Update on fire safety burn bans in area counties

Fire officials in rural Skagit and Whatcom counties began fire safety burn bans on June 9.

Island County’s rural fire officials will start a fire safety burn ban at midnight Sunday, July 2.

During periods of high fire danger and hot, dry conditions, county fire officials can call for bans on residential and land-clearing burning in unincorporated areas.

The Northwest Clean Air Agency does not issue fire safety burn bans. The agency can call air quality burn bans depending on the amount of smoke pollution in the air, such as when winds carry wildfire smoke into NWCAA’s jurisdiction (Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties).

For more details on the local fire safety burn bans:

- Skagit County: https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Home/press/060223.htm

Air quality information

- Local air quality information: Northwest Clean Air Agency.

The Northwest Clean Air Agency is responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local air quality regulations in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties. In addition to permitting and regulating industrial sources of air pollution, the agency provides services and information related to asbestos, indoor air quality, outdoor burning, woodstoves, and fireplaces. More information about the agency is available at https://nwcleanairwa.gov/.