

**Whatcom County
Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022
10:15 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:55 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Council staff announced that the Executive Session would be extended and that this meeting would begin at 10:30 a.m.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2022-474](#) Presentation from Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee and Public Works staff regarding status of shellfish recovery plan

Erika Douglas, Public Works Department, gave a presentation (on file) and answered what the time scale was for the improvements in water quality at 76 percent of the fresh water stations, whether the County has a partnership with Blaine for working with stormwater as it does with Ferndale and Lynden, whether there was any discussion about merging the shellfish advisory committees (Portage Bay and Drayton Harbor) with Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) so there is just one group, whether the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District will sunset at the same time as the Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District, whether other types of closures (like biotoxin closures) were included in the closure data presented or whether those types of closures are separate, whether there could be overlap between the fecal closures and the biotoxin closures in the data, and whether our detection is getting better to be able to tell human fecal matter from cow fecal matter.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription