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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

DATE: September 1, 2010

TO: Interested Parties

REGARDING: 2010 Freeland Subarea Plan Updates

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The Freeland Subarea Plan (FSP) is the guiding document for future growth in Freeland. It contains the community vision, goals, principles, and policy language that will guide development within the Freeland Non-Municipal Urban Growth Area (NMUGA).

On March 22, 2010, the Board of Island County Commissioners (BICC) approved the 2010 Annual Review Docket which included the provision to complete the remaining FSP elements.

The 2007 FSP included a complete land-use element but lacked a number of other Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements. In addition to land-use, the GMA requires that the FSP address open space, capital facilities, utilities, transportation, economic development, and housing.

Over the past three years significant steps have been taken to compile the required planning information to complete the FSP. This 2010 update includes new information while taking a fresh look at land-use in Freeland.

In addition to addressing GMA requirements, significant changes were made to the Land Use element. These changes include a shift in approach to land-use regulation and designations. Ultimately this change will create more straightforward development regulations that are prescriptive—fostering predictability and consistency.

This effort is just one step in the process which culminates with the vision for Freeland being fulfilled. Creation of development regulations, sewer planning and installation still remain to be completed but are in progress. Over the next few months, the revised Freeland Subarea Plan will proceed through the public adoption process. This includes a series of three workshops on September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup>. During these workshops the County will gather public input and make refinements to the FPS prior to presenting it to the Island County Planning Commission in late November. As mandated by State and County regulations, the Planning Commission will hold a series of hearings where public comment will be accepted. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the BICC.