



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title	Ms.
First Name	Elizabeth
Last Name	Lorence
Today's Date	8/18/2021

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? YES

1. Name of Board or Committee **Marine Resource Committee**

Marine Resource Committee
Position: Conservation/Environmental Interest

2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? Yes

3. Which Council district do you live in? District 1

4. Are you a US citizen? Yes

5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? No

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? No

8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? No

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I am currently employed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture as a Public Health Advisor II. I work with local growers to help them understand and comply with upcoming federal regulations under the new Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Previously I worked as a research coordinator at MD Anderson Cancer Hospital while in graduate school for my MPH. Before graduate school, I worked in public water as an Environmental Scientist with the Montana State Department of Environmental Quality. I have a strong background in state and federal environmental codes and regulations and have often served as a conduit between the public, government agencies and local communities.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

During my undergraduate degree, I worked on published studies investigating the effects of pathogenic marine bacteria (*Vibrio* spp.) on symbiotic zooxanthellae algae within coral tissues, coupled with increasing sea surface temperatures. I have a broad knowledge of marine pathogens and invertebrate species. I am passionate about marine conservation, and would be thrilled to aid the Marine Resources Committee in any way I can.

Signature of applicant:

Elizabeth Lorence

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA