

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agrotourism Policy

Thursday, May 29, 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
Matt Steinman, Foothill Farms	Nicole Roozen, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Kristen Keltz, Skagit Tourism Bureau	Jessie Anderson, Maplehurst Farms
Kai Ottesen, Hedlin's Family Farms	Alternate: Lora Claus, on behalf of Darrin Morrison, Morrison Farms

Absent: Darrin Morrison, Morrison Farms; Jennifer Schuh, Schuh Farms

Skagit County Staff:

- 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	All CAG members will continue to review draft recommendations and provide edits directly to Tara (County). Supporting Materials > Remand Responses	Edits to Tara by TH 6/12	
2	Small group (Nicole and Jessie) to provide recommended changes to the two responses to long-term representation of agritourism (6A): PROPOSED Community Advisory Board Position on Supporting the Creation of a Permanent Agritourism Advisory Board	Edits to Tara by TH 6/12	
3	Group can provide any additional response to the remand questions that will assist with the group voting on 6/17.	Edits to Tara by TH 6/12	

4	Continue to use previously submitted public comments as a resources, if desired. Links to public comment	Ongoing	
	Skagit County		
5	County to check with County Auditor for how open space taxation program approaches documentation of farm income – specifically in regard to the privacy of any Schedule F or income documents provided to County.	6/17	
6	County to compile and incorporate all edits to remand responses sent to Tara.	6/17	
7	County will provide draft definition language for agritourism to supplement the CAG response to topic 1 .	6/17	
	Triangle Associates		
7	Triangle and County to capture Action Items and Decision Points and share them with the group as a Meeting Summary.	6/5	
8	Triangle and County to draft an agenda for June 17th Meeting and circulate to CAG Members.	6/12	
9	Triangle and County to maintain list of terms that need defining in addition to agritourism.	Ongoing	

Next Meetings:

All meetings at Skagit Publishing except otherwise noted

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

Summary of decision points and key agreements:

- Importance of protecting privacy of any Schedule F or income documents provided to County if income is considered as a prerequisite or threshold for allowed agritourism uses.
- It is not in the scope of CAG to determine:
 - an income threshold for agritourism eligibility
 - An exact frequency of events to comply with ‘temporary’. A general recommendation on a framework for determining intensity (# people/size of event + frequency) would be a more appropriate and useful recommendation to the County
- **June 17 will be a voting meeting.** We will attempt to reach consensus on as many remand topics as we can and ensure that clear steps are in place to reach consensus (as possible on any remaining items on June 26).