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WHATCOM COUNTY

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY ADVISORY GROUPS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Christina Maginnis Date: December 17, 2024
Residential address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address (if different from street address):
[REDACTED] Secondary Telephone: _____

- 1a. Name of advisory group: **See next page** Planning Commission
1b. Which position are you applying for? **Refer to vacancy list** Planning Commissioner District 2
2. Do you meet the requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) _____ (X) yes () no
3. Which Council district do you live in? _____ () One (X) Two () Three () Four () Five () Not Applicable
4. Have you ever been a member of this advisory group? _____ () yes (X) no
If yes, dates: _____
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? _____ (X) yes () no
If yes, please explain: Employed by WA Department of Natural Resources.
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.005(8)) for a paid elected office in
any jurisdiction within the county? Previous County Council candidate 2011: Not currently a candidate for office (X) yes (X) no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

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

See attached resume

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this advisory group: _____

As a 22 year Whatcom County resident and water resources professional, I care about the protecting our water resource and bring an informed citizen perspective for providing recommendations to the County Council on Comprehensive Plan updates and code changes. My approach with this advisory role is to listen to commissioner, staff and citizen perspectives, while also providing feedback to better inform County Council decisions on policy, and code updates.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Hannah Stone (360) 778-8211; Alex Ramel (360) 305-5079;
Anne Dettelbach (206) 391-5150; Brady Scott (907) 723-0874

My signature affirms that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If appointed, I will comply with the Council & Executive Expectations of Advisory Group Members and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205.

Signature of applicant: Christina Maginnis See next page for additional instructions.

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Christina M. Maginnis

- Served on the Water Quality Program Mentoring Workgroup, Stormwater, and Non-Point Grants Teams
- Mentored water quality staff for on-boarding, technical training, coaching on tasks, and guidance with outreach to permittees and grant recipients

Graduate Research Assistant

9/2005 – 12/2006

Western Washington University, Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Bellingham WA

- Conducted risk assessment modeling research and completed M.S. Thesis: A Screening level Integrated Ecological and Human Health Risk Assessment for Lake Whatcom; City of Bellingham contract #5583

Graduate Teaching Assistant

9/2003 - 12/2004

Western Washington University, Huxley College, Bellingham WA

- Supervised undergraduate students in completing field/ lab experiments, and class work
 - Limnology Field/ Lab Fall 2003
 - Water Quality Lab Winter 2004
 - Natural History of the Pacific Northwest Spring 2004
 - Environmental Science 101 Spring 2004 / Fall 2004

Watershed and Stormwater Field Intern

4/2003 – 9/2005

City of Bellingham, Public Works Department, Bellingham WA

6/2004 – 9/2005

- Conducted environmental field assessments of city Lake Whatcom watershed properties
- Coordinated with staff to implement property maintenance and environmental restoration projects
- Communicated with citizen volunteers on Mayor's Watershed Advisory Board
- Completed construction site inspections to meet stormwater codes
- Collected, and analyzed water samples for bacteria, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and conductivity in Padden Creek watershed, and prepared final report on results

Project Coordinator – River and Stream Continuity Project Acid Rain Monitoring Program

7/2001–12/2002

12/2000–12/2002

University of Massachusetts, Water Resources Research Center, Amherst MA

- Researched methods and summarized data for barriers to fish and wildlife at road crossings
- Developed partnerships with public agencies, university researchers, and volunteer groups
- Provided program development, volunteer recruitment, field sampling, and data management
- Coordinated 100 citizen volunteers and 16 laboratories statewide for water quality monitoring at 200 sites

EDUCATION

Masters of Science, Environmental Science, Western Washington University

12/2006

Bachelor of Science, Natural Resource Science, University of Massachusetts

9/1998

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Columbia Elementary School Columbia Parents Association

2014-2024

Candidate for Whatcom County Council, District 2

2011

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

2010

City of Bellingham Mayor's Watershed Advisory Board

2006-2015

Christina M. Maginnis



SKILL HIGHLIGHTS

- Twenty Five years project management experience in Water Resource Management
- Supervisory experience with work planning, team building, hiring, training and coaching staff
- Extensive knowledge and application of Washington regulatory requirements
- Experience with real estate management, including commercial real estate practices, appraisal, and lease/contract management and development
- Managed technical, and financial oversight for grant and loan projects with budgets up to \$30 million
- Communicated technical information to elected officials, permittees, grantees, agencies, tribes, and the public in a variety of settings, including public meetings, workshops, conferences, and local government public meetings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aquatics District Manager

7/2019 – Present

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Aquatic Resources Division, Sedro-Woolley, WA

- Managed a team of five staff who negotiate DNR aquatics contracts for use of state-owned aquatic land
- Planned, organized, lead team of professional level natural resource managers
- Ensured agreements are followed, aquatic resources are protected, and that all state-owned aquatic lands are managed to meet constitutional and statutory requirements, particularly RCW 79.100 through RCW 79.145 and WAC 332-30
- Protected, restored and enhanced aquatic ecosystems through habitat stewardship actions incorporated into contracts and other restoration activities
- Encouraged public use and access, and utilized natural resources sustainably
- Produced revenue from leasing activities where consistent with other objectives
- Ensured business practices lead to an increase in efficiency, accountability and responsiveness
- Coached Land Managers on solving challenges as they negotiate contracts
- Collaborated with District Managers, Assistant Division Managers, Habitat Stewardship, Policy, and Sediment Quality colleagues for consistent and comprehensive contract implementation of Laws, Policies, and Guidelines for aquatic lands management
- Developed respectful relationships characterized by clear communication with our government partners, lessees/grantees, and applicants

Municipal Stormwater Planner,

1/2007 – 7/2019

Washington Department of Ecology, Water Quality Program, Bellingham WA

- Interpreted and communicated complex regulations for NPDES Municipal Stormwater permits
- Reviewed permittees stormwater management programs and policies, legislation for the NPDES permit, and proposed permit changes
- Participated on statewide Municipal Stormwater Permit Team to consistently implement NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit requirements
- Represented the Department as a senior environmental planner at city council meetings, workshops, and conferences
- Developed training and guidance materials to communicate stormwater permit requirements and statewide funding program guidelines
- Evaluated applications and reviewed guidance documents for Centennial Clean Water Fund, Stormwater Capital grants, and State Revolving Fund loan projects
- Negotiated contracts, budgets, and schedules with grant and loan recipients from local governments, tribes, conservation districts, and non-profit organizations
- Provided project management oversight through reviewing quarterly reports, payment requests, and completion of final project deliverables within budget
- Served on agency-wide business team to help streamline and synthesize grant and loan application process for electronic grants & loans management database system EAGL