

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	Mrs.
First Name	Alexi
Last Name	Guddal
Today's Date	10/17/2024
Street Address	1310 E St
City	Lynden
Zip	98264
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	360-526-2381
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	aguddal@whatcomcd.org

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Marine Resource Committee
Marine Resource Committee Position:	Conservation/Environmental Interest
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation	Yes

requirements of the position for which you're applying?

3. Which Council district do you live in? District 4

4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group No

5. 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? Yes

If yes, please explain I work for Whatcom Conservation District, who contracts with Whatcom County on several programs.

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

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions *Field not completed.*

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

Since 2021, I have worked as the Education & Outreach Specialist for Whatcom Conservation District. Whatcom Conservation District's mission is to form partnerships with Whatcom County residents and entities to advance resiliency and ecological processes on working lands, residential landscapes, waterways, and open spaces for current and future generations. I work within that framework teaching children and adults about watersheds and conservation best practices. Additionally, I create and implement social marketing campaigns focused promoting specific conservation behaviors in Whatcom County, as well as market district programs and events. My Bachelor of Science is in Marine Biology from Western Washington University. My Master of Arts in Biology is from Miami University and Project Dragonfly, where my Master's Project focused on connecting communities to their watershed through outreach and community science. From 2015 to 2016 I was a Research Intern for Pacific Mammal

Research, studying harbor porpoises. I still volunteer for this organization. While pursuing my bachelor's degree I was a Research Assistant for two harbor seal studies. From 2012 to 2016 I was a Volunteer Deck Hand and Science Intern for Deep Green Wilderness, a seamanship and natural history organization taking students out onto the Salish Sea in a traditional sailing vessel. From 2020 to 2021 I was the Volunteer Coordinator Intern for Woodland Park Zoo's Amphibian Monitoring Program. Prior to working for Whatcom Conservation District, I worked as a Program Coordinator for four years at Western Washington University's Chemistry Department.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

My first passion was for marine wildlife, and that has carried with me through my career and adult life. I have a deep personal connection to the Salish Sea, and care about the stewardship of our local marine environment. The Whatcom Conservation District has a defined program of work that is articulated in our Long Range Plan. Local natural resource concerns and community needs inform the natural resource priorities in the Whatcom CD long-range plan. Priority resource concerns include water quality, water quantity, the long-term viability of local agriculture, soil health, forest health, and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. Many of which intersect with the priority elements of the MRC. Improving shellfish habitat, building awareness and promoting personal actions to prevent stormwater pollution and improving riparian areas along fish-bearing streams and other waterways are built into our current program of work. My participation on the Marine Resources Committee will fulfill my personal desire to do more marine focused work and can position the committee and Whatcom Conservation District for future collaboration on marine resource issues.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Aneka Sweeney
Whatcom Conservation District
Education and Outreach Manager
360-526-2381 x103

Brandy Reed
Whatcom Conservation District
District Manager
360-526-2381 x115

Appointment Requirements I understand and agree

Signature of applicant: Alexi Guddal

Place Signed / Submitted Lynden, WA
