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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Rosa Hunter Date: 12.11.23

[Redacted address and contact information]

1. Name of board or committee-please see reverse: IPR Task force

2. You must specify which position you are applying for. Please refer to vacancy list. Interested Citizen

3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.)  yes ( ) no

4. Which Council district do you live in? ( ) One  Two ( ) Three ( ) Four ( ) Five

5. Are you a US citizen?  yes ( ) no

6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?  yes ( ) no

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? ( ) yes  no  
If yes, dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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? ( ) yes  no  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? ( ) yes  no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

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

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I Am Felon who, with help made good choices and now has a career. I would like to pay it forward.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Dr. Marco Hatch - 206-463-8566  
Dr. John Bombard - 360-383-8286

If appointed, I will comply with the Council & Executive Expectations of Boards and Committee Members and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205.

Signature of applicant: R. Hunter

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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.

## Rosa Hunter



### Education:

- Bachelor of Science in Native Environmental Science  
Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, Washington
- Associates of Arts in Native American Studies  
Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, Washington

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications and Interviews

- Human Elements Documentary, PBS 2022
- Rooted: Where We Stand, Tattoos and microscopes. Podcast interview, NPR. 2022
- Homewaters. A Human and Natural History of Puget Sound. David B. Williams – Interview 2021
- Hatch, M.B.A., R.M. Hunter, J.W. Emm, Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Olympia oyster, (*Ostrea lurida*) Larvae and Settlers within Fidalgo Bay, Washington. Tribal College Research Journal Volume 3, 2018
- Native Environmental Science Program Combines Culture and Data Science. Radio Interview NPR KNKX 2018.

### Research Experience:

My primary focus as a research technician is to serve as the primary laboratory technician and field researcher. This work includes the duties of field sampling, sample preparation, data collection and experimental design. Use established methods and develop new methods if necessary.

- Algicidal properties of bacteria associated with eelgrass beds.
- Passive Monitoring of Marine Biotoxins in the Salish Sea.
- Determine factors that could be driving the decreased biomass of manila clams (*Venerupis philippinarum*) on the Lummi tide flats.

- Spatial and temporal distribution of Olympia oysters (*Ostrea lurida*)
- Identifying microcystin toxins at the land-sea interface in Lummi Bay and Bellingham, WA.
- Weekly phytoplankton sampling and relative abundance counts for Soundtoxins.
- In house culturing harmful algae.

### **Research Training**

- **2019**- Biglow National Center for Marine Algae & Microbiota. participated in an algal culturing course.
- **2017**- SEA-PHAGES (Science Education Alliance-Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science) Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The goal of the workshop is to familiarize the concepts and associated techniques of bacteriophage isolation and characterization.
- **2017** - Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology (IMET) in Baltimore, MD. Participated in a course on how to identify marine and freshwater toxic algae.
- **2013** -Department of Interior OSM (Office of Surface Mining) Interned at the Department of Interior in the Office of Surface Mining under the supervision of Dr. T Allen Comp. I used my knowledge of bryophytes to research ways of using different species of bryophytes to help clean the chemical waste left from surface mining.