

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agritourism Policy

Thursday, April 24, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

REVISED AGENDA

New location:

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (Steven's Center)
10441 Bayview-Edison Road; Mount Vernon, WA 98273-7242

Advisory Group Purpose Statement:

To provide policy guidance 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:

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

Meeting Objectives:

- Solidify working relationships among advisory group members and with Skagit County and facilitator staff.
- Review April 10 discussion and Action items
- CAG members provide updates on parallel processes (e.g. Skagit Ag Board, state level actions)
- Continue conversation to define agrotourism and specify uses (remand topic #1), including consideration of court rulings and legislative actions (remand #5)
- Review topic schedule and meeting calendar; set meeting dates for June and July

Materials:

- [April 10 Actions table](#)
- ☐ [Supporting Materials](#)
 - Agrotourism definitions list (updated)
 - Agrotourism Policy timeline
 - Summary of King County v. Friends of Sammamish Valley [NEW as of 4/17]

Proposed Agenda

Time*	Topic / Activity (additions since 4/17/25 are shown in purple)	Lead
8:45- 9:00	Attendees arrive	
9:00- 9:15	Welcome and orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hellos and opening remarks• Agenda Review• Review status of April10 action items<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Updated Ag definitions document; Orientation to County webpage	Meg Harris, facilitator, Triangle Associates

*Times in purple are updated from the agenda sent on 4/17/25.

9:15-9:45	Reflections on April 10 conversation (updated agenda item) Invitation (think-pair-share): Before we dive into new material, take time for a reflection & grounding in what we covered on 4/10/25: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What stayed with you from the last meeting in regard to defining agrotourism? 2. What is the biggest challenge/sticking point? 3. What is the most important piece for this group to resolve? 4. What lingering questions do you have? 	All
9:45-10:00	Status of other activities and processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAG members provide updates on parallel processes (e.g. Skagit Ag Board, state level actions) 	Advisory group members
10:00-10:30	New materials: Summary of King County v. Friends of Sammamish Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Brainstorm questions for County Attorney 	Skagit County
10:30-10:40	10-minute break	
10:40- 11:50 (70-75 mins)	Revisit definition of agritourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and types of uses • Compliance with state level judicial rulings and legislation (remand #5) • Temporary uses and events (remand #4) • Consider geography? (remand #3) 	All
11:50-12:00	Review Action items and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review topic schedule and meeting calendar • set meeting dates for June and July • How to approach to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival (topic #2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who needs to be present? Would the group like a presentation? 	Meg Harris, facilitator
12:00	Adjourn	
Optional Brown bag together at Padilla Bay 12-1 PM or as available		

Next meeting (May 8th):

- Revisit remand topics 1,3,4, and 5
- Determine readiness for Skagit Tulip festival (#2); Identify needs for presentations/updates

Meeting dates (9 AM to 12 PM unless noted otherwise):

March 27 th	May 8 th	May 29 th (proposed)	Replace: June 5 th
April 10 th 9-11 AM	May 22 nd	June 12 (proposed)	Tuesday, June 17 th
April 24 th		June 26 (proposed)	July 3 rd