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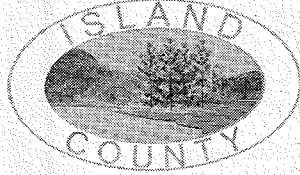
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On March 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., the Board of Island County Commission-

ers will hold a public hearing at the Island County Annex Building, Basement Meeting Room, 1 North East Sixth Street, Coupeville, Washington, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. C 19 12 or Ordinance No. C-20-12. A summary of the proposed Ordinances follows.

On February 16, 2012 the Washington Supreme Court issued its unanimous decision in the case of James R. Cary, et al. v. Mason Conservation District and

Mason County, Supreme Court Docket No. 83937-9, that the conservation district special assessment method adopted by Mason County as a \$5.00 flat rate per parcel and omitting an additional per acre assessment was an invalid ordinance in violation of RCW 89.08.400(3). Island County's Ordinance No. C-148-09 utilizes the same method of special assessment for conservation district special assessments as the Mason

County method found invalid. Proposed Ordinance C-19-12 would revise Island County Ordinance No. C-148-09 for conservation district special assessments for the Whidbey Island Conservation District and Snohomish Conservation District (covering Camano Island) beginning with the year 2012 assessment and for the remainder of the original 10-year assessment term to conform with the requirement that special as-

sessments be based upon a \$5.00 flat rate plus an additional per acre assessment, which would be set at five cents per acre. Proposed Ordinance C-20-12 would set the same special assessment rate as Ordinance C-19-12, but would reduce the number of years of the assessment term to end in 2014.

The full text of the proposed Ordinances will be mailed upon request made to the undersigned.

Interested persons may appear at the public hearing and give testimony for or against the proposed Ordinances. Persons requiring auxiliary aids/services should call Island County Human Resources at 678-7919, or 321-5111, Ext. 7919, or 629-4522, ext. 7919 (use whichever number is applicable for the area) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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