

# Wildlife Advisory Committee

## Meeting Summary

Friday, August 13, 2021

Start time: 9:00 A.M.

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

Northwest Annex Portable Conference Room

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA



QUORUM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Members Present</b>		<b>Public Present</b>
Frank Bob		Wendy Harris
Greg Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Robert Waddell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Joel Ingram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vikki Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chris Kazimer		
Stephen Nyman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Shannon Crossen		Amy Dearborn
Trevor Delgado		Kelly Chamberlain
Barry Wenger		Erin Page
		Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke

1. Vikki Jackson opened the meeting at 9:05
2. Vikki opened for Public Comment
  - a. Wendy Harris commented on the operation of the Committee
    - i. Wendy sees a potential conflict of interest with local consultants creating rules for themselves
      1. Stephen and Greg responded that no one on the Committee is employed by the county
    - ii. Wendy noted it seems the Committee collected data for the Species of Local Importance List and that it is not being utilized by Council
3. Vikki opened for Announcements
  - a. Becky Snijder van Wissenkerke from Whatcom County announced she is putting together a proposal for a Healthy Forest Reserve Program Grant and asked the Committee if they would provide comment on specific species that should be mentioned in the grant proposal for protections
    - i. She noted recommendations should not be *too* specific or finding properties that match the guidelines would become difficult

- ii. Vikki noted to Becky that the Species of Local Importance compiled by the Committee would be a good starting place
4. No committee notes for Agenda Review
5. No quorum
6. Erin Page from Whatcom County presented research on Old Growth
  - a. Amy noted that County code has some regulations under the CAO but no solid measurements to allow planners to define Old Growth in the field
  - b. Erin found that DNR defines Old Growth as an Ecological Condition
  - c. Erin would like to collect comment and take recommendations to Council to have the County code definition updated
  - d. Vikki recommended the Committee includes the Old Growth discussion as an Agenda Item for further discussion and study with research collected by the affected County employees
7. Amy updated on Species of Local Importance List
  - a. Documents going to the Council Natural Resources Committee for review on September 14
8. New Business
  - a. Amy had a citizen question about Asian Giant Hornets – she is wondering if there is any information that can be distributed or suggestions for citizens
    - i. Vikki recommended County Extension Agency, and the Invasive Species Council, as well as putting up traps
9. Quorum achieved after Joel Ingram arrived, Committee back-tracked to meeting minutes approval
  - a. Robert moved to approve April, May, June, July minutes; Joel seconded
  - b. All minutes approved
10. Meeting adjourned 10:25