

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agrotourism Policy

Thursday, April 24, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

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 agrotourism.

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:

1. April 10 Actions table
2. Timeline
3. CAG overview (updated; includes topic schedule / meeting calendar)
4. Agrotourism definitions summary (updated)
5. Summary of King County v. Friends of Sammamish Valley

Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic / Activity	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">○ Meeting scheduling June-July	Meg Harris, facilitator, Triangle Associates

9:15-9:30	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
9:30-10:00	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
10:00-10:10	10-minute break	
10:10- 11:50 (1 hour 40)	Revisit definition of agrotourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition 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
- Ready for Skagit Tulip festival?
- Other presentations or updates?

Meeting dates:

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

Propose new dates:

May 29

June 12

June 26