

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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	Andrew
Last Name	Shelton
Today's Date	3/20/2024
Street Address	
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
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

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1. Name of Advisory Group	Marine Resource Committee
Marine Resource Committee Position:	Economic 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 1
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	MRC Cover Letter.pdf
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional	 I worked in Alaska fisheries for 10 years including Bristol Bay, Kodiak, Petersburg, the Bering Sea, and Sitka. I currently hold a job as a realtor but remain deeply committed to helping the maritime industry thrive I have been an associate member of the Whatcom Working Waterfront Coalition since 2019. I currently serve on its Government Relations committee on a volunteer basis

and/or community activities, and education

- I have been an ongoing Seafeast sponsor since 2021 including dressing up as a seahorse to greet folks as they come in the gate
- I am board member of the Kulshan Carbon Trust, a non-profit whose mission it is to promote natural climate solutions via carbon markets, sequestration and conservation
- 8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

I am a Puget Sound native who grew up swimming in and boating on these waters as well as harvesting seafood recreationally. My ten years fishing in Alaska instilled in me an even deeper respect for the ocean and but also showed that commercial fishing wasn't to be my life path. I settled in Bellingham to be next to the ocean and connect with it in a different way, swimming and boating as well as helping the maritime community thrive as I believe it's a core part of the fabric of the US. Our elected officials have limited bandwidth and therefore need bodies like the MRC to be their eyes and ears out in the community and it's apparent to me they fulfill that roll.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Pete Granger - Working Waterfront Coalition - Howard Sharfstein - Kulshan Carbon Trust - Ben Blakey - Northline Seafoods -

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Andrew G Shelton

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham WA