

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agritourism Policy

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

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

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.
- Members will meet with Jason D`Avignon, Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, to assist in assessing consistency with court decisions and state-level process **(Topic 5)**
- Members will present and discuss their definitions of agritourism **(Topic 1)**
- Members will review and discuss draft recommendation for Tulip Festival **(Topic 2)**
- Review topic schedule and meeting calendar; confirm all future meeting dates.

Materials:

- [0508 Action Items and Decision Points.pdf](#)
- [Summary of King County v Friends of Sammamish Valley 2024.pdf](#)
- [Agritourism Definitions Working List.pdf](#)
- [Travel Oregon 01 Types of Agritourism Activities.pdf](#)
- [land-use-code-agriculture-use-chart.pdf](#) (Boulder, CO)

Folder of all supporting materials: [Supporting Materials](#)

Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic / Activity	Materials
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 action items	Meeting Actions table May 8th

9:15-10:00 (45 mins)	Consistency with court decisions and state-level process (Topic 5) Guest: Jason D`Avignon, Skagit Co. Prosecuting Attorney <i>Next meeting: Hear from WA department Commerce on State level process</i> Outcome: Identify any inconsistencies identified to date; identify outstanding questions to be resolved.	Summary of King Co. v. Friends
10:00-10:15	Break*	
10:15-11:00 (45 mins)	Agritourism Definition (Topic 1) Members will present and discuss their definitions of agritourism. The group will work toward a recommended definition using a modified consensus process. This discussion will also help identify which activities fall outside the current definition of Agricultural Accessory Uses. (Topic 1) Outcome: Members will formalize a draft recommendation.	Agritourism Definitions Working List.pdf Travel Oregon List of Agritourism Activities land-use-code-agriculture-use-chart.pdf (Boulder, CO) <i>Draft recommendations provided by members</i>
10:00-10:15	Break*	
11:10-11:55 (45 mins)	Tulip Festival (Topic 2) Tulip Festival Board representatives will present a draft/strawman recommendation for consideration by the CAG. Outcome: Members will formalize a draft recommendation OR assign a subgroup to work on a draft recommendation for May 29.	<i>Draft recommendation provided by Tulip Festival</i>
11:55-12:00	Review Action items and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Items Review topic schedule and meeting calendar 	CAG overview with topic schedule
12:00	Adjourn	

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