

## Skagit Watershed Council - Final Notes

### Meeting of the Board of Directors, SWC Office – September 5, 2019

(Underline indicates decision point; parentheses indicate attachment #; **\*bold indicates action item**)

Attendance: Chair Ken Dahlstedt, Bill Blake, Michael Kirshenbaum, and John Stein. Staff include Richard Brocksmith, Aundrea McBride, Andrea Reiter

Not in attendance: Brendan Brokes, Jon-Paul Shannahan, Steve Hinton, and Jon Vanderheyden.

#### Call to Order 9:10

- Introductions, Determine Quorum, and Approve Agenda (#1) – Quorum not present, Board will meet at the beginning of the Annual Lunch to establish a quorum and vote to approve backlogged work.
- Approve Board Notes: August 8, 2019 (#2) – No quorum present, tabled for next meeting.

#### Executive Directors Report

- Approve May, June and July Financial Report (#3) – Board will vote to approve three months of financial reports at next meeting. Richard did review financial reports with the Board including why there is a deficit early in the fiscal year, which was attributed to one-time purchases and staff vacation in the summer.
- Personnel Changes – Andrea has put a resignation notice in, her last day will be September 12. We will greatly miss her. **\*Richard and Andrea have started to work on an exit strategy and how to transfer knowledge to the next hire.** Board discussion on next steps on how to hire for the Community Outreach Coordinator. **\*More coming forth in October.**
- Committee Reports
  - Protection Sub Committee – 9 properties have been reviewed over the summer, of those 9, 4 have been greenlighted by the committee.
  - TWG – will meet later in the month of September for the first time since June.
  - M&AM – postponed meeting until October.
- Report on Parcels Acquired (#4, with maps provided in meeting) - Board reviewed the recently acquired properties by Seattle City Lights and Skagit Land Trust.

## Old Business

- Review SWC 2019 Annual Lunch (September 12) (#5) – Richard informed the Board on the status of registrations for the Annual Lunch and a review of the agenda which will be covering multiple initiatives and their key messages, as requested in August. **\*Ken will present on the status of county planning for replacing their culvert barriers.**
- Approve SWC Board of Directors Nomination (#6) – tabled until special meeting.
- Approve SLT/SCL Acquisition Project Cost Increase Request (#7) – Board reviewed the 2018 SRFB grant requests along with Seattle City Lights and Seattle Land Trust’s cost increase request. The two project sponsors for land acquisition are requesting \$123,262 cost increase to their 2018 SRFB grant by borrowing Kalispell Tribe’s 2019 SRFB allocation. Board to review this Cost Increase Request at the special meeting. This would require an increase in 2020 borrowing of \$20,012.
- Orcas vs. Puget Sound Chinook Funding – Richard provided the Board with a draft letter to the Governor’s Orca Task Force, SRFB, PSP, and Salmon Recovery Council around Chinook funding and orca recovery. Board provided edits for Richard to consider and discussed what rapid recovery projects in the Skagit might look like.

## New Business

- Sauk Habitat Protection and Restoration Plan Kick-Off – tabled until October.

## For the Good of the Order and Adjourn

- Michael shared a story of seeing salmon spawning near SRFB protected properties on Diobsud Creek.