

**Whatcom County
Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022
10:15 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 11 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT 311
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan and Carol Frazey

Clerk's note: Elenbaas was not present at roll call but joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-636](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.118, reactivating the Whatcom County Wildlife Advisory Committee beyond December 31, 2022

The following people briefed the Councilmembers:

- Jon-Paul Shannahan, Planning and Development Services Department
- Barry Wenger, Wildlife Advisory Committee

Donovan moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION and stated it was good to get an update from an advisory committee and hear what they are doing. He stated he appreciates their work.

Wenger thanked the Council for all they do.

Elenbaas stated he would abstain from the vote because he was not able to hear the presentation.

Donovan's motion that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Donovan, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Elenbaas

2. [AB2022-661](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20, Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts

Erika Douglas, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about the incorporation of the Birch Bay Advisory Committee into Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resource Management (BBWARM).

Donovan moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. Councilmembers voted on the item (see motion and vote below) then continued to discuss it after the vote.

Douglas and Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, answered what it costs the County to run these advisory committees, whether the law allows a fee to be charged to fund the program, and who would be charged.

Donovan's motion that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Donovan, Elenbaas, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Kaylee Galloway-via email 12/8/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

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