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Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

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Title	Ms.
First Name	Laura
Last Name	Hanna
Today's Date	10/7/2025
Zip	98225
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Marine Resource Committee
Marine Resource Committee Position:	Recreational Interest
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. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	7/6/2016 - 1/31/2017
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, and education	I am currently a master's student in the Marine and Estuarine Science Program at Western Washington University, where my research focuses on marine ecology and larval biology. I hold a bachelor's degree in Marine Biology and have professional experience with the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC), where I worked on several restoration and monitoring projects throughout Whatcom and Skagit counties. During my time with the WCC, I collaborated with local sponsors such as the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, the Whatcom Land Trust, and the City of Bellingham on habitat restoration, salmon recovery, and shoreline projects.

I have also volunteered for multiple Whatcom MRC projects in the past and previously served a partial term on the board in the conservation/environmental interest in 2016. Through this work, I've developed a strong foundation in fieldwork, environmental restoration, and community engagement. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to collaborative, science-based approaches to protecting and restoring Whatcom County's marine resources.

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

I am interested in serving on the Whatcom MRC to contribute to meaningful, science-based projects that protect and restore our local marine environments. Having previously volunteered with the MRC and its partner organizations, I've seen how community involvement and collaboration can make a real difference for coastal ecosystems. I'm particularly interested in supporting the forage fish monitoring (which I currently volunteer for) and Olympia oyster restoration projects, which align closely with my background in marine ecology and larval biology.

I'm applying for the Recreation Interest position because I frequently enjoy Whatcom County's beaches and waterways and value them both personally and professionally. Joining the MRC would allow me to combine my academic training with my passion for coastal stewardship while giving back to the community and organizations that have been instrumental in shaping my career in marine science.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Mira Lutz Castle
WWU SPMC Marine Science Technologist

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Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Laura Hanna

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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