

## Climate Impact Advisory Committee

## Memorandum

TO:

Honorable County Councilmembers

FROM:

Seth Fleetwood, Chair, Climate Impact Advisory Committee

DATE:

September 9, 2019

SUBJECT:

Comment regarding scoping for Shoreline Master Program

As you know, the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee (CIAC) is charged with providing review and recommendations to the Council on issues related to the preparation and adaptation for, and the prevention and mitigation of, impacts of climate change. We understand that the Council will soon decide on the scope of the 2020 Shoreline Management Plan Periodic Update, and that the Natural Resources Committee recently requested an estimate of cost and timing for creating a baseline of ecological function of shorelines. Shorelines provide a number of ecological functions supporting both mitigation of and adaptation to climate change impacts, including carbon sequestration, flood storage and flow attenuation, streamflow regulation, sediment storage, and water quality maintenance. The CIAC strongly encourages Council members to incorporate consideration of climate-related ecological functions into this and future SMP updates.

Sincerely

Seth Fleetwood, Chair

Climate Impact Advisory Committee

**Climate Impact Advisory Committee Members** 

Alex Ramel, Ellyn Murphy, Casey Harman, Tim Miller, John Yakawich, Eric Grossman, Gabriel Westergreen, David Kershner, Sharon Shewmake, Treva Coe

## **Dana Brown-Davis**

From:

Council

Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:43 AM

To:

Barbara Brenner; Barry Buchanan; Carol Frazey; Rud Browne; Satpal Sidhu; Todd

Donovan; Tyler Byrd

Cc:

Cathy Halka; Dana Brown-Davis; Jill Nixon; Kristi Felbinger; NaDean Hanson

Subject:

FW: Climate Impact Advisory Committee Comments re: Shoreline Master Program

**Attachments:** 

Memo CIAC to Council re\_SMP Scoping.pdf

From: Chris Elder

Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 5:14 PM

To: Council

Cc: Cliff Strong; Mark Personius; Seth Fleetwood

Subject: Climate Impact Advisory Committee Comments re: Shoreline Master Program

Honorable County Councilmembers – Please review the attached memorandum from the Climate Impact Advisory Committee regarding scoping considerations for the Shoreline Master Program periodic update. Thank you, Chris

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