

**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 23, 2012**

Monday, July 23, 2012 – Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second St, Friday Harbor

**9:06 AM                    DISCUSSION:**

1. Wetlands Section of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), staff review of Planning Commission Draft and review of key scientific papers used in Wetlands Section (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch) - Shireene Hale, Planning Coordinator; Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Ms. Miller opened the meeting at 9:06 am and introduced Dr. Paul Adamus, Consultant. The Council agreed to discuss science questions with Dr. Adamus before reviewing the draft ordinance.

The Council agreed by consensus, on page 21 of 45, under B. Minimum Size Thresholds for Regulated Wetlands., to request staff to prepare the hearing draft with two options: one with Dr. Adamus' recommendations as the maximum allowable based on BAS, and the other with the Planning Commission recommendations.

The Council agreed by consensus, on page 20 of 45, under A. Applicability., to remove the last sentence in the paragraph beginning with "In general, possible wetlands also include..."

The Council agreed by consensus, on page 12 of 45, under E. Summary of Map and Data Sources by Topic. #4. Wetlands (SJCC 18.30.150), to put a line through "a." and leave "b." as shown in the draft.

The Council agreed by consensus, on page 31 of 45, in Table 3.6 to add an additional column with revised buffers for development with a green agreement and to pull the footnotes out to provide better visibility.

Mr. Cain offered a new definition for "Development" on page 14 of 45, which was amended to make the second to last sentence "For purposes of critical areas regulations, development does not include activities with a duration of less than 24 months which does not adversely alter critical areas."

On Table 3.8 of page 33 of 45, the Council asked staff to identify which items do not follow best available science and lay out potential support for the 3 steps as required per Jon Cain. Council also requested that staff come back with language recommendations that can be supported by best available science and identify the items that create cumulative impact and provide recommendations how to avoid the cumulative impact

**12:27 PM                    RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**1:17 PM                    Reconvene**

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to excuse Bob Jean, Interim County Administrator Pro Tem, from the rest of today’s meeting. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION: Continued Wetlands Section discussion**

The Council agreed by consensus, for C. Wetland Type and Rating on page 22 of 45, to include the addition of a “moderate risk” category and asked staff to populate the list. The Council asked staff to contact the group providing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for input on wetland activities.

The Council asked staff to add language, on page 36 of 45, 4. Roads and Trail Crossings, that considers buffers not crossing certain types of roads or driveways

The Council agreed by consensus to ask staff to develop findings for the Council to review for the public hearing.

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to move an Ordinance regarding Critical Area Regulations for Wetlands; amending San Juan County Code Sections 18.10.040, 18.20.010, 18.20.020, 18.20.040, 18.20.070, 18.20.080, 18.20.090, 18.20.130, 18.20.140, 18.20.170, 18.20.180, 18.20.190, 18.20.200, 18.20.230, 18.30.150, and 18.60.170; and repealing the Appendices A-C of SJCC 18.30.150, to public hearing on August 21, 2012 at 10:15 am. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**2:30 PM**                      2. Uplands Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Section and Marine Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA) Section of the Critical Areas Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Touch on Planning Commission changes); (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch on unchanged items); staff review and questions of staff and consultants – Shireene Hale, Planning Coordinator; Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Dr. Paul Adamus

Ms. Hale welcomed Dan Nichol, Watershed Co., who joined the meeting by telephone.

Barbara Rosenkotter and Mindy Rowse, Research Fishery Biologist for Northwest Fisheries Science Center, joined the meeting and provided updates on fish recovery.

The Council agreed by consensus, on page 17 and 18 of 37, to ask staff to retain lists of species, with brief explanation of habitat description and protection requirements.

Public comments were offered by: Janet Alderton, Lisa Michaelson, Kyle Loring, Barbara Rosenkotter

**5:07 PM                      ADJOURN**

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on August 28, 2012. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**