

Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application

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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.

*Thank
you
K.S.*

Title	Mrs.
First Name	Katherine
Last Name	Smith
Today's Date	12/8/2020
Street Address	713 Marine Drive
City	Point Roberts
Zip	98281
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	1582 Gulf Rd #605, Point Roberts, WA 98281
Primary Telephone	(518) 637-6637
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	4KatherineSmith@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee

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 5

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 the following questions Katherine Smith Resume - Dec 2020 PDF.pdf

✓ attached

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education I am a Certified Wildlife Biologist and Public Outreach Specialist (resume attached) currently owning and managing a heritage-breed duck farm in Point Roberts, WA -- this is my way of contributing to sustainable agriculture, continuing to learn about and enjoy animal behavior, and staying active and outdoors during "Covid." I have served on many and varied boards (from a Fish & Game Advisory Board in Alaska to Director of a preschool and V.P. of a public district school in New York State, an elected Natural Resources Board member in Hawaii, and on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations), having contributed thousands of volunteer hours to many successful community and government projects.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving This will be my 3rd Christmas in Point Roberts and as I slowly get to know the community, it feels more and more like home. I

on this board or commission

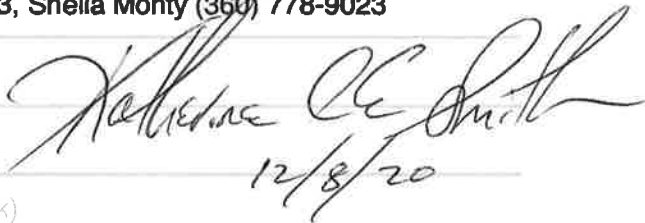
do believe that "the grass is greenest where you tend to it," and I would like to do my part to maintain and nurture this vital little community and its impressive resources.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Point Roberts References: Isobel Brophy (509) 499-2142, Heidi and Tor Baxter (604) 862-6074, Bill Stannardis and Catherine Stewart (206) 963-0903, Sheila Monty (360) 778-9023

Signature of applicant:

Katherine C E Smith



12/8/20

Place Signed / Submitted

Point Roberts, WA

(Section Break)

Katherine C.E. Smith

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Certified Wildlife Biologist, Outreach Specialist:

— *Career focus on public relations & outreach for social and environmental causes. Extensive academic training in the natural sciences and strong work history in forest & range research, interagency habitat management, and watershed protection. Continuing success in applied studies of animal behavior and in facilitating community-driven wildlife conservation. Please do contact any references, or ask me about lasting accomplishments of these projects.*

Professional Experience

11/2018 –Present

Owner/Manager: “Salty Duck Duckery” (Heritage Waterfowl & Eggs) Pt Roberts, WA
Landlords & local references: Isobel Brophy (509) 499-2142, Heidi Baxter (604) 862-6074

10/2017 – 11/2018//

Community Advocacy and Ecological Consulting, Keene Valley, NY
Contact: Karen Stolz, Vertical Perspectives Photography (518) 569-9881
Sophie McClelland, The Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Office 576-8196

Community Organizer and Public Lands Steward, Adirondack Park, NY (20 hrs/wk)

- A lead organizer and information specialist for community-based efforts to improve the lives and livelihoods of local residents; raised major funds for outdoor projects at area schools
- Directed visitor/tourist environmental education and public outreach efforts; provided translation services and help with documents to the local Spanish-speaking community

06/2016 – 10/2017

Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), Paul Smith’s College, NY
Contact: Eric Holmlund, Director (518) 327-6341, or Kathleen Wiley, Assist. Dir. 576-6405

Watershed Steward for Essex County - Adirondack Park (40 hrs/wk)

- Public outreach and information specialist with emphasis on aquatic invasive species, watershed health, environmental projects such as wetland restoration and invasive species control; naturalist for flora and fauna walks at the Paul Smith’s Interpretive Center

Interacted with boating public to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals by inspecting boats for unwanted “hitchhikers” and teaching boaters to identify and eliminate exotic species that threaten local ecosystems

Taught classes in non-point pollution control to area schools, identified aquatic species for the AWI database, helped organize and run audio-visual programs at AWI annual lake-owner conference, represented the Institute at local events such as summer markets and fairs

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10/1998 – 05/2016

EcoLogical Consulting & Management Services, Keene Valley, NY

Contact: Cynthia Johnston (518) 962-8339, District Superintendent, or Dan Mayberry, Principal (518) 576-4555 or Jim Marlott, Habitat for Hummanity Organizer (518) 576-9159

Principal Consultant - Wildlife & Environment (20-40 hrs/wk)

- Design, budget, develop funding, and supervise habitat improvements and environmental projects, such as wetland restorations, watershed and forest improvements and interpretive trails
- Direct and manage wildlife surveys and habitat assessments in the Connecticut River Valley (NH & VT) and conduct baseline biological reconnaissance for easements with the Aspen Valley Land Trust (CO); author final reports and opinions
- Oversee environmental permitting, coordinate with project partners; provide legal testimony and best practices advice on ecosystem management and wildlife behavior (AK, NY)

07/1994 – 09/1998:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maui National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Kihei, HI

Contact: Craig Rowland 808-792-9450, USFWS Conservation Partnerships Coordinator

National Wildlife Refuge Complex Manager (GS12-1, 50 hrs/wk)

- Plan, direct, organize, supervise, coordinate and implement all federal programs and projects on two national refuges; assess threats to endangered Hawaiian waterbirds & sea turtles; design and implement restoration plans and conservation agreements
- Supervise wildlife biologists, botanists, park rangers, maintenance workers, administrative staff and volunteers in application of advanced ecological restoration technologies
- Develop and implement public use and outreach programs, interact with public officials, landowners and communities through meetings, presentations, press releases, VIP tours, special programs for schools and non-profits, along with public-participation events
- Complete refuge program budgets, schedules, work plans, and procurement plans to federal agency standards; find outside funding/cooperators for unfunded conservation efforts (raised \$800K for public use), develop cost-share agreements, manage special use permits

05/1991 – 10/1993

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Homer, AK

Contact: Gary Montoya (575) 894-3373 or John Martin (managers - retired) (907) 235-6546

Information Systems Specialist (GS4-12, 40 hrs/wk)

- Serve as outreach specialist and advocate for the refuge with local fishermen, sportsmen, and recreational users, assist subsistence hunters with marine mammal tags and records, assist Deputy Refuge Manager with drafting of special use permits
- Manage biological data for research station, assist with seabird surveys and environmental documentation such as EIS, EA and project records

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10/1989 – 04/1991

Tomkat Associates, Keene Valley, NY

Contact: Vincent McClelland, Contractor (518) 576-2281

Wildlife & Habitat Consultant

(20-40 hrs/wk)

- Intervene in socio-ecological conflicts as a wildlife behavior and habitat use consultant, hire and supervise interdisciplinary resource/cultural crews
- Fulfill contracts with US Forest Service to identify and characterize wildlife habitat in Southeast Alaska; worked with Sitka black-tailed deer researchers to describe habitat conditions

10/1985 – 10/1989

Ulupalakua Ranch Inc., Maui, HI

Contact: Pardee or Sumner Erdman, Owners (808) 878-1202

Game Biologist & Range Manager

(40 hrs/wk)

- Conduct range & wildlife research and complete environmental studies, EIS and permits for game ranching business on Maui; plan, build and manage Hawaii quarantine facility for 50 head of elk
- Negotiate easements with The Nature Conservancy and other conservation partners, develop native species database & work to restore Hawaiian flora and fauna with due consideration of the cultural and economic needs of the local community

01/1983 – 08/1985

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Anchorage, AK

Contact: Jim LaBau, Project Leader (retired) (907) 344-1018

Research Wildlife Biologist

(GS11-9, 40 hrs/wk)

- Draft the wildlife section of USDA Manual for Forest & Range Inventory Procedures for Alaska; publish research findings on forest ecology and wildlife habitat
- Crew chief for multi-resource inventories with field camps in remote areas across Alaska

09/1981 – 06/1983

Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

Contact: David Klein, Unit Leader (retired) (907) 474-5505

Graduate Research Associate

(GS9, USFS Cooperative Education Scholarship)

- M.S. thesis evaluating deer habitat and foraging behavior in Prince William Sound, Alaska
- Chief Researcher on cooperative project with U.S. Forest Service to characterize vegetation types and wildlife habitats in Southcentral Alaska; results published in Proceedings of the Society of American Foresters Conference

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Education

2008 Doctoral Studies in Environment, Antioch University, New England – 34 semester credits
1983 M.S. Wildlife Biology, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks – 37 quarter credits
1979 B.S. Forestry & Range Management, Univ. of Montana, Missoula – 223 quarter credits
1975 Cum Laude Graduate, Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest, Illinois

Specialized Skills

- * Certified and registered as a Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society
- * Certified in US Fish & Wildlife Service "Habitat Evaluation Procedures"
- * Certified in Army Corps of Engineers "Wetland Delineation"
- * Certified in U.S. Natl. Park Service Helicopter Management
- * Certified by Cornell University Cooperative Extension Service as a "Master Gardener"
- * Trained Emergency Medical Technician, Licensed 1991 (NY State)
- * Graduate of the USFWS Refuge Management Training Academy (1996), Charleston, South Carolina
- * Experienced public speaker with national and international recognition
- * Proficient in computer applications for data analysis, research and report writing, and presentations
- * Fluent in Spanish: Venezuela (5 yr residence), Spain (1 yr exchange student); extensive global travel
- * Career emphasis & success in building conservation partnerships and community involvement
- * Published technical articles, agency EIS, manuals, reports, surveys; NGO brochures and newsletters (copies available upon request)

Honors and Awards

- * 2018 – Issued Nexus card and clearance (U.S. Customs and Border Patrol "Trusted Traveler" program)
- * 2017 – Grant award from Adirondack Communities and Conservation (Wildlife Conservation Society)
- * 2015 – Mentoring honors high school students interested in ecology and foreign languages
- * 2011 – Boston Marathon Finisher, re-qualifying to run in first wave of 2012
- * 2010 – Second Place Women's Finisher in the Lake Placid Loppet (50 kilometer X-C ski race)
- * 2010 – Elected to the Board of Trustees, High Peaks Education Foundation of Keene, New York
- * 2009 – Presented with Friends of Education Award from Keene Central School District
- * 2009 – Selected as Counselor and Tour Guide for Spanish Honors Program trip to Spain
- * 2009 – 2003 Elected Vice President of the Keene Central Public School Board in second term of service
- * 2008 – Selected as Naturalist/Tour Guide for U.S. delegation of Chinese Natural Resource Managers

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- * 2007 – Developed and Directed “Wonders of the Woods” (Summer Preschool Env. Edu. – ongoing in 2017)
- * 2005 – Grant from Lake Champlain Basin Program (Environmental Protection Agency) for school trail
- * 2003 – 2001 Certified substitute teacher (biology, earth science and Spanish language) for public school
- * 2000 – 2004 Community fundraiser, Elected 2001 Board President of Little Peaks Preschool, Keene, NY
- * 1998 – 1996 Elected to Board of the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council
- * 1995 – Grant from ISTE (Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement, Hawaii) for boardwalk
- * 1995 – Grant from Kiwanis Club for Tri-Isle RC&D public use project on USFWS refuge
- * 1993 – 1992 USFWS Special Act Service Award and numerous “Star” and “Performance” awards
- * 1992 – Presented award by Alaska Governor Wally Hickel for exceptional environmental reporting
- * 1991 – Elected to the State Board of Fish & Game Advisory Committee for Southcentral Alaska
- * 1990 – Provided legal testimony (expert witness) on forest management/fishery issues on Kenai Peninsula
- * 1989 – 1986 Served on the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation Board
- * 1986 – 1985 Served on Student Membership Committee of The Wildlife Society
- * 1983 – 1981 Master’s Degree Scholarship to U of AK provided by USFS Cooperative Education Program
- * 1975 – Admitted to National Honor Society and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

Publications

- 1) Eck, K.C. 1983. Forest characteristics and deer forage production on Prince William Sound islands. M.S. Thesis, Univ. of AK, Fairbanks. 60pp.
- 2) USDA Forest Service. 1983. Manual of forest and range inventory techniques for Interior Alaska. USDA Forest Service, Resources Evaluation Unit, Anchorage, AK. (author of wildlife and range sections).
- 3) Eck, K.C. 1984. Forest characteristics and associated deer habitat values, Prince William Sound islands. Pages 235-245 in W.R. Meehan, T.R. Merrel and T.A. Hanley eds., Fish and Wildlife Relationships in Old-Growth Forests: Proceedings of a Symposium, 12-15 April 1982, Juneau, AK., Amer. Inst. Fish. Res. Biol., Morehead City, NC.
- 4) Smith, K.C. and F.R. Larson. 1984. Overstory - understory relationships in the black spruce type of Interior Alaska. Pages 103-112 in V.J. LaBau and C.L. Kerr eds., Inventorying Forest and Other Vegetation of the High Latitude and High Altitude Regions: Proc. Int. Symp., SAF Reg. Tech. Conf., Fairbanks, AK, Soc. Amer. Forest., Bethesda, MD.
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- 8) **Smith, K.C. 1987. Game ranching in Hawaii: an island perspective. In L.S. Renecker, ed., Focus on a New Industry, Proc. Alberta Game Growers' Assoc. Conf. 1:37.**
- 9) **Smith, K.C. 1990. Elk in Paradise, Ulupalakua Ranch, Maui, Hawaii. North American Elk. Fall 1990: 22-26.**
- 10) **Smith, K.C. and A. Peischel. 1991. Intensive wapiti production in the tropics: Hawaii. In: L.A. Renecker and R.J. Hudson eds., Wildlife Production: Conservation and Sustainable Development. AFES misc. pub. 91-6:503-515. University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK.**
- 11) **Smith, K.C. 1991. Wildlife surveys and habitat. In EIS for the Gleneagles Resort Project, Lake Placid, NY. The LA Group, Consulting Services 1: 54-72. Saratoga Springs, NY .**
- 12) **USDI Fish and Wildlife Service. 1995. Environmental Assessment: Maui Coastal Wetlands Boardwalk, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kealla Pond Nat. Wild. Refuge, Kihel, Maui, HI. 41pp.**
- 13) **Smith, K.C. 2013. Don't Shoot Me! Red. Patagonia Worn Wear, May 20, 2013 online: <http://wornwear.patagonia.com/post/50906863891/dont-shoot-me-red-katherine-smith-keene-valley>**