

Whatcom County Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

9:50 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Kaylee Galloway
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Kaylee Galloway, and Mark Stremmler

Absent: 1 - Todd Donovan

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, and Jon Scanlon

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-750](#) Discussion of an ordinance repealing Whatcom County Code 2.170, Forest Resilience Task Force

Galloway stated this is just a brief committee discussion to share that this is a logistical process. The Forest Resilience Task Force was established by this code with a sunset date for the end of this year. As a matter of procedure, Council would approve this ordinance to repeal the code so that it will effectively sunset. Given Council's action to receive the draft Forest Resilience Plan and refer it back to the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), it is now under their jurisdiction to guide the next steps.

Alexander Harris, Planning and Development Services Department and staff facilitator for the Forest Advisory Committee, spoke about next steps for the plan. They need to discuss how, procedurally, the advisory committee will take the plan and move forward with the edits they were hoping to make, and then how to actually begin implementing some of the elements. There is not an update from the FAC at this point since they have not yet discussed it, but they plan to focus their December meeting on it.

Elenbaas stated, from listening to the FAC, it seems like they have quite a bit of interest in moving forward with aspects of the Forest Resilience Plan and putting the finishing touches on it.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger