ISLAND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL NEWS RELEASE

OUTDOOR BURN BAN IN ISLAND COUNTY

TYPE I BURN BAN IN EFFECT AS OF 12:00 PM, JULY 24, 2020

NO OUTDOOR BURNING OF NATURAL DEBRIS – EVEN WITH A PERMIT.

RECREATIONAL FIRES ARE ALLOWED IN APPROVED FIRE PIT

Recreational and cooking fires, limited to 3 feet in diameter and two feet high remain allowed within enclosures and when safety precautions are followed. Recreational or cooking fires can consist only of charcoal, seasoned firewood or propane-fueled firepits and must meet the following requirements:

*Enclosures must be AT LEAST 14 inches high, no wider than 3 feet, and made of cement blocks, stones or #10 gauge steel
*Burned material must be kept BELOW the top of the enclosure
*ALWAYS have a charged garden hose OR two 5-gallon buckets of water OR a 5-gallon Class A fire extinguisher and shovel present
*Fires MUST BE 15 feet from combustibles, standing timber or overhanging tree branches
*Someone 16 years old or older must ALWAYS be present to monitor and/or extinguish the fire

These restrictions apply only to unincorporated Island County, if you live within the city limits you will need to refer to the cities policies.

PROCLAMATION and PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, by July 24, 2020, atmospheric conditions of reduced moisture levels, low humidity, and warmer weather have increased the risk of fire within the confines of Island County,

THEREFORE, in concurrence with the Fire Protection Districts of Whidbey and Camano Islands and the Northwest Clean Air Agency, I, Sheriff Rick Felici, serving as the Island County Fire Marshal, do hereby proclaim a BAN on ALL outdoor burning (except for recreational fires) within the entirety of Island County

REPORT VIOLATIONS TO 911

This Ban will remain in effect until further notice.

SHERIFF RICK FELICI
Island County Fire Marshal

OUTDOOR BURNING INFORMATION

FOR ISLAND COUNTY CALL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT: 360-679-7350

FOR NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY CALL 360-428-1617