

FROM SKAGIT CLERK 3/31/2023

Good Afternoon and thank you for your email!

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners is reviewing the draft joint letter. I believe Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson will be reaching out and following up on the content of the letter once she receives feedback from the Board.

The Skagit County Commissioners would like to participate in a joint meeting. I will review availability for meeting options and send them later today or Monday.

Lanie, I believe the last time our counties met jointly about this (in ~2017), Snohomish Councilmember Nate Nehring also involved Darrington Town Mayor Dan Rankin. Can you find out if we should be including him as well? It looks like his email: dan.rankin@darringtonwa.us

FROM OKANOGAN CLERK 3/25/2023

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. I am emailing on behalf of my Board of County Commissioners. Okanogan County Commissioner Andy Hover asked me to forward the attached letter and the message below regarding the National Park Service Grizzly Bear reintroduction process. Please provide the attached draft joint letter to your council for consideration.

Please let me know how I may assist in scheduling a joint meeting between our councils to discuss this matter. We are certainly willing and able to host a regular or special meeting with your council or spokesperson if one is warranted either in person or via zoom in the next couple weeks.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!

FROM OKANOGAN DISTRICT #2 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner and Councilmembers,

Okanogan, Chelan, Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish Counties will be involved with Grizzly bear reintroduction if the National Park Service moves their plan forward. We believe that it would be in the best interest of these Counties to meet as a joint body to discuss our role in this process as was previously done. As of yet Okanogan County has had no direct communication with the Park Service to coordinate our comprehensive and tourism plans with the possible reintroduction process. We feel that the Counties, as commenting agencies, need to be given a forum for discussion on this important process. Attached to this email you will find a letter drafted by Chelan County. Okanogan County will be a signing County on the letter and we invite your county to sign on as well. It is my hope to get decisions within two weeks of this email. At that time a letter will be prepared with the appropriate logos and signature blocks for joint signature.

Please do not hesitate to call if there are questions or concerns or revisions that can be discussed.

Thank You,

Andy Hover

Okanogan County Commissioner Dist. #2

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