



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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.

Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Elma

Last Name Burnham

Today's Date 1/14/2024

Street Address

██████████

City Mount Vernon

Zip 98273

Do you live in Whatcom County? No

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address

████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group Marine Resource Committee

Marine Resource Committee Economic Interest
Position:

2. Do you meet the residency, Yes
employment, and/or affiliation
requirements of the position
for which you're applying?

3. Which Council district do you Not applicable
live in?

4. Have you ever been a Yes
member of this Advisory Group

If yes, please list dates: I am applying for my second term. I joined January 2021.

5. Do you or your spouse have No
a financial interest in or are you
an employee or officer of any
business or agency that does
business with Whatcom
County?

6. Have you declared candidacy No
(as defined by RCW
42.17A.055) for a paid elected
office in any jurisdiction within
the county?

You may attach a resume or *Field not completed.*
detailed summary of
experience, qualifications, &
interest in response to the
following questions

7. Please describe your I have previously held various positions in Whatcom County's "blue sector" of the
occupation (or former marine and maritime-related economy. I am currently the Communications Manager at
occupation if retired), a farm-business support non-profit in Skagit County, called Viva Farms.

qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

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

Due to my previous experience commercial fishing in Bristol Bay, Alaska, as Project Manager at Bellingham SeaFeast, founder of Strength of the Tides, supporting Bellingham Dockside Market and committed community member in both Whatcom and Skagit counties, I am interested in and committed to continuing my position on the WMRC. I have supported the Beach Seine with Kids project since joining, was able to attend the regional conference this year, and am currently the vice-chair. I believe the WMRC, and our MRC partners, are doing essential work supporting our marine ecosystem and hope to see them continue.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Liz Purdy [REDACTED]
Michael Frazier [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Elma C Burnham

Place Signed / Submitted

Mount Vernon, WA
