

## Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agrotourism Policy

Thursday, May 08, 2025

9 AM- 12 PM

### Meeting Summary

#### Record of meeting:

Meeting transcription, video recording, and meeting materials are available:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/cag-proposed-agritourism-code-changes.htm>

#### Skagit County Community Advisory Group Members:

Amy Frye, Boldly Grown Farm	Audrey Matheson, Bow Hill Blueberries
Darrin Morrison, Morrison Farms	Rob Ashby, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Matt Steinman, Foothill Farms	Jessie Anderson, Maplehurst Farms
Kristen Keltz, Skagit Tourism Bureau	

**Absent:** Kai Ottesen, Hedlin's Family Farms, and Jennifer Schuh, Schuh Farms

#### Skagit County Staff:

- Jack Moore, PDS Director
- Tara Satushek, PDS Senior Planner

#### Meeting Facilitator Staff:

- Meg Harris, Lead Project Facilitator, Triangle Associates

#	Action Item	Timeline	Status
	CAG Members- Draft recommendations on remand topics		
1	#1- Members to draft agritourism definitions to share with the CAG.	No later than 5/20	
2	#2 – Strawman recommendation drafted by Skagit Valley Tulip Board for review and discussion by CAG.	No later than 5/20	
3	Other- Draft recommendation regarding the need for long-term agritourism representation within Skagit County. (Rob)	5/20	
	CAG Members- Resource sharing and review		
4	Share webpage about agritourism in Oregon (Rob); Triangle to distribute with 5/22 meeting materials.	5/22	Done
5	Advisory group members to send questions to Tara for Jason D`Avignon (County Prosecuting Attorney).	No later than 5/20	

6	Kristen to reach out to Jenn (WA Agritourism Consultant) to provide a virtual update on the <a href="#">WA Agritourism Study &amp; Report</a> .	5/15	Done- 5/13 confirmed for 5/29
	Skagit County		
7	County staff will determine confidentiality of IRS revenue Reports. ( <i>Q: If IRS revenue reports are submitted to County to verify income gained from Agritourism would this become public record?</i> )	5/22	
8	County staff to coordinate with County attorney on scheduling for May 22 meeting.	5/15	Done 5/13-confirmed for 5/22
	Triangle Associates		
9	Triangle to add new reference materials to the 'Supporting Materials' folder on shared site and distribute with 5/22 meeting materials.	5/15	Done
10	Triangle to coordinate with County and Kristen K on guest speakers for May 22 agenda.	5/15	Done 5/13-confirmed for 5/22 and 5/29
11	Triangle and County to capture Action Items and Decision Points and share them with the group as a Meeting Summary.	5/15	Done
12	Triangle and County to draft an agenda for May 22nd Meeting and circulate to CAG Members	5/15	Done
13	Triangle and County to develop a list of terms that need defining in addition to agritourism	5/22	

### Next Meetings:

All meetings at Skagit Publishing except otherwise noted

- Thursday, May 22
- Thursday, May 29
- Tuesday, June 17 (Location: Padilla Bay)
- Thursday, June 26

### Summary of decision points and key agreements:

- Members will have definitions of "agritourism" prepared for the next meeting.
- There is a desire to hear from more individuals related to remand #3 (geography). *More discussion is needed.*
- There was general support for a definition of agritourism that included three elements (Land stays in production; soil dependent activity; and financial benefits to farmer). *More discussion is needed.*