

Skagit County Community Advisory Group on Agritourism Policy

Thursday June 26, 2025

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

FINAL MEETING

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.

June 17, 2025, Meeting Objectives:

Consensus recommendations on remand topics.



1. Define Agritourism and clarify the scope by specifying what activities fall outside the current definition of Agricultural Accessory Uses.
2. Define the criteria for full and lawful participation in the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, ensuring that it is accessible, open, and offers adequate and equitable opportunities for all interested parties.
4. Determine whether temporary use/events are sufficiently detailed in Skagit County Code for agritourism activities within Ag-NRL zoned lands.
6. Other: Long-term representation of agritourism interests.

Materials:

- [Meeting Actions June 17th](#)
- [CAG overview with topic schedule](#)
- [AAB Letter](#)
- Folder of remand responses:  [Supporting Materials](#) >  [Remand responses](#)
 - **[NEW]**  [Written response to remand topic 4.](#)

Proposed Agenda

| Time | Topic / Activity | Materials |
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| 9:00- 9:15 | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish quorum (simple majority)• Overview of meeting objective: consensus recommendations on remaining remand topics | Meeting Actions June 17th CAG overview |

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| 9:15-9:30 | Share-out AAB response letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Steinman, AAB representative to CAG, to share AAB response letter. Time for questions. | AAB Letter and AAB minutes |
| 9:30-11:30 (break after first 2 topics) | Adress topics and move towards consensus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polling on status of new or revised topics (dot exercise) Based on dot exercise, prioritize order of addressing topics: 1,2, 4 and 6A. |  Supporting Materials >  Remand responses |
| 11:30 -12:00 | Plan for submitting deliverable to County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format of written recommendations and final deliverable Next Steps (County) | |
| 12:00 | Adjourn | |