

**SKAGIT COUNTY**  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**Discussion Items**

- Ric Boge from Skagit County Public Works reported on a meeting the County had with landowners regarding Cockreham Island. The County is in the process of responding to a request from landowners to conduct a feasibility study of the potential buyout of landowners on Cockreham Island.
- Ned Zaugg, Director of Skagit County WSU Extension, was unable to make it to the meeting to discuss the Ag Innovation Center; Dyvon Havens explained a bit more about it, but recommended that Ned come to the next meeting to provide more detailed information regarding the project. WSU is seeking a letter of support from the Ag Advisory Board for this and the Ag Incubator Project. AAB members expressed their interest in hearing more about the project prior to submitting a letter of support, but stated that they supported the concept of such a project.
- Mike Shelby, Executive Director of the Western Washington Agricultural Association, reported on his ongoing discussions with the Washington State Department of Agriculture about a Surface Water Monitoring Program. He is working with Bridget Moran at WSDA to further outline the scope of such a program, funding, and requirements.
- Representatives from USDA's Wildlife Services attended the meeting and discussed further the needs of landowners in Skagit County with regard to starling and other pest control.