

INTEGRATED SEPA AND PROJECT REVIEW OUTLINE  
Counties' Proposal  
3/11/13

**Notice**

Why

- Public notice of development permits is required by a number of different state statutes, including RCW Ch. 36.70B, 43.21C, 58.17, and 90.58.
- Some projects may require public notice under only one statute, while others may require notice under multiple statutes.
- For some projects, notice provided under SEPA may be the only public notice provided. Increasing or changing categorical exemptions may remove the only public notice some projects receive.
- SEPA notice is provided at the state-wide level. Most other notice requirements are generally limited to providing notice to those in the vicinity of a project or who specifically request notice.

Who

- Any local government subject to RCW Ch. 36.70B or that has opted into the complying with RCW Ch. 36.70B.

What

- Applications that require a notice of application under RCW Ch. 36.70B
- Applications that are subject to SEPA
- Applications that are now categorically exempt from SEPA but that were not exempt prior to January 2013

How

- Submit an electronic form to Ecology that provides basic information about the proposal, e.g. address, brief description, date of application, local government application number, contact name and address, comment period (if any), and some limited additional information that will help others identify projects that may be of interest, e.g., whether any grading is involved.
- Ecology updates SEPA register to accept the new notice

When

- Local government submits form at time it issues notice of application.
- For projects subject to SEPA but that do not require a notice of application, at time the local government issue TD.
- For projects now exempt from SEPA and that do not require a notice of application, 14 days after the determination that the application is complete.

## **Optional Consolidated SEPA and Project Review**

### Why

- Will provide better information to the public during project review
- Allow local governments to improve procedures by eliminating duplicative requirements
- Allow applicants to submit a single application that includes the information now required by multiple documents

### Who

- Any local government fully planning under GMA that chooses to use the consolidated SEPA and Project Review process

### What

- Any application that is subject to SEPA and requires a notice of application

### How

- Application is a consolidated permit application and environmental disclosure, i.e. SEPA Checklist
- Consolidated comment period on notice of application and environmental disclosure
- Local government determines whether an EIS is required. If so, initiates scoping. If not, continues project review.
- If project not subject to EIS, local government decision on permit application is combined with threshold determination