

Climate Impact Advisory Committee: Katherine Kissinger

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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Katherine

Last Name Kissinger

Today's Date 12/29/2020

Street Address 2128 Franklin St

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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

Primary Telephone 2064656407

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address krkissinger13@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Committee

Climate Impact
Advisory Committee
Position:

I have previous work or educational experience in climate change.

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 2

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?

Yes

If yes, please list dates:

Jan. 2020 - Present

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,

[Kissinger_ClimateImpact.pdf](#)

qualifications, &
interest in response to
the following questions

9. Please describe your
occupation (or former
occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

I have worked in various fisheries positions with Puget Sound Energy and WDFW. I graduated from WWU in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. During my time at Western I took several courses relating to climate change and natural resource policy. This past year I have been volunteering as a member of the Climate Impact Advisory Committee and took on the role of Secretary for the committee in June. Since then I have been responsible for recording meeting minutes and compiling them in a shared public document each month.

10. Please describe
why you're interested
in serving on this board
or commission

I am interested in serving on this committee because I have been contributing to the creation of the draft of our Climate Impact Report and I would like to continue my work and see this through to completion. I would also like to help the committee transition into new projects once the report is completed. I believe we have so much to get done with this committee and the next decade will be particularly important to act on climate and foster economic growth at the same time.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Kaylee Galloway (425) 417-0904
Chris Elder (360) 840-3064
William Bethel (206) 799-2549

Signature of applicant:

Katherine R Kissinger

Place Signed /
Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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Katherine Kissinger

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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- Outstanding written and verbal communication and organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize effectively
- Excellent web-based research skills
- Attention to detail, and time management proficiency
- Commitment to environmental protection and sensitivity to tribal issues

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science, Minor: Geography, Western Washington University (WWU), Bellingham, WA, December 2018

Associate of Arts, Green River College (GRC), Auburn, WA, June 2016

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

-Wetland Ecology Lab

-Energy and the Environment

-The Urban Environment

-Intro to Global Change

-Environmental Disturbances

-Water Quality Lab

-Intro. To Urban Planning

-Oceanography

-Environmental Impact Assessment

-Climate Change

-Natural Resource Policy

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Scientific Technician, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bellingham, WA, Aug. 2020 – Nov. 2020

- Commercial Salmon sampling, data collection
- Knowledge of commercial and tribal fishing regulations
- Knowledge of Native salmon lifecycles and habitats

Energy Production Temporary Worker, Puget Sound Energy Baker River Hydroelectric Project, Concrete, WA, Feb. 2019 – Jun. 2020

- Ability to work flexibly, both independently, and as part of a team
- Experience rearing Sockeye and Coho salmon in the Upper Baker Fish Hatchery
- Assisting Biotechnicians with Hatchery and Floating Surface Collector operation, sampling and pit tagging fish

Wetland Monitoring Intern, The Evergreen State College / WSDOT, Olympia, WA, Jun. 2018 – Sep. 2018

- Conducting fieldwork in pastures, forested, and inundated areas
- Completing Wetland Data Forms in MS Word, and Excel

RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Secretary, Natural Resources Working Group, Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee, Bellingham, WA, Jan. 2020 – Present

- Recording notes and compiling them in a public document after each monthly meeting
- Participating in the Natural Resources Working Group by researching, writing, and editing the Natural Resources Section of the Climate Impact Report