

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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IN THE MATTER OF OPTING INTO THE )  
RUCKELSHAUS VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP )  
PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH ESHB 1886 )

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Board", pursuant to chapter 36.70 RCW and chapter 36.70A RCW, that a public hearing will be held on:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.**  
or as soon as possible thereafter in the  
Commissioners Hearing Room, Lower Level  
Spokane County Public Works Building  
1026 West Broadway Ave  
Spokane, WA 99260

**BACKGROUND**

The Board of County Commissioners, after consideration of the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) created under ESHB 1886, determined to hold a public hearing on the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the above scheduled public hearing is for the Board to consider oral and written testimony on whether or not to "opt into" the Ruckelshaus VSP, provided that it do so voluntarily prior to January 22, 2012. Under the VSP, the Board of County Commissioners must either elect to comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.060 and within two years review its critical area regulations and adopt critical area regulations associated with agricultural activities or opt-into the Voluntary Stewardship program and comply with the requirements of the Voluntary Stewardship Program, if funding is provided by the State of Washington. If the Board of County Commissioners elects to opt-into the VSP it must do so by ordinance or resolution by January 22, 2012.

Additional information regarding the Voluntary Stewardship Program enacted under ESHB 1886 is available at the Spokane County Department of Building and Planning or by accessing the Building and Planning website at [www.spokanecounty.org/bp](http://www.spokanecounty.org/bp). Requests for information should be directed to John Pederson, Spokane County Department of Building and Planning, 1026 W Broadway Ave., Spokane, WA 99260 (509)477-3675.

To ensure that everyone attending has an opportunity to speak, testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the time frame allotted to speakers, as well as hearing procedures, during the hearing.

All meetings and hearings will be conducted in facilities that are accessible to all members of the public. Information with regard to the accessibility of the Public Works Building, Commissioner's Assembly Room, or notification of an ADA accommodation should be made to Daniela Erickson, Clerk of the Board at (509) 477-2265.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

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By: Daniela Erickson, Clerk of the Board

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