

Wildlife Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

Friday, September 11, 2020

Start time: 9:00 A.M.

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

Northwest Annex Portable Conference Room

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA



| QUORUM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
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| Members Present | | Public Present |
| Frank Bob | | Analiese Burns |
| Greg Green | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Solvei Metcalf |
| Robert Waddell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Joel Ingram | | |
| Vikki Jackson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Chris Kazimer | | |
| Stephen Nyman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Staff Present |
| Shannon Crossen | | Amy Dearborn |
| Trevor Delgado | | Kelly Chamberlain |
| Barry Wenger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Erin Page |
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1. Greg called meeting to open at 9:05am
2. Greg moved to adopt minutes from multiple previous meetings.
 - a. Vikki Seconded
 - b. Approved
3. Transition of Chair from Greg to Barry
 - a. Vikki nominated Barry
 - b. Robert seconded
 - c. Approved – Barry will continue meeting
 - i. Thank you for all your hard work Greg!
4. Option for Vice Chair
 - a. Barry nominated Vikki
 - b. Stephan seconded
 - c. Approved
5. Barry mentioned giving the committee more time to complete current tasks – potentially working into January
 - a. Council is backed up, 6 weeks’ notice is required to schedule a slot
 - b. Goal will be kept at the end of the year, more time will be requested if necessary

6. Barry noted he found a bird expert at the Audubon Society to complete reviews but not willing to join the committee as a member
 - a. Vikki asked how much “pre-review” will be needed before passing along to Audubon for review. Believes it is best to give as refined a list as possible to save them time.
 - i. Greg and Vikki will split prep for bird reviews
7. Robert is nearly done with recommendations for large mammals
 - a. Elk is traditionally included in this review, Robert noted he is having trouble justifying their need for inclusion as “protected”
 - i. More discussion to come
 - ii. Greg and Barry believe consideration of Elk is important
8. Analiese asked what criteria are being used for the reviews
 - a. Vikki noted the criteria are defined in county code
 - b. Amy specified the code is 16.16.710C and D.12
 - c. See Proposed Species Spreadsheet
9. Amy will complete Proposed Species Spreadsheet as reviews are completed by the committee to make the data consumable by Council
 - a. Analiese recommended checking in with the Salmon Response team before taking a review to Council
10. Greg noted that Article V of the Point Elliot Treaty should be considered when reviewing animals of cultural significance
11. Vikki and Shannon will be working together on review for Invertebrates and will be reaching out to larger organizations for assistance narrowing down the list
 - a. Focus on terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates
12. Committee agreed that the review format created by Stephen is appropriate
13. Amy noted the Whatcom County Ecosystem Conservation Plan is due by the end of the year
 - a. The previous document is from 2017 and must be updated with new action items and updates on existing items
 - b. Barry and Vikki volunteered to review the Plan
14. Seadoc Society is providing sonar information that can be mapped for the Committee’s use. Barry requested assistance with GIS to create relevant habitat maps
15. Vikki motioned to close at 10:30
 - a. Robert seconded
 - b. Closed