Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agrotourism Policy
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Padilla Bay Estuarine Reserve
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	Jessie Anderson, Maplehurst Farms
Kristen Keltz, Skagit Tourism Bureau	Kai Ottesen, Hedlin's Family Farms

Absent: Matt Steinman, Foothill Farms; Jennifer Schuh, Schuh Farms; Nicole Roozen, SVTF

Skagit County Staff: Tara Satushek, PDS Senior Planner
Meeting Facilitator Staff: Meg Harris, Lead Project Facilitator, Triangle Associates

#	Action Item	Timeline	Status
	CAG members		
1	**Topic 1.** Amy to refine recommendation on topic 1; work with County to develop a recommendation in a format that mirrors the other topics.	6/24	
2	**Topic 1.** Jessie to further develop definition of agritourism.	6/24	
3	**Topic 2.** Nicole (SVTF) to coordinate with County on the proposed window of operation. (see action #8)	6/24	
4	**Topic 4.** CAG members to share any proposed language on this topic with County to assist with development of a written recommendation.	ASAP	
	Topic 6A. Jessie, Kristen and Nicole to further refine 6A-1 (creation of a board).	6/24	
5	**Topic 6A.** Amy to draft a recommendation proposing a time-limited working group; Kai to review. Will reach out to Tara for County input if needed.	6/24	
6	CAG members to review all new or revised recommendations ahead of the June 26 meeting.	6/26	
	Skagit County		

7	**Topic 1.** County to coordinate with Amy on translating topic 1 recommendation into the template format to mirror other recommendations**.**	6/24	
8	**Topic 2.** County to coordinate with Nicole, SVTF Executive Director, about the Department's recommendation to reduce the proposed window of operation from March 1- May 31 to March 15 – May 15 and the CAG discussion of fixed versus variable date window for SVTF.	6/24	
9	**Topic 4.** County to draft written recommendation based on previous CAG conversations (meeting transcripts).	6/24	6/23
10	**Topic 6A.** County to share AAB bylaws or charter for group to understand the requirements for diversity of board membership.	6/24	6/23
11	County to coordinate with Matt Steinman to present the AAB letter to CAG at the final meeting.	6/20	Done- Matt will share on 6/26
	Triangle Associates		
12	Triangle and County to capture Action Items and Decision Points and share them with the group as a Meeting Summary.	6/20	
13	Triangle and County to draft an agenda for June 26th Meeting and circulate to CAG Members.	6/20	
14	Triangle to distribute any new or revised recommendations to CAG members for review.	6/24	

Summary of decision points and key agreements:
- Written recommendations have been drafted for all remand topics except topic 4.
- The group reached voted and reached consensus on topic 3 (geography), and 5 (King County decision), with 2 (SVTF) pending discussion with Nicole, SVTF Executive Director, about the Department's recommendation to reduce the proposed window of operation from March 1- May 31 to March 15 – May 15.
  - The approved proposals are [Voted CAG response to Remand Question #3: Geography](#) and [Voted CAG response to Remand Topic #5:](#).
- The group recommended to sunset the proposal for binding arbitration and add in as a recommendation in the final package.
- CAG members asked about the AAB letter outlining their recommendations on these issues. County staff receive the letter on June 16; the County proposed that Matt Steinmann, AAB representative to the CAG, present the AAB recommendations to the CAG at the next meeting

Final meeting: Thursday, June 26- Skagit Publishing

Documentation of decisions made:

Topic	Action Taken
1	Soft vote; no decision- identified clear next steps
2	Vote; decision pending County coordination with Tulip Festival
3	**Vote; Decision - Approved**
4	No vote; No decision- pending proposal from County staff
5	**Vote; Decision - Approved**
6A	Vote; No decision- identified clear next steps
6B	**Vote; Decision -** Moved to sunset; outside of the scope of CAG