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Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

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	Mr.
First Name	Glenn
Last Name	Briskin
Today's Date	12/10/2024
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	
Step 2	
Name of Advisory	Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management

Group	Committee
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 5
4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
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	Field not completed.
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I retired last year. I was a project manager and management consultant specializing in information technology. I split my career between working for government and the private sector, and having my own consulting business. I worked primarily with state government and was part of several natural resources projects working with the State Conservation Commission, Transportation, Fish and Wildlife, Agriculture, Parks, and Health.

I represented the City of Lacey on the Thurston Community Media board of directors, was part of the Capital City Marathon

board for over 30 years, and was President of the Olympia Chapter of the Project Management Institute. I have a Bachelors degree in Finance and a Masters degree in Management and was a certified Project Management Professional. I'm an Air Force veteran and served as an Accounting and Finance Officer in the 70s. In my career I've managed very large IT projects including facilities development, worked with natural resource agencies to build a system that helped them understand their investments in habitat restoration across multiple agencies, worked with the state's two largest credit unions, and have worked with a broad set of government agencies on operational and financial systems. My last two projects were with Washington State Parks helping them acquire and manage software and consulting services to update their reservation system and website. I received the Governor's Leadership in Management Award in 2017. I currently am part of and volunteer at the Blaine Senior Center as their Technology Concierge helping people with their mobile technology.

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

We live across from Birch Bay. We've been here full time for three years and owned our home here for 11. I'm an active water person who paddles, sails, crabs, digs clams (when possible), photographs, and walks the beaches year round. I love going out on my paddleboard and sitting and drifting watching seals, porpoises, and birds. I've noticed lots of changes in the beach flora and in the erosion of bluffs in the Point Whitehorn part of the bay. I'd like to better understand what we know about beach health and evolution, and how we can best protect this wonderful resource as homeowners and a community. I think I'd be a good Advisory Group member. I enjoy working with committees and government entities to help decision makers collaborate and get things done based on objective information and criteria. I understand projects, have good analytical skills, communicate clearly, appreciate diverse perspectives, and respect staff. I'm not afraid to get into the details, and understand that this has to balance with an understanding of the big picture. As a consultant, I understand that I may be offering opinions and recommendations that may be changed or rejected. Patience and understanding are important.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Eric Vonderscheer, CIO Washington State Patrol (retired) 253 742 6369

Stephanie McDermott, Communications Manager, Washington State Parks 360 902 8559

Heather Frye, Website Manager, Washington State Parks 360 402 9708

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Glenn Briskin

Place Signed / Submitted

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