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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSION VACANCIES**  
**July 10, 2015**

The Whatcom County Council makes appointments. All members must live in and be registered to vote in Whatcom County and, if applicable, meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position. Applications are available in the Council Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 105, Bellingham, on the County website at: (<http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/1584/How-to-Apply>), or phone 360-676-6690. For more information on a board or committee, call the Council office at 676-6690, unless otherwise noted. The County Council will make appointments at a regular County Council meeting in the County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

**WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 11 Vacancies. Terms expire July 31, 2016 (1 year appointment)**  
**Membership requirements:** Seven of the 11 members will have technical expertise in wildlife and habitat management or current or past professional experience such as, but not limited to, at least one of the following: wetlands manager, wildlife biologist, population biologist, natural resources manager, watershed scientist, conservation specialist, forestry protection, and tribal representative. **IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ON YOUR APPLICATION.**

**Purpose:** The Wildlife Advisory Committee advise the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department staff and the Whatcom County Council on the value of wildlife and habitat management issues as they relate to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, with the goal of integrating wildlife management and protection into the community planning process.

**Function:** The Advisory Committee will:

**A.** provide recommendations on integrating wildlife management and protection issues relative to fulfilling goal nine (9) of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA): to retain open space, enhance recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks and recreation facilities. The full committee shall provide a recommendation on the need for an ongoing wildlife advisory committee.

**B.** Each committee recommendation will consist of: i. Identified issue or constraint, ii. Discussion of ecological process, function or species addressed, iii. Range of solutions considered, iv. Preferred solution, v. Cost of implementation. A cost benefit analysis is required when an existing industry recognized method is available; at a minimum a discussion of project costs and positive or adverse impacts where community and ecological uses intersect, vi. Cited and reviewed references.

**C.** The Technical Advisory sub-committee, as defined in Section 2.118.050(B), will:

- i. Prior to the end of 2015, develop the initial inventory, characterization, and assessment, which includes an analysis of risk, of existing ecosystem conditions (Existing Condition Report), and to make management recommendations using best available science that will provide appropriate habitat conditions for local species, with an emphasis on biodiversity and healthy ecosystem processes and functions. This may include recommendations regarding wildlife corridors, landscape ecological planning, wildlife management, avoiding human/wildlife conflict,
- ii. Continue to provide periodic updates to the Existing Condition Report or to address technical questions from the Whatcom County Council, Whatcom County staff, or the Wildlife Management Committee.