

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

Watershed Council Conference Room

January 5, 2012

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting began at 8:40 a.m. with Ken Dahlstedt, Steve Hinton, Dave Pflug, Carolyn Kelly, Bob Carey, Bob Everitt and Shirley Solomon in attendance.

The December 1, 2011 Board meeting notes were acknowledged.

Transition Planning. The updated January 5 Transition Planning memo and the Transitional Planning segment of the December 1 minutes were used to frame this ongoing discussion about how to best position the Council for the future.

The conversation began with a revisiting of the many ways in which the context of salmon recovery has changed and resulted in full and unequivocal agreement that the status quo cannot be maintained. The discussion then moved to the upcoming meeting that the County is sponsoring to talk about LIO development, with the outcome being agreement that the Board sees a close tie between lead entity and LIO in the future. The Board feels that, the Council, given its status as designated lead entity and its successful fifteen-year track record, should be engaged and utilized in that discussion. The Council represents a significant asset in this watershed, one that should be evaluated in light of new circumstances and potential needs being considered in the development of a local LIO.

The Board, after a free-wheeling and spirited discussion, collectively agreed to take a proactive approach in the matter of LIO formation and deliver the following message at the meeting on the 25th.

- The seven organizations represented on the Watershed Council Board have made significant investments in the Council over the past decade and a half and have a vested interest in the future success of the organization
- The Watershed Council Board commends Skagit County for taking the initial step with regard to LIO development.
- The Council is presently poised to undertake an organizational planning process and the question of LIO development will become an important part of that discussion.

- The Board believes that the work it will undertake can be of great assistance and substance to local governments as they move forward with the LIO task. The Council welcomes broad participation in its discussion and will actively work to include others in its deliberations regarding the Council's future and the scope and nature of its work.

The Board discussed the names of potential consultants that Shirley had collected and agreed to invite Jay Watson, former Executive Director of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, to the February 2 Board meeting to present his credentials and proposed scope of work.

Review of 2012 Calendar. Shirley did a cursory survey of the calendar prepared earlier and indicated that the Board was on target with the strategic planning schedule.

ADJOURN at 11:15 a.m.