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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) CHECKLIST

PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in "Part B: Environmental Elements" that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

Project #:	
Date:	Staff Intake:



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A. Background [\[Help\]](#)

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

2. **Name of applicant:**

3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

4. **Date checklist prepared:**

5. **Agency requesting checklist:**

6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

9. **Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**



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11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [\[Help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?



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4. **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

5. **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

6. **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

- b. **Ground Water:** [\[Help\]](#)
 1. **Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

 2. **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

- c. **Water Runoff (including stormwater):**
 1. **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**



2. **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

3. **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

4. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.**

4. Plants [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**
 - deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 - evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 - shrubs
 - grass
 - pasture
 - crop or grain
 - orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
 - wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 - water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 - other types of vegetation

- b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

- c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

- d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**



- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

5. Animals [\[Help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[Help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.



- c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

7. Environmental Health [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

- 1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

- a. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

- b. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

- c. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**



9. Housing [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.**

10. Aesthetics [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**

11. Light and Glare [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**



- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.**

12. Recreation [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.**

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**



- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

14. Transportation [\[Help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.



- e. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.**

15. Public Services [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

16. Utilities [\[Help\]](#)

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**



C. Signature [\[Help\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

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Position and agency/organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date submitted: Click or tap to enter a date.

Agency Evaluation completed by: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[Help\]](#)

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**



Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

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- 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**