

Skagit Watershed Council – Final Notes

Meeting of the Board of Directors, via Zoom – May 6, 2021

(Underline indicates decision point; ***Bold indicates action item**)

Attending: Richard Brocksmit, Andrew Bearlin, John Stein, Brendan Brokes, Michael Kirshenbaum, Peter Browning (late 10:20), Bill Blake, Devin Smith (late 10:20), David Hawkins (guest), Holli Watne, Aundrea McBride (notes)

Not in attendance: Jon Vanderheyden, Jon-Paul Shannahan

Call to Order 10:03 am

- Introductions, Determine Quorum, and Approved Agenda
- Approved Board Notes as revised for April 1, 2021. Motioned by Michael, second by Bill, approved unanimously with the understanding that USIT may want to revisit and any changes can be approved at next meeting.

Skagit Headwaters Mine Resolution

- Richard presented the draft resolution that has been circulated, with the addition of a Whereas about threatened SRKWs being impacted by the mine.
- Peter informed us the County has a letter going around for signature right now. The County was added to the list of those opposing the mine in the SWC resolution.
- This resolution will be delivered to B.C. government with a similar resolution from SCOG and the many letters from local governments.
- ***The role of SWC in campaigns like this in general will be discussed at our next meeting.**
- Motion to approve the resolution, as edited, by Michael, second by Brendan.
Unanimous. David Hawkins abstains on behalf of Jon-Paul/USIT.

For the Good of the Order

- There are opportunities to borrow funds from Stillaguamish and Snohomish and make use of the Rapid Response fund for the acquisition project in order to fund all proposals this grant round. ***Staff will look further into these options for the next meeting.**
- ***We should consider how to advocate for the Island Unit project moving forward in a timely manner because of its significance and size.** Co-managers will be meeting on this topic.

Adjourn 10:45am