

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
Skagit Watershed Council Conference Room
June 28, 2012
MEETING NOTES

The Board meeting started at 12:30 p.m., following the Project Prioritization meeting, with Ken Dahlstedt, Steve Hinton, Dave Pflug, Carolyn Kelly and Shirley Solomon in attendance.

The June 7 minutes, with revisions submitted by Steve Hinton, were adopted.

FINANCIAL. Following a brief review of the proposed 2012-2013 Budget, which was first presented and discussed at the June 7 Board meeting, the Board moved to adopt as presented.

OUTREACH. Shirley presented progress to date on the website *Salmon Trails and Tales*. This is the Council's first substantial foray into the digital age and the use of social media. The project is essentially a web-based Puget Sound driving loop which tells the story of salmon recovery in by means of a suite of habitat restoration sites accessibly located in the 14 watersheds of Puget Sound. The site will also feature other area tourist attractions including restaurants, shopping and accommodations. The site will go live as soon as material from the 14 Puget Sound Watersheds has been uploaded. The next step in this project is to establish a Facebook page so that those who visit the featured project sites can share their perspectives.

TRANSITION PLANNING. Shirley laid out the activities that had been undertaken since the last Board meeting, namely discussions and meetings to follow up on the various options that were laid out by Jay Watson earlier and reiterated again today. She indicated that, on the basis of those discussions, it is clear that the Watershed Council cannot be the LIO, cannot launch the LIO effort and cannot compel its launch. That resides with County and tribal governments. What the Council can do is position itself to assist in that effort if appropriate and focus on those options that are within its power to bring about. Shirley reported on a meeting with a subset of the Executive Committee of the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group's Board to test the receptivity regarding merger; a meeting with the full committee is planned for early July. Jay's full report will be available in early July and will be distributed to the Board immediately. The Board approved an addition of \$10K to Jay's contract so that we can make use of his expertise as we proceed with the transition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES TO RESERVE

Given the transition process, meeting times may be extended and other dates may be added.

- **August 2:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Board meeting. At Council Office.
- **September 12:** 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Annual Lunch at Maple Hall.
Followed by Board meeting if necessary
- **October 4:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Board meeting. At Council Office.
- **October 17:** 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. SC2 sponsored Climate Change Workshop
- **November 1:** 8:30– 11:30 a.m. Board meeting. At Council Office.
- **December 6:** 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Board meeting. At Council Office.
- **December 13:** Holiday Open House

