

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agrotourism Policy

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Skagit Publishing Community Room
1215 Anderson Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Advisory Group Purpose Statement:

To provide policy recommendation to PDS staff in drafting an Agritourism Code that addresses the Board of County Commissioners' remand criteria, supporting the Skagit County Planning Commission's continued work with the public and the Agricultural Advisory Board to develop a revised recommendation on Agritourism for the Board of County Commissioners. Resolution [#R20240132](#)

Advisory Group Organization:

The advisory group includes a diverse representation of Skagit County farmers with backgrounds in farming and agriculture, including those with interest and/or experience in agrotourism.

March 27 Meeting Objectives:

- Build and solidify working relationships among advisory group members and with Skagit County and facilitator staff.
- Clarify the advisory group's purpose and desired outcomes.
- Understand the requirements of [Washington's Open Public Meetings Act \(OPMA\)](#); establish group communication norms that comply with WA OPMA.
- Use a group chartering exercise to establish group purpose and goals; meet logistics and scheduling communication norms under OPMA, and agree on a decision-making process.
- Identify priority topics for discussion and develop a tentative topic schedule for the eight-meeting series.

Materials:

1. Community Advisory Group Overview
2. Skagit County Resolution #R20240132, Resolution Remanding Proposed Agritourism Changes to the Skagit County Planning Commission

Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic / Activity	Lead
8:45- 9:00	Attendees arrive; coffee and light pastries	
9:00- 9:30	Welcome and orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Review• Opening remarks by facilitator and Skagit County• Roundtable introductions	Meg Harris, facilitator, Triangle Associates

9:30 - 10:00	Connection and group agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions & background • Group agreements 	All Meg Harris, facilitator
10:00-10:10	10-minute break	
10:10 - 10:30	Introduction to the Community Advisory Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background on the issues • Open Public Meeting Act requirements 	Tara S, Skagit County
10:30 – 11:30 (floating 5-min break around 11 AM)	Group charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting series purpose and goals • Meeting logistics and scheduling • Communication norms under OPMA • Decision making process • Topic schedule 	Meg Harris, facilitator
11:30- 11:50	Approach for Topic Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify remand topics needing to be covered • Approach for eight-meeting series 	Tara S, Skagit County Meg Harris, facilitator
11:50- 12:00	Next Steps for meeting series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review meeting approach and topic schedule • Action items 	Meg Harris, facilitator
12:00	Adjourn	

Next meeting (April 10th):

- Revisit group charter and approach to topic schedule
- Prioritize and order topics for discussion
- Begin conversation of remand topics

Meeting dates:

March 27th, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Community Room (Confirmed)

April 10th, Tentative time

April 24th, Tentative time

May 8th, Tentative time

May 22nd, Tentative time

June 5th, Tentative time

June 17th or 20th, Tentative (Thursday is Juneteenth)

July 3rd, Tentative time