

## Skagit Watershed Council Community Engagement Committee

### January 21, 2020 at Padilla Bay 1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Present:** Lucy DeGrace (SFEG), Claire Howell (SFEG), Maddie Reid (SFEG), Karen Summers (SCEA, Skagit EcoNet), Allison Roberts (Kulshan Services), Holli Watne (SWC), Abby Weaver (Americorps SLT)

**Not Present:** Richard Brocksmith (SWC), Kristi Carpenter (SCD), Stacy Dahl (SLT), Alex duPont (WSU), Codi Hamblin (NCI), Cindy Pierce (SCD), and Wayne Watne (WDFW)

#### 1. Illuminight

- SFEG has compostable bags for SWC to borrow for the event.
- Holli shared the trifold advertising Illuminight. She asked for input on the format and info in it.
  - Suggestions were to copy the cover, illuminight schedule, and Upcoming Events info and consolidate it to a 1/3 sheet double-sided slim jim size on slightly thicker, colored cardsstock so it can be put on a fridge or used as a bookmark. It could also be on a postcard sized document with color. Use this as a template for a quarterly publicity piece with same look and feel.
  - Some suggested it be designed using Canva. Canva can even print it. Some suggested Vistaprint for printing with 3-day delivery. Could the flyer be in a warm yellowish color depicting candlelight?
  - On the Upcoming Events page, take out the Swanrise event as it is fully registered.
  - Get date for early March Conservation District Plant Sale on the calendar portion.
  - Suggestion to better highlight events on the Calendar page of the SWC website. Rename it Calendar of Events, Events, or Upcoming Events instead of Calendar. Other organizations are using the Facebook page for current events – this is the main go-to place for events, but some people are opting out of Facebook, so the presence should be elsewhere too.
  - Facebook: When searching for Illuminight on Facebook, it brings up last year's event.
  - Searching Illuminight – include Illuminight **2020** so old info doesn't come up.
  - Richard was impressed with Sensebellum. Bid was too expensive for Sensebellum's immersive light presentations.

#### 2. Upcoming Events:

- **\*Allison will share link to Bellingham Climate Action Plan Task Force work.** See below.  
([https://www.cob.org/Documents/council/Climate%20Action%20TF/Climate%20Task%20Force%20FINAL%20Report%2012\\_2\\_19.pdf](https://www.cob.org/Documents/council/Climate%20Action%20TF/Climate%20Task%20Force%20FINAL%20Report%2012_2_19.pdf))
- Bellingham City Club Climate Action Task Force presentation is on January 23, 2020. While it is sold out, the link will be shared on this webpage about four days after the presentation:  
(<https://bellinghamcityclub.org/category/programs/>)
- Storming the Sound – January 30. **\*Allison will find out who is in charge of the mailing list.** (info@pacname.org)
- Pop-up Village in Bellingham on the reclaimed Waterfront District is encouraging organizations to sign up to a gallery to bring information to people. **\*Allison will share information/contact person** for this event if organizations are interested in taking on an education project using a container for a gallery. Katy Scherrer: scherrerkaty@gmail.com

- Earth Day is 50 years old this year, so events are planned in April over several weekends.

#### Upcoming Events SLT:

- April 25 - Bioblitz – Explore a new SLT property in upriver Skagit and identify plants, creatures, and birds
- April 18 – SFEG Earth Day celebration
- Feb 22 – SLT is doing two Winter Swanrise events; There are still spots for this one, limited to 20.
- SLT is at Storming the Sound on January 30
- SLT – Annual meeting this Thursday.
- SLT – STEM Night this Thursday.
- SLT – Planting Season: January 25, February 1, February 15 (Utopia)
- SLT – Amphibian Monitoring training March 7. Month of march is monitoring month.
- SLT – Field Trips and Teaching about Climate (Put on by Padilla Bay). Cumberland Creek Climate Change Challenge.

#### Upcoming Events SFEG:

- Conveniently, SFEG's plantings start when SLT's planting parties end
- March 7 and 14 – potting parties at Riverfront Park
- March 21 and March 28 – Planting parties at SFEG Nursery in Burlington
- April 18 – Earth Day 10 am to 2 pm at Scott's Point on Samish Island
- January 25, 9am start Ways of Whales
- Sound Waters University, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February (registration is full)
- Spawner Survey program has come to a seasonal end by now. Coho and kokanee are gone. Not the best numbers this year, but November was dry, so it took a long time for fish to get upstream.
- January 30 - Annual Meeting January 30 (<http://www.skagitfisheries.org/event/annual-meeting/>)
- February 6 - Signed up for Huxley 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Internship Day (<https://huxley.wvu.edu/50th/event-registration>)
- They did the MLK planting this year in Bellingham. Over 500 volunteers at Whatcom Falls Park!

**Adjourn 2:00**