

## Attachment A

### Environmental Checklist/Project Review Form Purpose

The following purposes will be used by the checklist advisory committee as criteria for drafting a new project checklist. The nonproject checklist has similar purposes but is described separately.

The checklist facilitates the environmental review process and integrated project review. It identifies relevant environmental information about a proposal and is made available to the public and agencies at an early stage in the project review process. The form enables agencies to identify gaps and overlaps in existing requirements, if any, and whether additional mitigation measures or a detailed study (EIS) is needed. It is designed to minimize paperwork, duplication, delay, and the accumulation of extraneous background data. The checklist:

- ❖ assists the lead agency in making a threshold determination<sup>1</sup>
  - shall be designed to assist in evaluating whether
    - a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts, if any, have been identified and addressed in previous environmental documents and regulations<sup>2</sup>
    - additional environmental analysis/studies are needed
    - the proposal is likely to result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- ❖ assists agencies in planning and decisionmaking<sup>3</sup>
  - shall be designed to assist agencies in conducting integrated project review (refer to RCW 36.70B.050 and intent statement after 36.70B.030)
    - assist in evaluating a proposal's consistency with comprehensive plans and development regulations by providing environmental information necessary for such evaluation<sup>4</sup>
    - provide prompt and coordinated review by government agencies and the public, as well as facilitating early notice of projects
    - evaluate compliance with applicable environmental laws and plans
    - identify potential mitigation for specific project impacts that have not been considered and addressed at the plan or development regulation level or in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules
  - identify scope and timing of environmental review for phased projects and detailed studies for proposals
- ❖ provides information to, and promotes constructive exchange among, the applicant, public, and agencies on a proposal, its environmental consequences and possible mitigation measures<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> WAC 197-11-315 (1)(a)

<sup>2</sup> RCW 43.21C.032 and 240; WAC 197-11-330 and 600.

<sup>3</sup> WAC 197-11-315 (1)(b)

<sup>4</sup> RCW 43.21C.240 Finding--Intent--1995 c 347 202 (1)(c)(i)

<sup>5</sup> WAC 197-11-030 (2)(b) and (f)