



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 *Field not completed.*

First Name Thomas

Last Name Hoats

Today's Date 1/10/2024

Street Address

██████████

City Bellingham

Zip 98229

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

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

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone

██████████

Email Address

████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group Marine Resource Committee

Marine Resource Committee Economic Interest
Position:

2. Do you meet the residency, Yes
employment, and/or affiliation
requirements of the position
for which you're applying?

3. Which Council district do you District 2
live in?

4. Have you ever been a No
member of this Advisory Group

5. Do you or your spouse have No
a financial interest in or are you
an employee or officer of any
business or agency that does
business with Whatcom
County?

6. Have you declared candidacy No
(as defined by RCW
42.17A.055) for a paid elected
office in any jurisdiction within
the county?

You may attach a resume or [Thomas J Hoats resume this one.docx](#)
detailed summary of
experience, qualifications, &
interest in response to the
following questions

7. Please describe your Professional Merchant Mariner. Vessel Master operating on waters of the local and
occupation (or former regional waters. I have worked on commercial towing vessels as well as owned a
occupation if retired), charter vessel and sailed extensively on the Salish Sea and adjacent waters.
qualifications, professional

and/or community activities,
and education

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

My application for committee membership was accepted several years ago but I was unable to join due to my work schedule. In the 20 years I have lived here, the local waters have become an integral part of my life from providing my livelihood to years of adventures for my family and me. The sustainability of the marine ecosystem is of importance to me on many levels. To work with other community members identifying issues and seeking solutions would allow me an opportunity to fulfill, what I feel, is a duty for all the marine ecosystem of the region has given me both personally and professionally.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Capt Eric Fisher [REDACTED]
Jeff Mack (Bellingham Bay Builders). [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Thomas Hoats

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA
