

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.

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First Name	Gregory
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Last Name	Houle
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Today's Date	7/16/2024
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Street Address	
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City	
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Zip	
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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Primary Telephone	
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Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
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Email Address	
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Forest Resilience Task Force
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Group

Forest Resilience Task Force	Community member with expertise in climate, salmon recovery, and natural resources policy
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. 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?	No
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities,	I am the Private Forest Lands Director at a sustainability firm, Sustainable Northwest, that manages forest restoration projects and supports rural economies throughout Oregon and Washington. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a Master's in Forest Ecology and Management. My background includes extensive research in climate science,

and education

particularly focusing on forest carbon cycling related to wildfire.

In my current role, I develop forest carbon offset projects that generate carbon credits for both compliance and voluntary carbon registries. I help communities acquire and manage their forests for drinking water protection and lead large post-fire reforestation efforts throughout Oregon and Washington. Additionally, I have led numerous salmon-related restoration initiatives, focusing on wetland and stream restoration.

Furthermore, I have made significant forest policy recommendations to enhance wildfire resilience and forest health in Oregon and Washington. My recent contributions include developing policies related to prescribed fire management in both states.

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

I am interested in serving on this group because I am a Whatcom County resident that lives, works, and recreates in the forests of this community. Additionally, I have been approached by multiple residents in the community about participating as part of this advisory group

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Cory McDonald 360-318-5539, Dylan Kruse (Sustainable Northwest VP) 303-328-7524

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Greg Houle

Place Signed / Submitted



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