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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided 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.

Title Ms.

First Name Holly

Last Name Koon

Today's Date 10/17/2022

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

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

Do you have a different mailing address? YES

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Forestry Advisory Committee
Forestry Advisory Committee Position:	Small forest landowner
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 3
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
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to	Attached

the following questions

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

Please see pages 1-2 of attached document, Holly Koon CV

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

Please see page 3 of attached document, Personal Statement of Purpose

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Please see page 4 of attached document, List of Professional References

Signature of applicant:

Holly Koon

Place Signed / Submitted

Deming Washington

(Section Break)

Holly A. Koon

Resume of Professional Qualifications and Experience*

*Note that forestry-related experience is on 2nd page.

EDUCATION

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

MEd Science Education (Chemistry and Physics)

August 1998

BAEd (Biology/Chemistry Education)

March 1994

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

National Board-Certified Teacher

Adolescent and Young Adult Science

Washington State Continuing Teaching Certificate

4-12 Biology, 4-12 Chemistry

Washington State Continuing Career and Technical Education Certificate

Forestry, Natural Resources, Fire Science

OSPI Certified National Board Facilitator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MOUNT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL, Deming, WA

1994 – present

Biology, Honors Biology, CP Chemistry, CP Physics, Physical Science, (CTE) Agriculture. North Cascade and Olympic Science Partnership, HS Lead Teacher.

MOUNT BAKER HIGH SCHOOL COMPASS PROGRAM

2009-2011

(School-within-a-school for At-Risk Youth)

MOUNT BAKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Deming, WA

1994- 1995

Life Science

WASHINGTON STATE POLICY LEADERSHIP

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SBE Member, appointed by Governor Jay Inslee

2014-2022 (term ended)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OSPI), Olympia, WA

OSPI Planner for Washington NBCT Policy Summit on Second Tier Teacher Licensure

2016

Served on Student Growth Rubric practitioner review panel

2013

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Policy Leadership Cont....

Served on OSPI "Professional Judgment Panels" for the, *Going the Extra Mile, A Finance System for Student Success* proposal. *May, 2008*

PREVIOUS, FORESTRY-RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

USFS Lead Forestry Technician, Baker River Hot Shot Crew *1991-1994*
Squad Boss, responsible for supervising 9-person squad to execute fire suppression plan at the crew level.

USFS Forestry Technician, Baker River Hot Shot Crew *1988-1991*
Wildland firefighter. Saw team (certified B-bucker and faller), hand crew. Various forestry technician tasks including: tree planting, fuels inventory, fuel consolidation, prescribed burning, applying pesticides and herbicides for big-game control and red-alder release, pre-commercial thinning and hardwood release, trail maintenance,

USFS Fuels Inventory Technician *summer-fall 1987*
Responsible for inventory and calculation of fuel loads for prescription-burning of logged units in the Olympic National Forest. Member of prescribed burning crew.

DNR, Conservation Crew, *Spring 1987*
Member of a 6-member, entry-level forestry conservation crew. Applied pesticides and herbicides for big-game and red-alder release, consolidated slash on logging landings, brushed and maintained trails.

Other, Intermittent (paid) forestry-related experience prior to 1987

Commercial mushroom harvester. Tree planting (multiple species) on private timberland. Assisted in commercial cedar shake bolt salvage: created loads and set chokers on helicopter loads of shake bolts, did spalt cleanup after flights.

OTHER, FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Whatcom County Small Forest Landowner *1993-Present*
Created a forestry plan, planted multiple species of soft and hardwoods, harvested and milled multiple species of hardwoods for personal use and resale, harvested firewood for personal use and resale.

Stuart Mountain Community Forest I-CAT *April, 2022-Present*
Member of 16 person SMCF Interim Community Advisory Team. With technical assistance from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, the I-CAT is working with the Core Planning Committee to develop a Strategic Vision Framework for Stuart Mountain Community Forest, and promote broad community understanding of the project. The strategic framework for the SMCF includes objectives relating to desired outcomes (timber production, conservation, recreation, etc.) and pathways for community involvement in SMCF, now and in the future.

Family Forest Fish Passages Program *Multiple Projects early 2000s*
Worked with Nooksack Tribe, NSEA and DNR to utilize FFFPP funds to replace culverts with bridges, plant riparian vegetation and perform other fish habitat improvements on the Wheeler and Kendall Creek drainages.

Other Citizen Involvement *Multiple settings and issues, 1991-Present*
Provided written and verbal comment, attended meetings, engaged in community organizing for various forestry-relevant issues. Examples include: Whatcom County Parks and Rec Planning process, DNR Recreation Planning process, Various Forestry Application Permit processes, state-level advocacy for increased DNR law enforcement funding, local advocacy with DNR around public safety and nuisance issues, various Whatcom County PDS/ zoning issues.

Holly A. Koon

Personal Statement of Purpose for Whatcom County Forest Advisory Committee

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Dear County Council Selection Committee,

I am applying for the vacant, Small Forest Landowner seat on the Whatcom County Timber Advisory Committee because I'm the mother of a 22-year-old, Whatcom County born and raised son who loves this county and wants to spend the rest of his life here. As a mother, I want for my son's future what his father and I have been fortunate to experience ourselves and have taught him to value. Among other things, this includes the ability to: harvest wild mushrooms for his morning omelet; eat venison or locally fished salmon for dinner; go for a spring walk and marvel at the incredible variety and beauty of mycoheterotrophic flowers and other native plants blooming in Whatcom County; and be able to purchase locally harvested, high-quality lumber products to use in building a home that has a reasonable expectation of not vanishing in flood, fire, or landslide.

If selected I promise to bring 4 things to the FAC: An educated perspective rooted in science and data; an ability to locally apply that science based on thousands of hours of actual boots-on-the-ground experience in forestlands in Whatcom County; a deeply personal commitment to Whatcom County's climate resilient future; and a level of previous experience with boards, committees and policy-making to have some idea of what I'm getting into and reliably show up to do it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Holly Anne Koon

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