

# EXHIBIT C



## 2023 Program of Work With Proposed Rates & Charges Appropriation Budget

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Whatcom Conservation District proposed 2023 Program of Work outlines programs and services under a “rates and charges” system that provide both direct and indirect benefits to property owners and residents in the District’s service area. This Program of Work was developed in consultation with the District’s constituents and partners, and was approved by its Board of Supervisors on July 25, 2022, Resolution 22-01.

Historically and currently, District activities are funded entirely through state and federal grants and inter-local agreement-based partnerships that address local, regional, and in some cases state-wide natural resource priorities. Most District grant and inter-local agreement (ILA) funding are one-time sources of revenue that expire with the conclusion of the associated scope of work. Despite the ephemeral nature of the District’s funding, much of the District’s work has led to programmatic approaches relied upon by the Whatcom County community to address ongoing conservation needs and concerns. Additionally, public demand for the District’s highly successful customer service-oriented programs extends beyond the physical and temporal reach of the grant and ILA funded scopes of work.

The Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors proposes to use a rates and charges system approved by the Legislature in 2012 in combination with grant and ILA-based funding sources as the basis for its proposed 2023 Program of Work. The rates and charges funding pathway is made possible through conservation district enabling legislation (Chapter 89.08.405), and makes available a modest base of stable funding to address Whatcom County natural resource priorities through District programs, services, administration, and governance. The District system of rates and charges is proposed for 10 years, and would be utilized to provide services, technical assistance, and financial incentives throughout the boundary of the District and respond to conservation priorities in watersheds across Whatcom County.

This proposal provides background on the Whatcom Conservation District and its 2023 Program of Work along with a summary of rates and charges revenue and an outline of proposed District fiscal accountability actions. The Program of Work, including District programs, services, administration, and governance is organized to address the natural resource priorities in the current District long-range plan:

- Water Quality Improvement;
- Aquatic and Upland Habitat Improvement;
- Water Quantity Management and Water Conservation;

- Working Lands Conservation; and
- Climate Resiliency.

## **PROGRAM OF WORK**

### **District Background**

The Whatcom Conservation District was established in 1946 to provide landowners with assistance to protect and enhance natural resources. The District serves 8 jurisdictions (7 cities and Whatcom County) with a combined population of approximately 240,000. The District's mission is *"to help landowners and farmers of Whatcom County conserve natural resources."*

The District's mandate was established by the Washington Legislature in 1939 when it passed RCW 89.08 which empowers communities to form conservation districts to assume local responsibility for conserving soil, water, and other natural resources. From the beginning, conservation districts were given a broad mandate to assist landowners with conserving resources to "protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare" of all residents in urban, suburban and rural areas.

Priority issues in the mandate for conservation districts include flooding, soil erosion, water pollution, groundwater depletion, wildlife habitat destruction, deforestation, and the loss of productive agricultural lands and fisheries.

More than 75 years after it was formed, increased urbanization, endangered salmon, loss of forest cover, other threats to Puget Sound, and increased challenges from stormwater and flooding make the Whatcom Conservation District's programs and services more relevant than ever.

Today the District provides programs, services, and financial incentives for property owners and land managers in both urban and rural areas throughout its service area. The District has no regulatory or enforcement authority. Instead, it engages individuals and communities in stewarding soil, water, and other natural resources through partnership and collaboration.

In order to be more responsive and effective in its mission, the District's service delivery model employs multiple strategies:

- Direct technical assistance and services;

- Education to foster voluntary stewardship;
- Funding for landowner and community conservation; and
- Partnerships and resource leveraging to maximize impact.

The District collaborates with jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations to provide stewardship services. Because it is an independent, non-regulatory agency, the District is seen by many landowners as a trusted mentor and partner, providing education, technical assistance, and financial incentives to help people implement measures to improve the sustainability and productivity of their land.

## **Natural Resource Priorities Related to District Programs and Services**

The Whatcom Conservation Board of Supervisors has established natural resource priorities through the District’s long-range plan. These priorities guide the District’s Program of Work, and District programs and services are aligned to meet the goals of each priority. In addition to the typical body of work implemented annually by the District, this section includes three new proof of concept projects based on community input and emerging partnership opportunities – *Residential and Enhanced Working Lands Riparian Improvement Services* associated with the *Aquatic and Upland Habitat Enhancement* priority area of work and *Sustainable Farms and Fields Climate Smart Farming Practices* and *Small Acreage Forest Stewardship Assistance* associated with the *Climate Resiliency* priority area of work. (See Appendix B and Appendix C for related budget by priority details.)

### **1. Water Quality Improvement**

The District’s water quality improvement goals are to increase awareness of impacts to water quality, provide education and technical support on implementing practices to sustain water quality, contribute to the upgrade of shellfish harvest areas, reduce nitrogen pollution in surface and groundwater, and reduce phosphorous in Lake Whatcom. Aligned programs and services focus on coordinating and interpreting local water quality data, developing and implementing livestock nutrient management plans, designing and installing phosphorous reducing landscaping, conducting outreach and engagement to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, and conducting research on the effectiveness of agriculture practices.

*Examples Water Quality Improvement Programs and Services –*

- Farm Conservation Planning – Assist commercial and noncommercial livestock and crop farms with managing their operations for productivity and environmental quality by

- planning and implementing practices that improve soil health and prevent erosion, reduce pollutants such as pathogens and nutrients in runoff, and protect critical areas.
- Lake Whatcom Watershed Residential Water Quality Program – Support Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham on addressing phosphorous induced harmful algal blooms by converting residential lawns to native plant landscaping.
  - Municipal NPDES Monitoring and Public Engagement Services – Implement NPDES permit public engagement requirements for in the City of Lynden and unincorporated Whatcom County through targeted-behavior change programs and the collection and interpretation water quality data.
  - Agriculture Research and Effectiveness Monitoring – Coordinate with land managers and regional partners on monitoring the effectiveness of agriculture best management practices, coordinate and interpret water quality data in partnership with Whatcom County’s Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program, evaluate the sources and extent of pollutants such as nitrogen, E.coli (*Escherichia coli*), and suspended solids, and administer the Whatcom County manure spreading advisory system.

*Typical Annual Investment and Funding Sources –*

The typical annual investment level is approximately \$807,690 per year. Current funding partners include Whatcom County, Washington State Department of Health, Washington State Conservation Commission, City of Bellingham, City of Lynden, USDA-NRCS, Washington State Department of Agriculture, BBWARM, and Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District.

**2. Aquatic and Upland Habitat Improvement**

The District’s habitat improvement goals are to foster community support for fish and wildlife habitat improvement, and promote landowner participation in improving riparian corridors and removing fish passage barriers. Aligned programs and services focus on planning, designing, and implementing projects that plant riparian buffers to improve stream conditions, and planning and removing fish passage barriers to re-open upstream areas previously inaccessible to salmon and other fish species.

*Example Fish and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Programs and Services –*

- *Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program* – Coordinate with state and federal partners and farmers to implement an agriculture land rental program to establish buffers of native trees and shrubs along fish bearing streams and rivers.
- *Regional Conservation Partnership Program* – Coordinate with state and federal partners and land owners/occupiers to remove fish impassible culverts and crossings on driveways and farm and forest roads.

- *Native Plant Sale & Residential Habitat Enhancement Projects* – Plan and facilitate an annual native tree, shrub, and groundcover sale to support residential and landowner implemented habitat stewardship and backyard conservation projects.
- *Residential and Working Lands Riparian Enhancement* – New this year is a proof-of-concept initiative in partnership with the WSCC to promote and implement salmon recovery practices through the voluntary stewardship model championed by conservation districts. The focus of this work will be on establishment of new riparian buffers at the reach scale.

*Typical Annual Investment and Funding Sources –*

The typical annual investment level is approximately \$765,350 per year. Current funding partners include Washington State Conservation Commission, Whatcom County, USDA NRCS/FSA, US FWS, and BBWARM. (This figure does not include funding for the new Residential and Working Lands Riparian Enhancement Program.)

**3. Water Quantity Management and Water Conservation**

The District’s water quantity management and water conservation goals are to increase awareness of water quantity improvement initiatives, provide education and technical support on practices to improve water-use efficiency, lead county-wide domestic water conservation program, and integrate irrigation efficiency practices into agriculture operations. Aligned programs and services focus on reducing residential water use through a residential water efficiency appliance rebate program, identifying and addressing barriers to agricultural irrigation water-use efficiency practices, and planning, designing, and implementing flood mitigation actions and drainage maintenance projects.

*Example Water Conservation and Water Quantity Management Programs and Services –*

- *Agriculture Water-use Efficiency* – Develop and disseminate on-line and direct marketing content on water efficiencies for agricultural water users, provide technical support on implementing irrigation efficiency practices, conduct research on drainage system and sub-surface groundwater management approaches that maintain crop productivity, and improve and advance *AgWeatherNet*-associated data collection and accessibility to inform sound irrigation decisions.
- *Domestic Water-use Efficiency* – Develop and administer the *Whatcom Water Alliance* domestic water-use efficiency rebate program, develop and monitor water usage and savings rates among WWA members, develop and deliver school-based water-use efficiency curricula and deliver to K-12 school in local school districts.
- *Flood Control and Agricultural Drainage Projects* – Support Whatcom County flood control projects by designing and implementing flood mitigation plans, and support local

Watershed Improvement Districts with planning and permitting drainage maintenance projects.

*Typical Annual Investment and Funding Sources –*

The typical annual investment level is approximately \$195,520 per year. Current funding partners include Washington Conservation Commission, Whatcom County, USDA-NRCS, and City of Lynden, Whatcom Water Alliance members, Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District, Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, and Whatcom Community Foundation.

**4. Working Lands Conservation**

The District's working lands conservation goals are to increase appreciation of and community support for the conservation of working lands, promote and increase awareness natural resource-based industries and associated sustainability approaches, highlight leaders in the farming, ranching, and forest management communities in local and regional media and communications, and collaborate with local and regional leaders on enhancing the land-management toolbox by advancing the voluntary stewardship model. Aligned programs and services focus on protecting agriculture lands through fee simple acquisitions and easement purchases, and promoting community awareness and support of farming, ranching, and forest industries through events and communications.

*Example Working Lands Conservation Programs and Services –*

- Farm and Forestland Conservation – Monitor and contribute to local agriculture conservation policy at the Agriculture Advisory Committee and Whatcom Conservation Easement Oversight Committee, support proposed agriculture and forestland easement purchases in partnership with the Whatcom Land Trust and the Whatcom County Conservation Easement Program, and prepare conservation plans and support landowner implementation of planned practices in association with easement programs.
- Promote Local Agriculture Industries Promotion and Engagement – Write and publish *Landowner Spotlights* to promote awareness of local agriculture by highlighting working lands landowner who are leaders in natural resource management on private lands, and promote local farming, ranching, and forestry industries through farm tours and other sponsored engagement activities such as the Farm Expo.

*Typical Annual Investment and Funding Sources –*

The typical annual investment level is approximately \$259,920 per year. Current funding partners include Washington Conservation Commission, Whatcom Community Foundation, and Whatcom County.



## 5. Climate Resiliency

The District's climate resiliency goals are to build community support for climate resiliency and preparedness through education and outreach, reduce wildfire-related risk and harm to people and property, and improve the capacity of residential and working lands to capture carbon. Aligned programs and services focus on planning, promoting, and implementing fire preparedness practices, and advancing native tree planting and retention efforts and climate-smart soil health practices.

### *Example Climate Resiliency Programs and Services –*

- Wildfire Risk Reduction Program – Promote and engage residents through Wildfire Awareness Month activities, conduct home wildfire risk assessments and prepare associated fire preparedness plans, especially in areas of moderate to high wildfire risk, support community enrollment in Firewise USA, and plan and implement fuel-reduction projects.
- Carbon Capture Capacity Development – Promote the carbon storage benefit of healthy trees, coordinate with *Whatcom Million Trees* project to increase new tree planting and promote tree retention throughout Whatcom County.
- Sustainable Farms and Fields Climate Smart Practices – New this year is a proof-of-concept initiative in partnership with the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) to promote and implement climate smart, carbon sequestering soil health and conservation practices.
- Small Acreage Forest Stewardship Assistance – Anticipated fiscal year 2024 (July 2023) is a proof-of-concept initiative in partnership with the WSCC and Washington Department of Natural Resources to deliver scaled forest stewardship planning services to small forest landowners for forest health, reduced land conversion, and retention of forest and tree canopy cover.

### *Typical Annual Investment and Funding Sources –*

The typical annual investment level is approximately \$246,520 per year. Current funding partners include Washington Conservation Commission, City of Bellingham, Skagit Conservation District, and Whatcom County. (This figure does not include new investments in the *Sustainable Farms and Fields Program* or *Small Acreage Forest Stewardship Assistance*.)

## **District Administration and Governance**

The District's Program of work is supported by an administrative system that includes governance and oversight by an all-volunteer 5-member Board of Supervisors and

management by a 3.25-3.75 FTEs. The cost of the District’s administration and governance functions is approximately 21% of direct program operating costs (assumes a \$2.3M operating budget). District administrative costs are funded by program grants and contracts. In addition to staff costs, District administration includes indirect items such as maintaining an office and vehicle fleet, providing computing equipment and related services, purchasing office supplies and equipment, etc.

## **RATES AND CHARGES REVENUE SUMMARY**

The District proposes an annual system of rates and charges with a \$5.00 per parcel cap and in some cases a per-landowner cap (see Appendix A). A rates and charges report prepared by the FCS Group details the rate schedule and underlying analysis. The full FCS Group rates and charges report is included by Exhibit in the District rates and charges submittal to the Whatcom County Executive and Whatcom County Council in July of 2022.

### **Rates and Charges Revenue**

A District system of rates and charges will be collected by the Whatcom County Treasurer and the rate schedule applied to eligible Whatcom County parcels included in the Whatcom County Assessor’s database. The District proposed rate schedule is estimated to generate approximately \$510,529 per year in revenue to implement the District Program of Work. This amount would be remitted to the District minus delinquencies and any retained fees, such as a fee retained by the Assessor’s Office to set-up and maintain the rates and charges roll.

Estimated collections	\$510,529
Estimated Delinquency	TBD
Assessor’s fee (NTE 1%)	TBD
Estimated amount remitted to District	\$510,529
District’s administration fee	TBD
Amount available for operations/programs/services	\$510,529
	(less fees/delinquencies)

### **Reconciliation of Other Revenue**

The cost of the District’s program of work is wholly funded through state and federal grants and local and regional inter-local agreement-based contracts. Most of these grants and contracts are one-time sources of funding. A fraction of these grants and contracts

(~\$550,000) are considered recurring on an annual basis during the time frame associated with the District's proposed system of rates and charges. These recurring sources of revenue are included in the FCS Group rates and charges analysis as an offset to the Program of Work budget funded by rates and charges.

### **Rates and Charges Revenue Allocation**

The Whatcom County Treasurer will remit approved rates and charges collections to the District. The District will allocate remitted rates and charges collections to implement the Program of Work in alignment with the natural resource priorities and consistent with the highlighted programs, services, and operations.

## **DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY & FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

Whatcom Conservation District is committed to open, transparent, and accountable governance. The District looks forward to collaborating with Whatcom County on implementing the District system of rates and charges and proposes the following associated fiscal responsibility and accountability actions.

### **Annual Reporting**

In accordance with the statutory requirements of Chapter 89.08.341 RCW, the District will provide regular reporting to Whatcom County. District reporting to Whatcom County will include an annual program of work to outline the upcoming fiscal year work plan priorities and an annual report to communicate actual fiscal year activities with expenditures.

### **Ongoing Stakeholder and Community Input**

The District is committed to accountable governance. The District will seek input from partner agencies, organizations, and residents of Whatcom County on a reoccurring basis to adaptively manage the District's programs and services for relevancy and effectiveness, to identify emerging natural resource management priorities, and to respond to unanticipated needs. Examples of engagement activities the District may conduct include using survey instruments to gather general input, convening round-tables to gather topical input, and engaging partners in an advisory capacity to the District Board of Supervisors. (See Appendix D for a report of stakeholder engagement on long-range priorities and rate and charges.)

## APPENDIX A

### WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT Rate Schedule and Revenue Calculation

Maximum Allowable Rates	Per Parcel	Per Acre
All Other Land Uses Max	\$ 5.0000	\$ 0.1000
Designated Forest Land Max	\$ 3.0000	\$ -

Land Use Category	Calculated Rates		No of Charge Units		Calculated Revenues		
	Per Parcel	Per Acre	No of Parcels	No of Acres	Parcel Charge	Acreage Charge	TOTAL
Residential	\$ 5.00	\$ -	73,598	65,474	\$ 367,990	\$ -	\$ 367,990
Commercial	\$ 4.99	\$ -	7,604	136,018	\$ 37,925	\$ -	\$ 37,925
Open Space	\$ 5.00	\$ -	1,237	13,187	\$ 6,183	\$ -	\$ 6,183
Institutional / Public	\$ 5.00	\$ -	634	2,805	\$ 3,168	\$ -	\$ 3,168
Agriculture	\$ 5.00	\$ -	5,501	109,325	\$ 27,496	\$ -	\$ 27,496
Designated Forest Land	\$ 2.99	\$ -	904	82,469	\$ 2,703	\$ -	\$ 2,703
Vacant / Undeveloped	\$ 5.00	\$ -	13,018	30,522	\$ 65,064	\$ -	\$ 65,064
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>102,496</b>	<b>439,800</b>	<b>\$ 510,529</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 510,529</b>

*per RCW forest land maxes out at \$3.00 per property owner and .01 per acre based on 10% of the weighted average of acreage charges imposed on all other land use categories*

## APPENDIX B

### WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Program of Work and Budget

Natural Resource Priority Allocations

Summary	Total Cost	Allocated Costs		
		Indirect	Direct	Total
Water Quality Improvement (Incl stormwater quality)	\$ 807,688	\$ 797,684	\$ 10,004	\$ 807,688
Aquatic& Upland Habitat Improvement	765,354	759,038	6,316	765,354
Water Quantity Improvement (Incl stormwater quantity)	195,518	194,254	1,264	195,518
Working Lands Conservation	259,920	256,962	2,958	259,920
Climate Resiliency	246,520	242,153	4,367	246,520
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,275,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,091</b>	<b>\$ 24,909</b>	<b>\$ 2,275,000</b>
less: Other Revenues	(550,000)			
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,725,000</b>			

APPENDIX C



**WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Program of Work and Budget  
Programs and Services Allocations**

Program/Service	Total Cost	Natural Resource Priorities Benefits (Cost per Program Group)				
		Water Quality Improvement (Incl stormwater quality)	Aquatic & Upland Habitat Improvement	Water Quantity Management (Incl stormwater quantity)	Working Lands Conservation	Climate Resiliency
<b>PROGRAM GROUP - Agriculture &amp; Working Lands Conservation</b>						
Commercial Farm Assistance	\$185,027	\$130,328	\$0	\$0	\$54,699	\$0
Non-commercial Farm Assistance	347,369	\$244,678	\$0	\$0	\$102,691	\$0
Agricultural Drainage Assistance	13,618	\$549	\$1,223	\$790	\$11,056	\$0
Local Food & Farming Support	16,012	\$645	\$1,438	\$930	\$12,189	\$810
Research & Effectiveness Monitoring	177,988	\$75,748	\$0	\$54,552	\$47,687	\$0
Farmland / Forestland Protection Support	5,635	\$237	\$2,374	\$341	\$2,385	\$297
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 745,649</b>	<b>\$452,186</b>	<b>\$5,035</b>	<b>\$56,613</b>	<b>\$230,707</b>	<b>\$1,108</b>
<b>PROGRAM GROUP - F&amp;W Habitat Improvements</b>						
Riparian Habitat Enhancement	\$618,322	\$142,399	\$475,923	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fish Habitat Enhancement	72,555	\$0	\$72,555	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Habitat Enhancement	13,192	\$0	\$13,192	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$704,069</b>	<b>\$142,399</b>	<b>\$561,670</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>PROGRAM GROUP - Climate Resiliency &amp; Preparedness</b>						
Agriculture Water Conservation	\$36,863	\$0	\$0	\$19,696	\$0	\$17,167
Domestic Water Conservation	114,773	\$0	\$0	\$61,323	\$0	\$53,450
Extreme Weather Event Response	27,007	\$11,974	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,033
Wildfire Risk Reduction Services	142,102	\$0	\$12,748	\$0	\$21,612	\$107,743
Climate-Friendly Farming Practices (WSSC SF&F)	34,358	\$1,372	\$0	\$1,976	\$1,728	\$29,283
Forest Health & Stewardship (WSSC / WA DNR)	34,749	\$0	\$7,643	\$9,881	\$0	\$17,225
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$389,853</b>	<b>\$13,346</b>	<b>\$20,391</b>	<b>\$92,877</b>	<b>\$23,339</b>	<b>\$239,900</b>
<b>PROGRAM GROUP - Community Stormwater &amp; Habitat Improvements</b>						
Lake Whatcom Stormwater & Habitat Enhancement	\$205,163	\$149,606	\$55,557	\$0	\$0	\$0
School & Community-based Watershed Education	32,858	\$4,665	\$10,088	\$6,719	\$5,874	\$5,512
Municipal Stormwater & Habitat Enhancement	105,065	\$45,486	\$20,270	\$39,309	\$0	\$0
Native Plant Sale	92,343	\$0	\$92,343	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$435,429</b>	<b>\$199,757</b>	<b>\$178,258</b>	<b>\$46,028</b>	<b>\$5,874</b>	<b>\$5,512</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,275,000</b>	<b>\$807,688</b>	<b>\$765,354</b>	<b>\$195,518</b>	<b>\$259,920</b>	<b>\$246,520</b>

# APPENDIX D

## Rates and Charges Development

### Stakeholder Engagement Program of Work Development

During the first half of calendar year 2022, the Whatcom Conservation District launched a long-range planning and rates and charges stakeholder engagement process. This effort included an on-line survey directed at the entire Whatcom County community, direct outreach to stakeholders and elected representatives, and two public hearings. The purpose of the on-line survey and direct outreach effort was to gather public input and recommendations on the future and ongoing conservation focus of the District. The purpose of the public hearings was to gather public comment on the specific program of work and rates and charges appropriations budget.

#### On-line Survey –

As of May 31, 2022, 244 Whatcom County residents responded to the survey. Survey responses were in alignment with the District's current program of work. For example, all respondents identified agriculture, aquatic areas, and forest conservation as their top three natural resource management and conservation programming priorities. Additionally, 75% of respondents indicated a willingness to pay a conservation district fee to support delivery of that programming, and 55% of those indicated a willingness to pay a fee in an amount that exceeds the statutory limit for conservation districts, which is \$5.00 per parcel and 10 cents per acre per year. Responses also suggested new and enhanced areas of programmatic focus, including more residential upland habitat enhancement services such as tree planting and native plant landscaping, additional services to assist landowners with address the impacts of floods, and new climate resiliency aligned forest stewardship services. The District is continuing to promote the survey and collect survey responses on an ongoing basis. (Preliminary survey responses are summarized in a following report.)

#### Direct Outreach to Key Stakeholders and Elected Representatives –

Direct outreach was conducted with 122 stakeholders and elected representatives, including incorporated and unincorporated neighborhood associations, service organizations, and interest groups (for example, Whatcom County Commercial Fishermen's Association); local government representatives, including city mayors and council members, and the Whatcom County Executive and Whatcom County Councilmembers; non-profit organizations; other special purpose districts in the agriculture, environmental, and community development

sectors; state and federal partners (e.g., WA DNR, USDA NRCS); and the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Tribe. Engagement took the form of email and phone-based invitation to discuss natural resource conservation priorities; email, phone, and presentation-based discussions. The District is continuing to engage stakeholders and consider input on an ongoing basis. (A record of one-on-one stakeholder engagement activities is included in a following table.)

*Rates and Charges Public Hearings –*

Based on stakeholder input collected through the long-range planning-associated survey, direct engagements with stakeholders, as well as other District considerations, the Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors worked with staff and the FCS Group, a regional leader in rate model development, to develop a proposed system of rates and charges. The Board presented the proposed system of rates and charges and associated program of work and budget during two public hearings – one on July 7, 2022 and the other on July 11, 2022. The purpose of the public hearings was to gather and consider public comment on a proposed system of rates and charges to fund the District’s conservation activities and programs within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Whatcom County. The District received written public comment from one individual and oral public comment from two individuals. Public hearings were announced by legal notice in the Bellingham Herald on June 24, 2022 and July 1, 2022, the Lynden Tribune on June 29, 2022, and the Northern Light on June 30, 2022; physical postings in 32 public locations in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Whatcom County beginning June 23, 2022; on the District web page beginning Jun 22, 2022; and through District social media posts and boosted advertisements. (A record of public hearing noticing and advertising activities is included in a following table.)



# APPENDIX D

## Stakeholder Engagement Program of Work Development On-line Survey, Preliminary Results

1. Which three natural resources in Whatcom County are the most important for your District to conserve, enhance or protect? Please list in order of priority.

Results are summarized below in pie charts by number of responses.

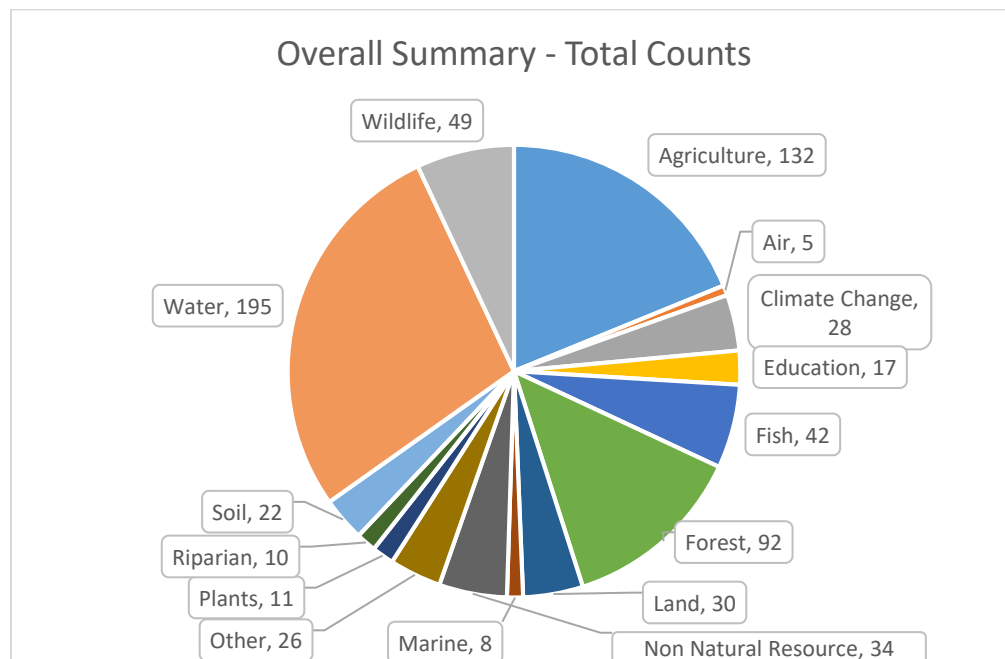
Examples of responses in the top three categories are below:

**Water** = “Clean water/streams” “Shoreline” “Water Quality/quantity” “water supply and quality”

**Agriculture/Farmland** = “active agriculture” “Farm Stewardship” “Open farmland” “Maintain agricultural areas”

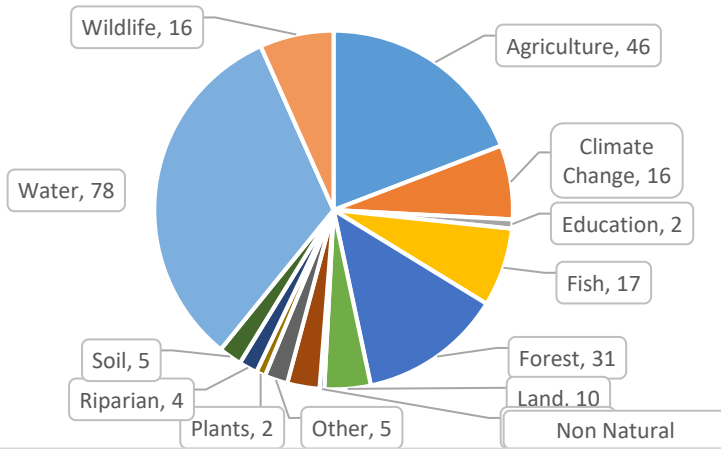
**Forest** = “Timber Resources” “Forest ecosystems” “Trees” “forested/vegetated riparian buffers”

**Non Natural Resource** = “Development rights” “Recreation” “Noise” “Traffic”

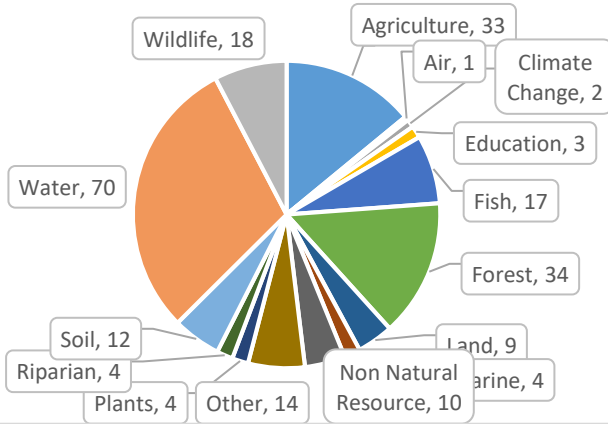


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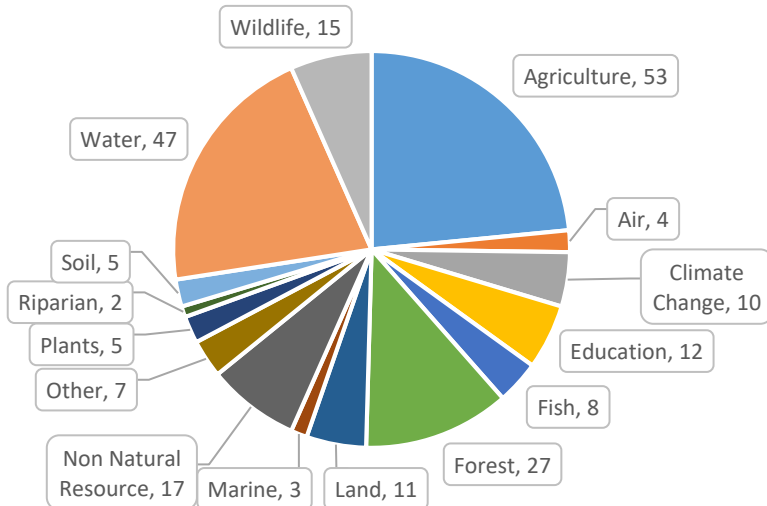
## 1st Choice Summary



## 2nd Choice Summary



## 3rd Choice Summary



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2. **Of the following areas\* of conservation programming, which are the most important for the District to offer? Please rank the 7 areas of programming in order of priority.** (Selections were randomized for each participant)

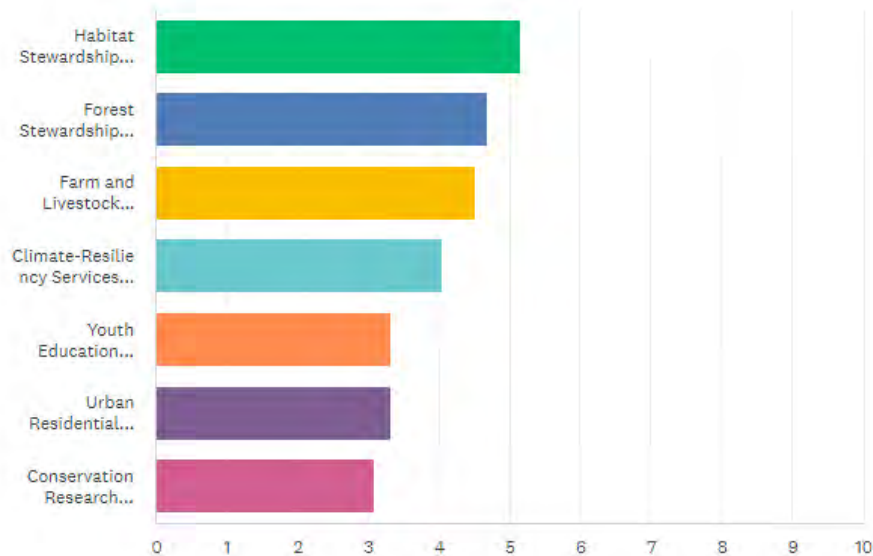
- Habitat Stewardship Services
- Forest Stewardship Services
- Farm and Livestock Services
- Climate-Resiliency Services
- Youth Education Services
- Urban Residential Services
- Conservation Research Services

\* Note that under each category were examples of service options

**Summary of responses** are below by their weighted average. Habitat, Forests, Farms stewardship as well as Climate-Resiliency services were the highest-ranking priority conservation programs for the District. Which follow closely to the NRP areas identified in question 1.

Of the following areas of conservation programming, which are the most important for the District to offer? Please rank the 7 areas of programming in order of priority.

Answered: 245 Skipped: 8



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3. What options didn't you see above, or additional criteria you would add, that you believe the District should offer?

[These responses have not been summarized or coded at this time, see [LINK](#) for all results]

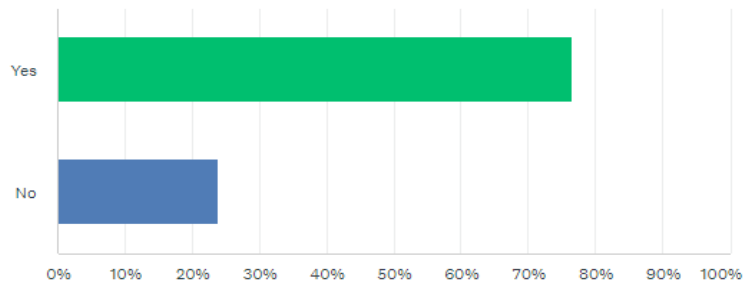
4. Would you be willing to pay an annual conservation fee to implement the District programs and activities you identified in Questions 1, 2, and 3?

- Yes
- No

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents 76% be willing to pay an annual conservation fee to implement the District programs and activities. (N=242)

Would you be willing to pay an annual conservation fee to implement the District programs and activities you identified in Questions 1, 2, and 3?

Answered: 242 Skipped: 4



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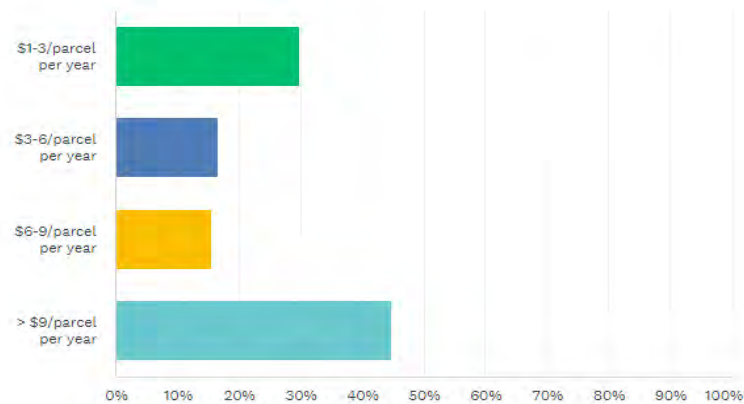
5. If yes, which of the following annual fee ranges would you pay to implement those District programs and activities?

- \$1-3/parcel per year
- \$3-6/parcel per year
- \$6-9/parcel per year
- >\$9/parcel per year

**Results indicate** 29% are willing to pay \$1-\$3 per parcel at with 49% of respondents would be willing to pay >\$9 per parcel.

If yes, which of the following annual fee ranges would you pay to implement those District programs and activities?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 65



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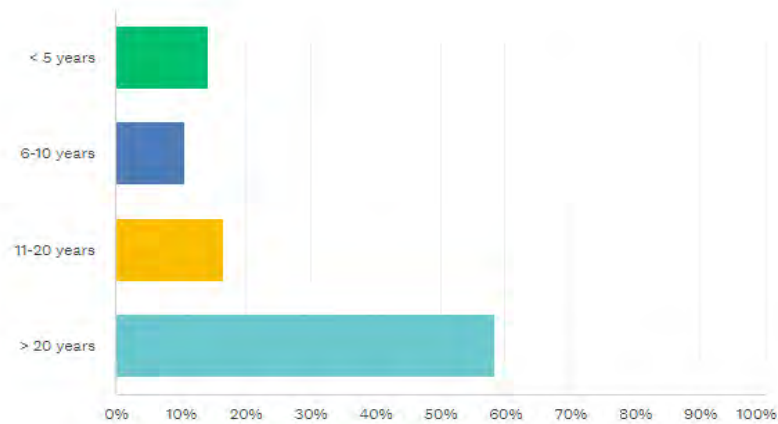
## 6. How long have you lived in Whatcom County?

- < 5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- >20 years

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents 58% are long term residents of Whatcom County >20 years. (N=255) It could then be inferred that they are vested in the community, familiar with natural resource challenges.

### How long have you lived in Whatcom County?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 1



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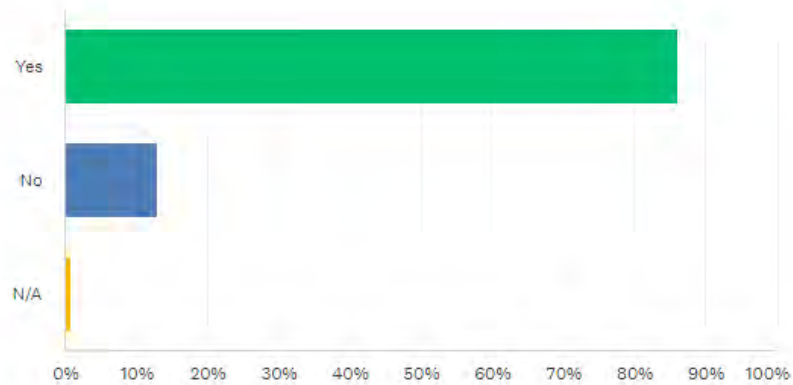
## 7. Do you own your parcel/property?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents 86% own property in Whatcom County. It could be inferred that they understand the challenges around land ownership, cost of current property taxes, and value programs that help steward their land. (N=246)

### Do you own your parcel/property?

Answered: 246 Skipped: 0



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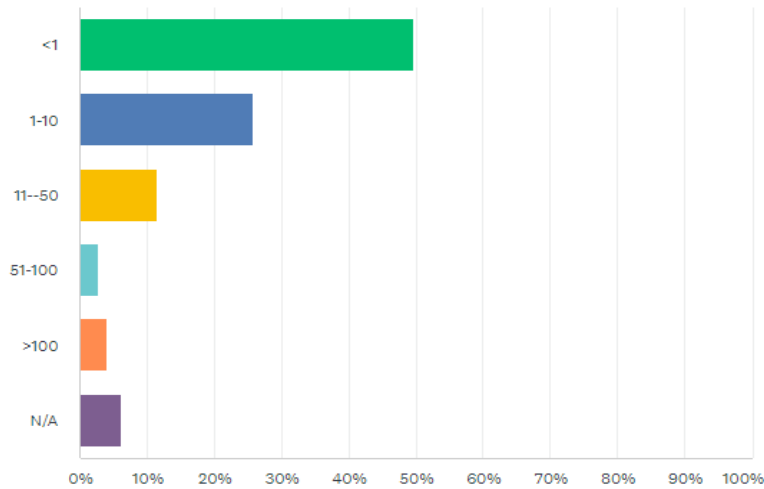
## 8. How many acres of land do you own, lease and/or manage?

- <1
- 1-10
- 11--50
- 51-100
- >100
- N/A

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents 49% own/manage less than 1 acres of land, but 28% own/manage 1-10 acres. (N=244)

How many acres of land do you own, lease and/or manage?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
<1	49.59% 121
1-10	25.82% 63
11--50	11.48% 28
51-100	2.87% 7
>100	4.10% 10
N/A	6.15% 15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>244</b>



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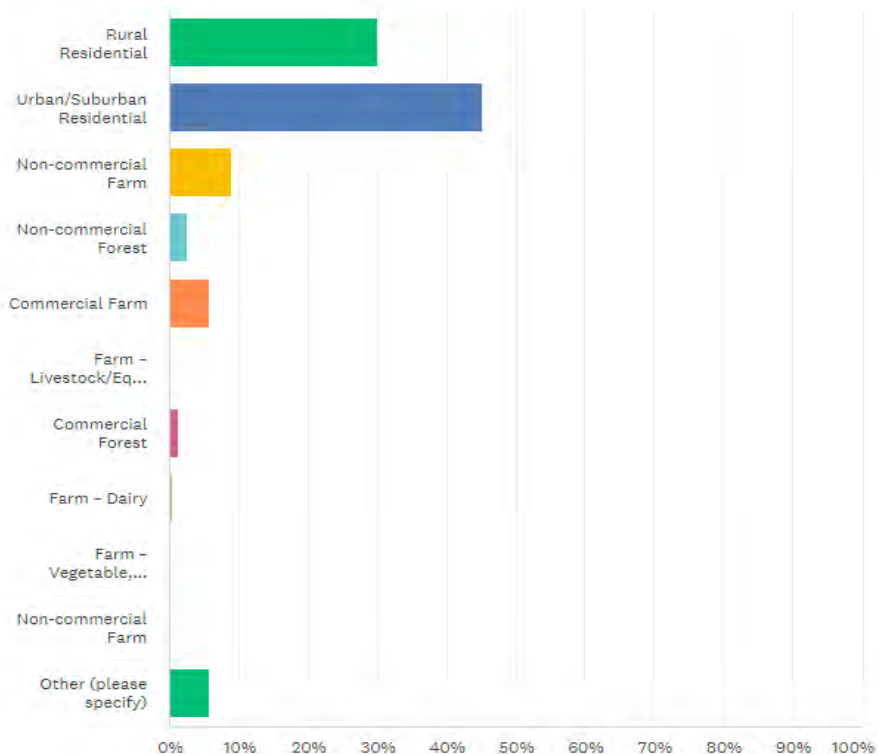
## 9. Select the type of landownership or operation that best describes your situation.

- Rural Residential
- Urban/Suburban Residential
- Non-commercial Farm
- Non-commercial Forest
- Commercial Farm
- Commercial Forest
- Other (please specify)

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents 45% are Urban/Suburban Residential landowners with a mix of rural and urban. It could be inferred then that their interest in natural resource conservation is driven by intrinsic values rather than economic as they are not living off of the land they manage. (N=243)

Select the type of landownership or operation that best describes your situation.

Answered: 243 Skipped: 3



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Rural Residential	30.04%	73
▼ Urban/Suburban Residential	45.27%	110
▼ Non-commercial Farm	9.05%	22
▼ Non-commercial Forest	2.47%	6
▼ Commercial Farm	5.76%	14
▼ Farm - Livestock/Equine	0.00%	0
▼ Commercial Forest	1.23%	3
▼ Farm - Dairy	0.41%	1
▼ Farm - Vegetable, Nursery/Greenhouse/Floriculture & Sod	0.00%	0
▼ Non-commercial Farm	0.00%	0
▼ Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 5.76%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>243</b>

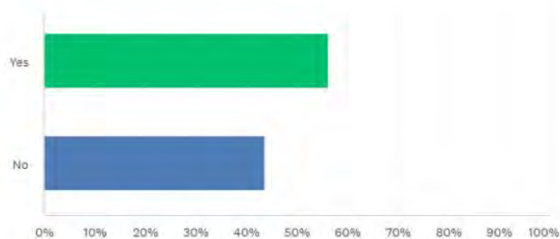
## 10. Does your land contain or is it adjacent to a waterbody (examples include marine shoreline, creek, and wetland)?

- Yes
- No

**Results indicate** that half of respondents (56%) live adjacent to a waterbody. This is interesting as the results for question #1 indicate water as being a priority resource for protection. It can also be inferred that this is not representative of Whatcom County as a whole in that it is not possible that >50% of Whatcom county residents live adjacent to a water body, but it does make sense that those living next to water would care more deeply about its protection. (N=249)

Does your land contain or is it adjacent to a waterbody (examples include marine shoreline, creek, and wetland)?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	56.22%	140
▼ No	43.78%	109
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>249</b>

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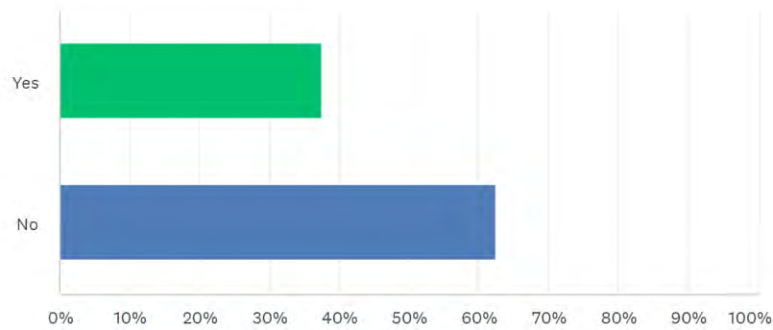
## 11. Does your land contain a woodlot or forest?

- Yes
- No

**Results indicate** that the majority of respondents (38%) own/manage land with woodland forest (land containing growing trees). While only 62% do not have any woodland. (N=250)

### Does your land contain a woodlot or forest?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.60%	94
No	62.40%	156
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>250</b>

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<b>NON PROFITS - Service Clubs</b>											
Mt.Baker Rotary		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Lynden Breakfast Kiwanis Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Lynden Noon Kiwanis Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020, Presentation - 2020	Completed					
Lynden Lions Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis		Scheduled					
Birch Bay Lions Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Eagles		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Bellingham City Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
League of Women Voters	Joy Monjure, President	Heather Christianson	B Reed	Heather Christianson							
Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Bellingham Central Lions Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Bellingham Moose Lodge #493		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Whatcom Masonic Lodge #151		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Bellingham Eagles #31		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Elks Lodge #194		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9301	Lori Nettles-aux chief of staff	Valeri Wade	B Reed	Valeri Wade							
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020, Presentation - 2020	Completed					
South Fork Valley Community		Larry Davis		Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020, Presentation - 2020	Completed					
	Matthew Thoomey		A. Sweeney								
<b>NON PROFITS - Ag</b>											
Farm Bureau		Suzzi Snyder		Suzzi Snyder	Phone - SSnyder; Follow-up B.Reed. Invited to introduce new DM and extend LRP invitation at 6/21/2022 FB Mtg. Brandy Will Attend.	Completed - Initial outreach (Suzzi/Brandy)					
	Ben Elenbaas, Troy Lenssen		C. Cheever								
Cattlemens	Branden Brink, Ben Elenbaas	Suzzi Snyder	C. Cheever	Suzzi Snyder							
Save Family Farming/WWF	Fred Likkel	Suzzi Snyder	A. Sweeney	Suzzi Snyder	Emailed invitation to ED	Completed (Brandy)					
Raspberry Growers	Henry Beirlink	Suzzi Snyder	C. Cheever	Suzzi Snyder							
Northwest Agriculture Business Center	David Bauermeister	Fred Berman	B Reed / C. Cheever	Fred Berman							
Bellingham Farmers Market Assoc.		Fred Berman	B Reed / C. Cheever	Fred Berman							
Community Food Coop/Farm Fund		Fred Berman	B Reed / C. Cheever	Fred Berman							
Whatcom Food Network		Fred Berman	B Reed / C. Cheever	Fred Berman							
WSU Extension		Fred Berman	B Reed / C. Cheever	Fred Berman							
<b>NON PROFITS - Other</b>											
Master Gardener/Garden Clubs	Beth Chisholm	Valeri Wade	A. Sweeney	Valeri Wade							
Lummi Island Community Assoc	Greg Hall-prez & web admin	Valeri Wade	B.Reed	Valeri Wade	emailed(Val)	rec'd response	emailed with requests(Val)	subcommittee request for help			
Landscapers Group											
Northwest Business Club	Gary Goldfogel, Chair	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed letter on 04.20.22	Waiting for response					
Blaine Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis							
Everson-Nooksack Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Sumas Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis		Completed	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
Lynden Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Mt. Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce		Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed - 2020	Completed					
Common Threads Farm	Laura Plaut	Fred Berman		Fred Berman							
<b>Neighborhood Associations - Bellingham</b>											
Whatcom Falls Community Association	Stephen Dillon, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.23.22	Waiting for response					
Alabama Hill Neighborhood Association	Dean Haskins, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Barkley Neighborhood Association	Bob Putich, President	Fred Berman	B Reed	Fred Berman	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Birchwood Neighborhood Association	Kelly Morqan, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
City Center Neighborhood Association	Elie Samuel, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association	Kathryn Rismondo, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Roosevelt Neighborhood Association	David Dopps, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Sehome Neighborhood Association	Robin Thomas, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					

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York Neighborhood Association	Tom Scott, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.23.22	Completed.	VM for President (Colin Beazley), coordinating to provide a WCD presentation on 5/25/2022				
Columbia Neighborhood Association	Deb Valentine, President	Larry Davis/Valeri Wade	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Cornwall Neighborhood Association	Yarrow Greer, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Edgemoor Neighborhood Association	Barbara Ryan, MNAC Rep.	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Fairhaven Neighborhood Association	Brooks Anderson, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
King Mountain Neighborhood Association	Callum McSherry, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 2020	Completed	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response			
Puget Neighborhood Association	Kevin Jenkins, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Samish Neighborhood Association	Steve Abell, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Silver Beach Neighborhood Association	Kurt Gazow, MNAC Rep.	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.25.22	Waiting for response					
South Neighborhood Association	Monica Cassidy, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
Sunnyland Neighborhood Association	Erica Charboneau, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.23.22	Waiting for response					
South Hill Neighborhood Association	Scott Jones, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response					
South Fork Valley Community Association	Jeff Margolis, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.27.22	Completed 2020; Waiting for response					
Cordata Neighborhood Association	Kate McDonald, President	Larry Davis	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Completed 2020; Waiting for response					
Meridian Neighborhood Association	No contacts listed										
Irongate Neighborhood Association	No contacts listed										
Happy Valley Neighborhood Association	Alex McLean, President	Larry Davis/Valeri Wade	B Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22						
Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (Bellingham)	Shelley Hale, Staff	Larry Davis/Valeri Wade		Larry Davis	Emailed 5/9/2022.	Completed	President Hale, responded; forwarded Larry's email to Janice/Jennifer about adding WCD presentation to agenda				
<b>NON PROFITS - Professional</b>											
Whatcom Women in Business			B Reed								
WC Assoc. of Realtors		Suzzi Snyder	B Reed	Suzzi Snyder	Phone - SSnyder; Follow-up B.Reed. Offered presentation to Association. Awaiting reply.						
<b>NON PROFITS - Environmental</b>											
Lummi Island Heritage Trust	Susan Hutton-exec dir	Valeri Wade	A. Sweeney	Valeri Wade							
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc.		Larry Davis/Valeri Wade	A. Sweeney	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.20.22	NSEA ED forwarded to the full NSEA Board; NSEA Board requests presentation.	R. Vasek invited WCD to present to NSEA Board in July. Larry D has volunteered present.	Completed (7/26) - Larry			
ReSources	Rachel Vasak Janet Marino-operations/finance director		A. Sweeney		In person 5-11-22	Left card. Said they'd put the word out on their internal network					
Sustainable Connections *Cloud Mountain Farm Center	Derek Long/Elizabeth Hayes	Valeri Wade	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Valeri Wade							
Whatcom Land Trust	Gabe Epperson	Valeri Wade/Fred Berman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Valeri Wade/Fred Berman							
North Cascades Audubon Society	Steven Harper-prez	Valeri Wade	B. Reed / F. Corey	Valeri Wade	emailed(Val)	rec'd response	emailed with suggestions(Val)	request for discussion of presentation			
<b>POLITICAL ORGS</b>											
Whatcom Democrats		Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	posted to facebook						
42nd Legislative District Democrats		Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	posted to discussion board						
Democratic Women of Whatcom		Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson							
Whatcom Republicans		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder							
<b>GOVERNMENT, LOCAL</b>											
Whatcom County Council											
District 1	Kaylee Galloway	Heather Christianson	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson			emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings			
District 2	Todd Donovan	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson			emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings			
District 3	Tyler Byrd	Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder			emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings			
District 4	Kathy Kershner	Larry Davis	B. Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.22.22	Waiting for response	Follow-up call with staff, requested a call back from Kathy	Next step - follow up after public hearings	emailed - HC		
District 5	Ben Elenbaas	Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Suzzi Snyder	Phone - SSnyder; Follow-up B.Reed. Discussed COA exemption, discussed stable funding needs. Agreed to provide follow-up documentation (RCW/Survey links). Offered Chair/Vice Chair follow-up meeting	Completed - Initial outreach (Suzzi/Brandy)	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings	emailed - HC		
At-large, Position A	Barry Buchanan	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson			emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings			
At-large, Position b	Carol Frazy	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Completed. Meeting scheduled (7/20)	Meeting - HC/BR	7/14 - working to schedule time to meet	Completed. Share follow-up collateral.		
Water Resources Committee	Gary Stoyka		B. Reed		Phone						
Natural Resources Committee			B. Reed								
Executive		Heather Christianson	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	Phone		emailed - HC				
Citizen Advisory Committees											
Aq Advisory Committee	Joshua Fleischmann	Alan Chapman	B. Reed	Alan Chapman	Email Announcement	Completed					
Marine Resource Committee		Alan Chapman	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Alan Chapman							
WRIA 1 Planning Unit	Becky Peterson	Alan Chapman	B. Reed	Alan Chapman	Phone						
Small Cities Caucus			B. Reed								

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Environmental Caucus		Alan Chapman	B. Reed	Alan Chapman		Completed					
Drayton Harbor Shellfish Advisory Committee		Alan Chapman	A. Sweeney/B.Reed	Alan Chapman	Public Comment, 4/28, 3:00-5:00PM	Completed					
Portage Bay Shellfish Advisory Committee		Alan Chapman	A. Sweeney/B.Reed	Alan Chapman	Public Comment, 4/28, 3:00-5:00PM	Completed					
WRIA 1											
WRIA 1 Management Team	Becky Peterson	Alan Chapman	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Alan Chapman							
WRIA Management Board	Becky Peterson	Alan Chapman	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Alan Chapman	Emailed Coordinator	Completed (Brandy)	Public Comment (4/28) about the long range plan and seurvey. The link was provided	Completed (Alan)			
WRIA 1 Planning Unit	Becky Peterson	Alan Chapman	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Alan Chapman	Emailed Coordinator	Completed (Brandy)	Presented (4/27) to caucus attendees offered to have a presentation on CD services/programs. Link to Survey shared.	Completed (Alan)			
Bellingham											
Mayor	Seth Fleetwood	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Council	see below	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	Written Public Comment (On behalf of the Whatcom Conservation District Board of Supervisors, we invite Bellingham Councilmembers and constituents to complete a short survey to help shape the future conservation priorities of the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD). Link to survey - <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVNTT6Z">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVNTT6Z</a> . Link to WCD information - <a href="https://www.whatcomcd.org/long-range-plan">https://www.whatcomcd.org/long-range-plan</a> . WCD Board and staff are available to meet one-on-one with Councilmembers and the Mayor as well as present on current WCD programs and services. Kind Regards, Brandy Reed, District Manager.)	Completed (Brandy)					
First Ward	Hannah Stone	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Second Ward	Hollie Huthman	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Third Ward	Daniel Hammil	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Fourth Ward	Edwin H. "Skip" Williams	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Fifth Ward	Lisa Anderson	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Sixth Ward	Michael Lilliquist	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
At Large	Kristina Michele Martens	Heather Christianson	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	emailed - HC						
Blaine											
Mayor	Mary Lou Steward	Larry Davis	B. Reed	Larry Davis	Emailed 04.28.22	Waiting for response					
Council		Larry Davis	B. Reed	Larry Davis							
Ward 1 - Position 1 and Mayor Pro Tem	Richard May	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Ward 1 - Position 2	Kerena Higgins	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Ward 2 - Position 3	Garth Baldwin	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Ward 2 - Position 4	Rhyan Lopez	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Ward 3 - Position 5	Mary Lou Steward	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Ward 3 - Position 6	Eric Davidson	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
At-Large - Position 7	Mike Hill	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Everson											
Mayor		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder	Emailed 2020	Waiting for response	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
	John Perry	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:mayor@ci.everson.wa.us">mayor@ci.everson.wa.us</a>	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				

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Council Position No. 1	Trevon Myhre	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	tmyhre@ci.everson.wa.us	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council Position No. 2	Jennifer Lautenbach	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	jlautenbach@ci.everson.wa.us	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council Position No. 3	Matthew Goering	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	mgoering@ci.everson.wa.us	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council Position No. 4	John Hammond	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	jhammond@ci.everson.wa.us	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council Position No. 5	Ashley Brown	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	abrown@ci.everson.wa.us	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Ferndale Mayor	Greg Hansen	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	Larry Davis Emailed 04. 28.22	Waiting for response	HC emailed 7-5-2022	Next step - follow up after public hearings			
Council Position 1	Herb Porter	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	Larry Davis - Emailed 2020	In progress					
Position 2	Ali Hawkinson	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Position 3	Erin Gunter	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Position 4	Paul Shuey	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Position 5	Ryan O'Larey	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Position 6	Robert Pinkley	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Position 7	Jon Mutchler	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings					
Lynden Mayor		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Suzzi Snyder	Emailed 2020	Waiting for response	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
	Scott Korthuis	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	korthuiss@lyndenwa.org	emailed - HC	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Suzzi Snyder	S.Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)					
Position No. 1	Gary Bode (Mayor Pro Tem)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence councilmember at CityHall@lyndenwa.org	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Position No. 2	Ron DeValois	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Position No. 3	Gerald Kuiken	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Position No. 4	Brent Lenssen	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Position No. 5	Nick Laninga	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Position No. 6	Kyle Strengholt	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Position No. 7	Mark Wohlrab	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	Email correspondence	HC emailed					
Nooksack Mayor		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder							
	Kevin Hester	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	kevin@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder	Emailed 2020	In progress					
	Steve Neyens (2022-2025)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	citycouncil@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Randy Relethford (2022-2025)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	citycouncil@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Collin Hester (2022-2025)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	citycouncil@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Ryan Steward (2021-2023)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	citycouncil@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Marshall Judy (2021-2023)	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	citycouncil@cityofnooksack.com	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				

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STAKEHOLDER		WCD TEAM			CONTACT RECORD						
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Sumas Mayor		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder	S. Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)					
	Honorable Bruce Bosch	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:bbosch@cityofsumas.com">bbosch@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Council		Suzzi Snyder	B. Reed	Suzzi Snyder	Emailed 2020	Completed	S. Snyder emailed 6/24/2022. Next Steps – Consider sending follow-up email by 6/6 to notify about public hearings, and another email late July to notify about System of R&C and offer to meet to discuss.	Completed - Initial (2022)			
	Rich Postma	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:rpostma@cityofsumas.com">rpostma@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Deborah Morgan	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:DMorgan@cityofsumas.com">DMorgan@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Josh Clawson	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:jclawson@cityofsumas.com">jclawson@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Jesse Clawson	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:JAClawson@cityofsumas.com">JAClawson@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
	Todd Daniels	Heather Christianson		Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:tdaniels@cityofsumas.com">tdaniels@cityofsumas.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
Watershed Improvement Districts											
Aq Water Board Drayton		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	In progress	Emailed invitation to ED	Completed (Brandy)			
		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed	Presentation (4/19) with run through of process and survey				
North Lynden		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed	Presentation (4/19) with run through of process and survey				
South Lynden		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed					
Sumas		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed	Presentation (4/12) with run through of process and survey				
Bertrand		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed	Presentation (4/11/22) with run through of process and survey				
Laurel		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / F. Corey	Alan Chapman	Emailed 2020	Completed	Presentation (4/11/22) with run through of process and survey				
<b>GOVERNMENT, STATE</b>											
WA State Legislature											
Senate											
District 40	Senator Liz Lovelett	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:Liz.Lovelett@leg.wa.gov">Liz.Lovelett@leg.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
District 42	Senator Simon Sefzik	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:Simon.Sefzik@leg.wa.gov">Simon.Sefzik@leg.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	7/14 Update - Sandy Ruff responded - Senator Sefzik would like to meet, but not available until Fall - Sandy will reach out closer to Fall to schedule				Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
House											
District 40	Representative Debra Lekanoff	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	Snail mailed letter on 04.20.22	Waiting for response, will fo	<a href="mailto:debra@debralekanoff.com">debra@debralekanoff.com</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings		Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
District 40	Representative Alex Ramel	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:alex.ramel@leg.wa.gov">alex.ramel@leg.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
District 42	Representative Alicia Rule	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:alicia.rule@leg.wa.gov">alicia.rule@leg.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
District 42	Representative Sharon Shewmake	Heather Christianson	B. Reed/A. Sweeney	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:sharon.shewmake@leg.wa.gov">sharon.shewmake@leg.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				Include next biennium legislation and budget msgs
Governor's Office											
NW WA Regional Representative	Joe Timmons	Heather Christianson	B. Reed	Heather Christianson	<a href="mailto:joe.timmons@gov.wa.gov">joe.timmons@gov.wa.gov</a>	HC emailed	Next step - follow up after public hearings				
State Agencies											
WA DNR	Hillary Franz	Valeri Wade	B. Reed	Valeri Wade							
<b>GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL</b>											
NRCS	Alex Hall		B. Reed / C. Cheever								
FSA			B. Reed / F. Corey								
<b>TRIBES</b>											
Lummi Nation	Lawrence	Alan Chapman	B. Reed / C. Cheever	Alan Chapman	Letter + Info	In progress					
Nooksack Tribe of Indians		Alan Chapman	B. Reed / A. Sweeney	Alan Chapman	Letter + Info	In progress					
<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>											
Eric Hirst		Valeri Wade	B. Reed / A. Sweeney		Email, invitation to ED	Completed (Brandy)					



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<b>INTEREST GROUPS</b>											
Whatcom County Commercial Fishermen's Association		Alan Chapman		Alan Chapman	Presented (4/30) on LRP & survey (All current candidates for office were present, spoke briefly with Sefsik, Shoemaker, Rule, Elenbaas, also with Elli Kinley and Lisa Wilson from Lummi)	Completed (Alan)					
Blessing of the Fleet and Remembrance		Alan Chapman		Alan Chapman	(5/1) Discussions with Elenbaas and Wilson on issues	Completed (Alan)					
<b>Neighborhood Associations - Census-designated Places</b>											
Acme											
Birch Bay											
Custer											
Deming											
Geneva											
Glacier											
Kendall											
Maple Falls											
Peaceful Valley											
Point Roberts	Jill Nixon (WC Staff Lead)										
Sudden Valley											
<b>Neighborhood Associations - Unincorporated Communities</b>											
Blue Canyon											
Chuckanut											
Clearbrook											
Clipper											
Dewey											
Diablo											
Laurel											
Lummi Island											
Lummi Island Public Dock Advisory Committee		Valeri Wade				Invited to Discuss Associated env impacts	5-26-22 emailed info on grants for lg boat docks from RCO				
Newhalem											
Saxon											
Van Buren											
Wahl											

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Public Hearing Noticing and Advertising Record

Location	Date	City Hall		Library		Post Office		Other (specify)		Other (specify)	
		Date	Address	Date	Address	Date	Address	Date	Address	Date	Address
Incorporated Areas											
Bellingham	6/29/2022	210 Lottie St, Bellingham, WA 98225	6/29/2022	(Central) 210 Central Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225		Prospect, Magnolia and Orleans POs - NA	12:00:00 AM	Fairhaven library branch, 1117 12th St, Bellingham, WA 98225			
Blaine	6/29/2022	435 Martin St, Blaine, WA 98230	6/23/2022	610 3rd St, Blaine, WA 98230	6/23/2022	701 Harrison Ave, Blaine, WA 98230, In break room					
Everson	6/29/2022	111 W Main St, Everson, WA 98247	6/23/2022	104 Kirsch Drive, Everson, WA 98247	6/23/2022	108 Blair Dr, Everson, WA 98247					
Ferndale	6/23/2022	2095 Main St, Ferndale, WA 98248	6/29/2022	2125 Main St, Ferndale, WA 98248	6/23/2022	5703 4th Ave, Ferndale, WA 98248, waiting on photo					
Lynden	6/23/2022	300 4th St, Lynden, WA, 98264	6/23/2022	216 4th St, Lynden, WA 98264		NA	6/29/2022	Whatcom Conservation District, 6975 Hannegan Road, Lynden, WA 98264	6/29/2022	Rusty Wagon, 6937 Hannegan Road, Lynden, WA 98264	
Nooksack	6/23/2022	103 W Madison St, Nooksack, WA 98276	6/23/2022	104 Kirsch Drive, Everson, WA 98247	6/23/2022	108 Blair Dr, Everson, WA 98247					
Sumas	6/29/2022	433 Cherry St, Sumas, WA 98295		NA		NA					
Unincorporated Areas											
Deming		NA	6/23/2022	5044 Mt Baker Hwy, Deming, WA 98244	6/23/2022	5014 Deming Rd, Deming, WA 98244	6/29/2022	Nugents Corner Market, 3705 Mt Baker Hwy, Everson, WA 98247			
Acme					6/23/2022	2026 Valley Hwy, Acme, WA 98220					
Glacier		NA		NA	6/23/2022	9973 Mt Baker Hwy, Deming, WA 98244					
Kendall		NA	6/29/2022	7506 Kendall Rd, Maple Falls, WA 98266		NA	6/23/2022	East Whatcom Regional Resource Center 8251 Kendall Rd, Maple Falls, WA 98266			
Maple Falls		NA		NA	6/23/2022	7392 Mt Baker Hwy, Maple Falls, WA 98266					
Van Zandt		NA		NA		NA	6/23/2022	Van Zandt Community Hall 4106 Valley Hwy., Deming, WA 98244			
Lummi Island		NA	6/29/2022	2144 S Nugent Rd, Lummi Island, WA 98262		NA	6/29/2022	"The Islander" market, 106 S Nugent Rd, Lummi Island, WA 98262			

Advertising Record			
Location	Date No 1	Date No 2	NOTE
Legal Notice			
Bellingham Herald	6/24/2022	7/1/2022	
Lynden Tribune	6/29/2022		
Norther Light	6/30/2022		
Other (specify)			
WCD Web Page	6/22/2022		<a href="https://www.whatcomcd.org/post/whatcom-conservation-">https://www.whatcomcd.org/post/whatcom-conservation-</a>
WCD E-news	6/30/2022		<a href="https://us13.campaign-">https://us13.campaign-</a>
WCD Social Media			
SM - Facebook	6/23/2022		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064584886671/search/?">https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064584886671/search/?</a>
SM - Instagram			
Press Release			
Bellingham Herald			
Lynden Tribune			