

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-

AMENDMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 16.20.065
ADVISORY GROUPS FOR WHATCOM COUNTY SHELLFISH PROTECTION DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committees are each comprised of 11 members appointed by the County Council ; and

WHEREAS, two positions on each of the advisory committees will be available for tribal representation; and

WHEREAS, appointments to boards, committees and commissions made by the council may be for a term up to four years; and

WHEREAS, no board, commission or committee member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms; and

WHEREAS, a citizen may become eligible for reappointment to a board, commission or committee after a one-year period of separation from that respective board, commission or committee on which he or she has previously served; and

WHEREAS, the Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee currently has four vacancies after three members completed their second consecutive full term on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee currently has three vacancies after two positions completed their second consecutive full term on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult to find advisory committee applicants to fill all of the advisory committee positions; and

WHEREAS, there are committee members who have completed two terms and are not presently eligible to reapply; and

WHEREAS, allowing interested committee members who have completed two terms to reapply and serve on the committees would provide the opportunity for a larger pool of potential applicants to fill positions.

35 WHEREAS, at their January 29, 2020 joint meeting, the Portage Bay and Drayton
36 Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committees approved a recommendation to
37 the Whatcom County Council to remove term limits from these advisory committees,

38 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that
39 Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.20 is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.

40 ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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42 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
43 ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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47 Clerk of the Council Barry Buchanan, Council Chair
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50 APPROVED AS TO FORM: () Approved () Denied
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54 Christopher Quinn Satpal Singh Sidhu
55 Senior Prosecuting Attorney- Civil Division County Executive
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EXHIBIT A

58 **Chapter 16.20**

59 **WHATCOM COUNTY SHELLFISH PROTECTION DISTRICTS**

60 | 16.20.065 Advisory groups.

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62 | A. **16.20.065 Advisory groups.** The advisory committees shall comply with the
63 requirements of Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.03, Boards and Commissions
64 unless otherwise specified for under WCC, Chapter 16.20.

65 | B. The board of supervisors shall appoint advisory committees of not more than 11
66 members to advise on the overall operations of the Drayton Harbor and Portage
67 Bay Shellfish Protection Districts. Two positions on each of the advisory
68 committees will be available for tribal representation. In establishing district
69 advisory committees, all members shall have a direct interest in the district.
70 (Ord. 2014-058, Ord. 2012-055, Ord. 2010-046; Ord. 2009-042 Att. C; Ord.
71 2008-055 Exh. A; Ord. 2007-003 Exh. A; Ord. 2004-061; Ord. 2002-069; Ord.
72 98-019 Att. C; Ord. 95-036).

73 | C. The Birch Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee will be dissolved
74 and shellfish protection advisory duties will be assigned to the Birch Bay Water
75 and Aquatic Resource Management (BBWARM) District Advisory Committee, an
76 existing advisory committee that provides recommendations on projects and
77 programs to protect water quality in the Birch Bay watershed.

78 | D. Member terms will be four years, unless otherwise required by the Revised Code
79 of Washington (RCW). Council may waive the term limit requirements of WCC
80 2.03 as it applies to this Chapter.

81 | D.E. Each advisory committee shall dissolve when its related district dissolves
82 per WCC 16.20.050.