



State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance for Critical Areas Ordinance Update



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November 6, 2025

Description of Proposal: The Critical Areas Ordinance update is a routine review required by the Growth Management Act, conducted every ten years. It incorporates best available science and guidance from state agencies to protect five critical areas: wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas. Mukilteo has no critical aquifer recharge areas, so the code will not be updated for this critical area.

Location: City-wide

Applicant/Lead Agency: City of Mukilteo

City Contact: Kristina Cerise, Planning Manager (kcerise@mukilteowa.gov)

File Number: CA-25-017

SEPA Comments Due: November 20, 2025*

Appeal Period Ends: December 1, 2025 at 4:30pm

Note: Comments on the critical areas ordinance itself will be accepted through December 12th. Comments received by that date will be considered for incorporation in the next draft of the regulations.

The City of Mukilteo has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. The requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations, comprehensive plan, and other applicable local, state, or federal laws. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required; no additional mitigation measures are required under SEPA.

Project documents, including the environmental checklist and draft regulations, are available on the city's website: mukilteowa.gov/land-use-action-notices.

We reviewed the project documents and based this determination on the following findings and conclusions:

1. The proposed regulations align with best available science.
2. The proposed regulations increase protections for critical areas.
3. This is a non-project action with no direct environmental impacts.
4. Impacts associated with future development will be evaluated at the project level.

Submitting comments: Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to comment. The comment period starts on the date this notice was issued and continues through the date noted. The city makes every attempt to review and consider comments received before the final decision, regardless of date submitted. Comments may be mailed or delivered to City Hall (11930 Cyrus Way) or emailed to planningdept@mukilteowa.gov. Project documents are available on the city's website: mukilteowa.gov/land-use-action-notices.

The responsible official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.

Appeals: To appeal this determination, submit an appeal form and current appeal fee to City Hall (11930 Cyrus Way) by the date above. At a SEPA hearing, all testimony is under oath, and you must provide specific factual objections. Appeal procedures can be found in [MMC 17.84](#).

Signature: _____ Date: 11/3/25
Andrew Galuska, Community Development Director