments: A 14 day Comment Period is provided to review the documents and provide comments. **Comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2021** to the project contact listed below.

Existing Environmental Documents: SEPA Environmental Checklist, Best Available Science Report for Wetlands and FWHCA's (ATSI, 11/1/16), Best Available Science Report for GHAs, CARAs, and FFAs (GeoEngineers, 7/26/17), City of Anacortes Stream Buffer BAS Review (GeoEngineers, 10/21/17).

To View Documents: Documents associated with this proposal can be viewed on the City of Anacortes website, at: <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/201/Critical-Areas-Regulations-Update> or may be reviewed at the City of Anacortes Planning Department.

Public Hearing: Monday, April 12, 2021.

Contact Person: Please direct any comments to Tess Cooper, Senior Planner; Planning, Community, & Economic Development Department; P.O. Box 547, Anacortes, WA 98221; 360-588-8234; tessc@cityofanacortes.org.

Date of Notice: March 17, 2019