

Attachment C – Ecology Recommended Changes

The following changes are recommended to clarify elements of the County’s amended SMP

ITEM	SMP Submittal Provision (Cite)	TOPIC	BILL FORMAT CHANGES (underline = additions; strikethrough = deletions)	RATIONALE
01	2.7	Historical/Cultural Resources	Addition of the following policy: <u>Policy 2.7C: Protection and rehabilitation of significant archaeological, historic, and cultural sites should be encouraged and, where appropriate, should be required.</u>	These changes were requested by the City of Nooksack in response to comments received by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.
02	Policy 6.1B	Archaeological Areas and Historic Sites	Policy 6.1B: In areas documented to contain archaeological or cultural resources, developers shall <u>should</u> be required to have the site inspected <u>and evaluated</u> by a professional archaeologist in consultation with affected Indian tribes prior to permit issuance.	
03	Policy 6.1C	Archaeological Areas and Historic Sites	Policy 6.1C: Developers shall <u>should</u> be required to stop work immediately and notify City officials, affected Indian tribes and the state department or archaeology and historic preservation if sites containing archaeological or cultural resources are uncovered during excavation.	
04	Policy 6.1E	Archaeological Areas and Historic Sites	Policy 6.1E: In accordance with state law, all activities and development within shoreline jurisdiction shall comply with the applicable requirements of RCW 27.44, RCW 27.53, <u>RCW 68.58, RCW 68.60</u> and WAC 25-48-060.	
05	16.04.530.J.c	Utilities	Major utility facilities, <u>which include transmission lines, treatment plants and other similar facilities,</u> shall only be permitted as conditional uses.	The added language defines the term major utility facility based on language suggested by the City of Nooksack.
06	16.04.200.F.4	Permit Revisions	For each approved permit revision, the Administrator shall transit <u>transmit</u> said revised permit to the Department and notify parties of record consistent with the provisions set forth under subsection 16.04.160(H) of this program.	Minor scrivener’s error.
07	16.03.030	Definitions	<u>SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT</u> – Means any development of which the total cost or fair market value exceeds \$5,000.00 <u>6,416.00</u> or as this amount is hereafter adjusted for inflation pursuant to RCW 90.58.030(3)(e), or any development which materially interferes with normal public use of the water or shorelines of the state; EXCEPT that the classes of development listed under Section 16.04.090(A)(1) through (14) shall not be considered substantial developments.	The substantial development dollar threshold was increased to \$6,416.00 on September 15, 2012.