

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

3:00-6:00 P.M.

PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

MEETING AGENDA

3:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and IntroductionsApproval of AgendaApproval of Minutes (January)	Nayab Khan, Chair
3:05	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details: Policies and Procedures, Recruitment (7 applications), Financial Disclosure formsKC Ag ProgramLand Conservation InitiativeLocal Food InitiativeFarm BureauKing Conservation DistrictBeefing Up Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinLeann KrainickMike LufkinPaul PinkJosh MonaghanDarron Marzolf, Leann Krainick, Patrice
3:35	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
3:40	KC Regulatory and Permitting Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none">OmbudsmanHearing examinerCode ChangesAg Permit Team	Eric Beach with Fereshteh Dehkordi and Peshia Klein
4:15	2020 Strategic Planning (part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">TopicsField TripPresentation to Local Services Committee	Patrice Barrentine, Commissioners
4:45	Break	
5:00	2020 Strategic Planning (continued)	Commissioners
5:15	FFF Feedback Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none">Buffer, Regulatory, Strategic Plan	Patrice Barrentine
5:20	Policy and Current Events WA State Legislature Agriculture Bills 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Video presentationWSFB LegisletterQ&A Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Clean Fuel update Dairy Sector in King County	Tom Davis, Director of Government Relations and Bre Elsey, Associate Director of Government Relations, WA State Farm Bureau Patrice Barrentine Leann Krainick
5:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
5:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Nayab Khan
6:00	Adjourn	Nayab Khan

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 12, 3-6PM, PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTER



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Preston Community Center, Preston

Commissioners Present					
Leigh Newman-Bell, Acting Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	N	Rosella Mosby	Y
Roger Calhoun	N	Nayab Khan	Y	Paul Pink	N
Sarah Collier	Y	Leann Krainick	Y	Kevin Scott-Vanderberge	Y
Year Eng	Y	Darron Marzolf	N		
Ex Officio Members Present					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Josh Monaghan, KCD	Y	Kevin Wright, WSU	Y
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Beth leDoux, DNRP		Jackie White, KCC (CM Lambert)		
Eric Beach, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP				
Melissa Borsting, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Cynthia Krass, SVPA/SV WID					

Action Summary

- **Action: Approval of Agenda, and October/November/December 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- **Action: Approval of Revised Commission Policies & Procedures Document**
- **Action: Election of 2020 Commission Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair)**
- **Updates: County, Commission, and Agriculture Organizations**
- **Updates/Activity: Fish Farm Flood (FFF) Update & Task Force Engagement Activity**
- **Other: Service Recognition for 2019 Past/Departing Commissioners**

Meeting called to order by Leigh Newman-Bell at 3:07 pm

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Leann Krainick suggested amending the agenda to add an item to discuss ongoing revisions to the Commission’s Policies and Procedures document.

Sarah Collier motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Nayab Khan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (October/November/December 2019)

Leann Krainick requested a revision to the December 2019 special meeting minutes, to clarify she had requested a “roll call” of Commissioners on the fuel tax letter vote on her motion at that meeting, which was conducted by phone.

Ms. Krainick motioned to accept the October, November, and December 2019 meeting minutes with the suggested revision. Kevin Scott-Vanderberge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine)**
 - **Beverage Ordinance Action:** The ordinance addressing revisions to County code for wineries, breweries, and distilleries passed King County Council. The approved version is identical to what the Commission last viewed in November 2019. Nearly all precise requests by the Commission were included. Ms. Barrentine praised this as a major win for 3 ½ years of great work by the Commission.

- **KCD Letter:** The letter previously drafted by the Commission in support of King Conservation District (KCD)'s proposed five-year budget was transmitted in December 2019, and is awaiting review by DNRP director Christie True. KCC has also voted to approve KCD's proposed budget.
- **Fuel Tax Letter:** At December's special meeting, the Commission voted to send a letter to the Executive and Director True, who is on the board for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA). The letter voiced concerns about likely unfair impacts to agriculture from a proposal to tax some types of fuels. Director True has forwarded the letter to the PSCAA for clarification. The concerns in the letter will also be included in Executive Constantine's comment letter to PSCAA. Director True has promised to keep the Commission updated on any changes. Leann Krainick added that she had messaged Councilmember Kathy Lambert, who met the next day with WSDOT on the fuel tax, but Ms. Krainick did not know the outcome of the meeting.
- **Commissioner Recruitment (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - Invitations have been sent to potential Commissioners; three applications have been received. Ms. Barrentine asked that Commissioners let her know of any other candidates. In particular, representatives are needed for: large farms, livestock, Vashon Island, the Sammamish APD, and the Green APDs.
 - Reminders were sent to Commissioners to complete and return their annual financial disclosure forms to Rick Ybarra. Those leaving the Commission in February do not need to complete and return the forms.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin)**
 - The next state legislative session begins next week, a short 60-day "non-tax" session. Some bills will likely impact agriculture. Mr. Martin encouraged Commissioners to keep the County apprised if they see any such legislation pop up, so the Commission can weigh in if desired. Rosella Mosby listed several bills already coming up for a vote, including one addressing H2A (farm worker housing). Mr. Martin asked Ms. Mosby to send him the information on these bills.
 - A recent meeting with the County's Emergency Management office and the Farm Services Agency (FSA) discussed crop insurance and disaster recovery programs, in regards to the major October flood in the Snoqualmie valley. The FSA representative said less than a dozen King County producers participated in these programs, so now there is an effort to determine any hurdles to landowner participation in them.
 - In late November, Councilmember Lambert had a call with FEMA and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene's office to push NRCS to finally engage in their long-promised actions to mitigate flooding and drainage impacts from their plantings in the Pearson Eddy area. The expectation is that NRCS will have engineers on the ground in the area by summer 2020.
 - Mr. Martin requested any additional data or contacts on agriculture/farm lease market rates in King County. The County is still conducting its assessment of these rates, to ensure the County is charging market rates for its leased properties, as well as providing a gauge for what landowners should look for as reasonable rates.
 - Ms. Barrentine directed Commissioners to review the 2019 annual report from the Commission, included in their meeting packet.
- **Land Conservation Initiative (Leann Krainick):** Ms. Krainick reviewed an email wrapping up 2019 efforts by the LCI, including about \$64 million awarded for projects around the County. This included a City of Issaquah purchase protecting Cougar Mountain from expansion, habitat protection on Newaukum Creek, and protection of the Byers farm in the Snoqualmie APD. Mr. Martin added that for the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP), there is a combined total of about \$10.5 million in conservation futures and TDR match funds from 2019.
- **Local Food Initiative (Leigh Newman-Bell):** The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23. Ms. Newman-Bell and Josh Monaghan strongly encouraged farmers to attend, as there are few such voices present at these meetings. Ms. Barrentine will send out details.
- **King Conservation District (Josh Monaghan):**
 - The advisory committee is sending out applications, for a new Commission representative on that committee.
 - KCD is asking for Commission help in finding recruits for the upcoming vacancy for their agriculture drainage coordinator position. Applications will go out in the next couple of weeks, with the goal to have the new hire in place in April.
- **Beefing Up Infrastructure (Patrice Barrentine):** All equipment is in place, after a push to finish construction in December. One hitch with an electrical issue is being addressed this month, after which the unit will be ready for business. Ms. Barrentine hopes to do a Commission field trip out to the site this year.

Public Comment (Related to Specific Agenda Item)

There was no public comment during this period.

Policies and Procedures / Officer Nominations and Elections – Leigh Newman-Bell

Patrice Barrentine proposed revising the Commission’s Policies and Procedures to address the need to run a meeting in an absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair. There was some discussion about adding a “past chair” to the line of succession. Richard Martin suggested adding a statement that if no executive committee is available to run a meeting, the Chair will appoint a Commissioner to run that meeting. Ms. Barrentine advised the Commission should vote on the content of this revision now, and she would reformat the document and its numbering if needed.

Nayab Khan motioned to adopt the suggested language addressing the right-of-succession. Leann Krainick seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion then turned to the election of 2020 Commission officers. Ms. Barrentine said Mr. Khan and Kevin Scott-Vanderberge were considering officer positions. Mr. Khan said he would be willing to serve as Chair, provided he had help in executing the position. Ms. Krainick and Ms. Barrentine agreed to extend their support.

Ms. Krainick motioned to appoint Nayab Khan as new Commission Chair for 2020, with Kevin Scott-Vanderberge as Vice-Chair. Rosella Mosby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Fish Farm Flood (FFF) – Beth leDoux, FFF Project Manager

Ms. leDoux introduced herself as the County’s new project manager for the FFF effort, and thanked Richard Martin for his work in keeping FFF moving forward in addition to a full-time job. She gave a brief explanation of FFF, which involves collaborating to find common ground and make unified progress on multi-benefit solutions among three major competing land interests in the Snoqualmie valley: salmon recovery, agriculture, and flood mitigation. Each “F” has a caucus to talk out their issues, and the co-chairs of these caucuses come together to determine meeting agendas for the FFF Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC). IOC meetings are open to the public. Ms. leDoux noted that despite a current focus on the Snoqualmie, the work and lessons learned here can be applied elsewhere.

Josh Monaghan, who serves as co-chair for the agriculture/farm caucus, offered his insights. The caucus meets almost monthly to discuss how to get a “win-win” outcome on decisions involving competing land use priorities, including minimizing losses. He said the Commission should be concerned about the work being done on agricultural drainage, if nothing else. A lot of collaborative work is being done to implement “bundled” recommendations for actions for the three Fs. Caucuses were set up for the current phase 2.0 of FFF to ensure each community representative at the table, agriculture included, has backup. The next farm caucus meeting is this coming Monday at the Snoqualmie WID office, where several major questions will be addressed – the big one being if there is a set amount of agricultural land that can be designated as available to use for fish habitat work.

Patrice Barrentine asked what the FFF effort needs from this Commission. Mr. Monaghan replied they would like the Commission’s input, as a key group grappling complex agricultural issues in King County, on how best the FFF effort can bring challenging issues to them and get their feedback. Ms. leDoux suggested FFF participants jot down concerns and bring them to Ms. Barrentine, that a louder voice is needed on what the agriculture community is thinking about.

Presentations followed, reviewing the work of the three FFF task forces: buffers, regulatory, and the agriculture strategic plan. Ms. Barrentine asked each Commissioner to choose a task force to focus on and dive more deeply into:

- **Buffers Task Force (Beth leDoux):** Ms. leDoux reviewed the process behind the task force’s number crunching to reach a final recommendation for widths of voluntarily-planted buffers in the Snoqualmie valley. The process started from the original recommendation, which would have converted 5,000 acres of farmland into trees; this was not desired by many farmers. The task force then broke down the many waterways in the Snoqualmie valley into varying classifications based on size, then determined which size of buffer plantings best achieved the desired salmon habitat functions for each class/size of waterway. After this data was analyzed, overall final buffer acreage recommendations from the fish and farm caucuses were cut nearly in half from the original recommendation. Some discussion among Commissioners followed this presentation, on how best to incentivize these voluntary plantings for landowners; Ms. leDoux advised anyone with input to contact her or their FFF representative.
- **Regulatory Task Force (Eric Beach):** Mr. Beach said this group’s agenda is very ambitious; that since getting a code change from its inception through to KCC approval can take up to two years, the task force will likely not see its work implemented during its lifespan. However, the group’s work will move these processes along. Some topics being tackled by the group include: a comprehensive agriculture drainage program, alluvial fans, beaver management, on-site flood storage/mitigation, land use, and 2D hydraulic modeling to explore flood management strategies. Once the task force completes its recommendations, these go to the IOC, then to the Executive’s office.

- **Agriculture Strategic Plan (Patrice Barrentine):** This task force exists to fill a need for an agricultural strategic plan in the Snoqualmie valley to match the similar plans for salmon recovery and flood interests. Its goals include improving long-term farmland productivity, bringing acreage into production, addressing infrastructure needs, and determining a set acreage of farmland to be permanently protected. This is expected to be a 25-year plan, reviewed every five years. Initial draft recommendations are planned for February, then brought to farm organizations for feedback in April. The task force’s final plan and acreage recommendations are expected by August.

--- BREAK ---

Farm Fish Flood, continued (Task Force Break-Outs & Feedback Report Out) – Commissioners

Patrice Barrentine directed Commissioners to a series of blank papers on the walls, to be completed for each task force. Commissioners were asked to choose a task force to engage with, and answer the questions posed on the papers: What is exciting about this topic? What are your concerns? And so forth. Commissioners were allowed to bounce between multiple task forces if desired. This exercise lasted about 20 minutes.

Ms. Barrentine agreed, due to time constraints, to track all provided responses and report them back to the Commission at its next meeting.

FFF Strategic Planning Brainstorm – Leigh Newman-Bell

This agenda item was skipped due to a lack of time.

Recognition of Commissioners – Patrice Barrentine, Leigh Newman-Bell

Ms. Barrentine and Ms. Newman-Bell led a short ceremony recognizing the service of those Commissioners who have already left or are leaving the Commission after this meeting. This includes Lora Liegel, Amy Holmes, Bruce Elliott, Meredith Molli, Year Eng, Rosella Mosby, and Ms. Newman-Bell. Ms. Barrentine presented a slideshow reviewing photos and service highlights of these individuals. Ms. Newman-Bell and Ms. Barrentine thanked them all for their many hours of volunteer time and commitment to tackling tricky issues and changing agriculture in the county.

General Public Comment

There was no public comment during this period.

Concerns of Commissioners

No concerns were voiced during this period.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, at Preston Community Center.

King County Agriculture Commission
Policies and Procedures
Last updated 1.9.2020

1.0. SUBJECT TITLE: King County Agriculture Commission Policies and Procedures

- 1.1. Effective Date: Immediately following a majority vote of the King County Agriculture Commission.

2.0. PURPOSE:

- 2.1. DUTIES: The Purpose and Duties as defined by Enabling Ordinance #11417:
The Commission shall advise the council and executive on agricultural policies and programs, including, but not limited to:
- A. *Existing and proposed legislation and regulations affecting commercial agriculture;*
 - B. *Land use issues as they impact agriculture; and,*
 - C. *Ways to maintain, enhance, and promote agriculture and agricultural products in the region.*
 - D. *Livestock regulation implementation and monitoring duties set forth in K.C.C. chapter 21A.30. (Ord. 14199 § 23, 2001; Ord. 11417 § 6, 1994)*

- 2.2. The MISSION STATEMENT as developed by the King County Agriculture Commission is:
The King County Agriculture Commission, working with citizens, agricultural producers, and public officials shall actively influence regional policy to preserve and enhance agricultural land; support and promote a viable agricultural community; and educate the public about the benefits of local agricultural products.

3.0. REFERENCES:

- 3.1. King County Ordinance 11417 establishes the King County Agriculture Commission purpose and provides guidelines for its powers, duties, operations and membership.
- 3.2. King County Code 2.98 (Rules) requires each County governmental agency to prepare a set of internal rules for its operation consistent with the spirit of the law contained in RCW 42.17 (Public Records) and in RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meetings).
- 3.3. King County Code 3.04 (employee Code of Ethics) deals with ethical behavior and conflict of interest of county officials and employees, including members of boards and commissions and private consultants.
- 3.4. Revised Code of Washington 42.17 (Public Records) requires public agencies to make available to the public their procedures, documents and indexes for inspection and copying.
- 3.5. Revised Code of Washington 42.30 (Open Public Meetings) requires that all meetings of the governing body of a public agency be open to the public with few exceptions. Staff liaison shall give legal public notice for all Commission meetings.

4.0. DEFINITIONS:

- 4.1. Agriculture: For the purpose of the Commission deliberations commercial agriculture shall be defined as those activities defined in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 7.48.310 and that meet the income criteria set forth in King County's Code (including Current Use Tax program (based on RCW 84.34), Farmers Market Receipts, or Schedule F.

5.0. POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

5.1. Commissioners:

5.1.1. The Commission shall consist of the fifteen residents of King County serving without compensation; following the initial staggering of the Commissioner's terms, appointments are for a three-year term.

5.1.2. Responsibility/Duties:

5.1.2.1. Establish annual and long-term objectives

5.1.2.2. Work with staff on accomplishing annual goals and objectives of the Commission

5.1.2.3. Determine the committee structure to carry out policies and programs

5.1.2.4. Selection of new commissioners

5.1.2.5. Attend meetings of the Commission, its committees and meetings of other organizations when appropriate

5.1.2.6. Present and interpret Commission policies, actions, programs and resources to the public, agricultural organizations, interested individuals, and elected officials.

5.1.2.7. Represent ag interests in policy work such as Farm, Fish, Flood, DNRP hiring, or other county committee work, etc.

5.1.2.8. Recommend removal of sitting Commissioners for cause to the Commission if needed

5.1.2.9.

5.1.3. Reimbursement

5.1.3.1. Commissioners may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses associated with Commission meetings by submitting a claim for expense form to the King County Water and Land Resources Division.

5.1.3.2. Eligible expenses are limited to parking, mileage, ferry expense and other meeting related expenses approved by the Staff liaison in advance.

5.1.4. Orientation and Training Manual:

5.1.4.1. The Commissioner training and orientation manual should include the following information:

- Ordinance 11417 creating the King County Agriculture Commission
- County Organization Charts
- Committee Job Descriptions
- Commission Roster
- Council District Map
- Guide to applicable Programs for previous or current year
- Claim for Expense form
- Applicable Comprehensive Plan Policies and Maps of APD
- KCC 21.A.04; 21A.08
- Ordinance 4341, establishing Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and copy of FPP deed restrictions.
- Robert's Rules of Order
- Glossary of KC Ag and KC acronyms
- How to bring topics to Commission

5.1.5. Commissioner Selection and Appointment

5.1.6. Commissioner Dismissal:

5.1.6.1. Absences from meetings should be reported to the Staff liaison in advance of the meeting from which a Commissioner will be absent.

5.1.6.2. If a Commissioner will be absent for three consecutive meetings, the Commissioner should contact the chair to explain the circumstances.

5.1.6.3. A Commissioner who has been absent for three consecutive meetings or more than 50% in a twelve-month period can be terminated after receiving a warning letter from the Staff liaison and the Chair.

5.1.7. Commissioner Reappointment:

5.1.7.1. Commissioners may reapply for a second term. Commissioners are limited to two terms.

5.1.7.2. Requests for reappointment shall be submitted in writing to the Chair by December 1 of the last year of first term, for forwarding to the County Executive.

5.1.7.3. Requests for reappointment shall be considered based on the record of the Commissioner's previous term, including assessment of attendance and consistent participation; factors of geographic diversity and representation shall also be taken into account.

5.1.7.4. The Staff liaison will forward its recommendation to the County Executive, who has the ultimate responsibility for reappointment.

5.2. Operations:

5.2.1. Quorum: A quorum for the legal transaction of business shall consist of a majority of all members currently appointed and confirmed to serve on the Commission.

5.2.2. Amending the Policy and Procedures Guidelines:

This document may be amended with a 60% majority vote of the Commissioners present at an official commission meeting.

5.2.3. Official Actions

5.2.3.1. All official actions shall include, but are not limited to:

- Advising King County Council and King County Executive on matters pertaining to agriculture and agricultural lands.
- Devising strategies to promote agricultural products and educate the public about King County agriculture.
- Approval of RFPs for the implementation of the Farm and Forest Report and other Council approved projects.
- Acceptance of RFPs for implementation.

5.2.4. Agenda:

5.2.4.1. The Staff liaison shall prepare formal monthly meeting agendas for the full Commission in consultation with the Chair.

5.2.4.2. The Agenda is to be communicated to Commissioners prior to the regular monthly meeting.

5.2.5. Conduct of Meetings:

5.2.5.1. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

5.2.5.2. At the discretion of the Chair, staff and visitors may address the Commission to participate in discussions. Depending upon the number of visitors wishing to speak, the Chair may limit the time for comment to a reasonable period, but not less than three minutes.

5.2.5.3. Special meetings of the Commission may be called with proper notice to the public and Commissioners three working days prior to a special meeting.

5.2.6. Public Participation:

- 5.2.6.1. Any person or organization wishing to make a formal presentation at a scheduled meeting of the Commission shall notify the Staff liaison in writing at least ten days prior to the time of the meeting.
- 5.2.6.2. The Commission or Staff liaison may waive the ten day notice period in the event the proposed presentation is of critical importance to the operation of the Commission.
- 5.2.6.3. Such notification shall contain the name of the person or organization desiring to make the presentation, contact information for the person or organization and the topic to be presented or discussed.
- 5.2.6.4. Permission to make a presentation to the Commission shall be granted by the Staff liaison in consultation with the Chair, subject to time availability.
- 5.2.6.5. Confirmation of permission to make a presentation shall be made to the requester by the appropriate staff member prior to Commission meeting and shall include the date and time of the meeting, and the time for the formal presentation.

5.3.0 Officers

5.3.1. Elections and Terms:

- 5.3.1.1. Officers shall be elected from the entire Commission at its first regular meeting in June, or as necessary to fill unscheduled vacancies.
- 5.3.1.2. Officers of the Commission shall include a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Recording Secretary shall be the Staff liaison.
- 5.3.1.3. Officers shall assume office in July and serve through the calendar year.

5.3.2. Nominations:

- 5.3.2.1. Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three Commissioners, and shall be staffed by the Staff liaison.
- 5.3.2.2. The Committee shall consist of at least three Commissioners, and shall be staffed by the Staff liaison.
- 5.3.2.3. The Committee shall seek nominations from all Commissioners.
- 5.3.2.4. The chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission Chair.
- 5.3.2.5. The names of the nominees shall be announced at least one month prior to the election.
- 5.3.2.6. The Chair shall call for additional nominations from the floor upon announcement of the proposed slate of officers by the nominating committee.

- 5.3.3. Unscheduled Vacancies: In the event of an unscheduled vacancy in the roster of Commission officers, the Executive Committee shall receive and make nominations for Commissioner(s) to fill such vacancy(ies) for consideration of the full Commission.

5.3.4. Duties of Officers:

5.3.4.1. Chair:

- Shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, and at other special meetings, as appropriate. The chair is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Shall vote to break a tie.
- Shall create and dismiss standing committees, with approval of the Commission.
- Shall appoint Commissioners to various committees, chairs, or tasks.

- Shall be responsible for official Commission communications.

5.3.4.2. Vice Chair:

- Shall act on behalf of the Chair when necessary.

5.4. Committees:

5.3.1. The Commission shall have standing and ad hoc committees.

5.3.2. Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Commission and the Chair.

5.3.3. Executive Committee:

5.4.4.1. Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of officers of the Commission.

5.4.4.2. Officers of the commission shall include a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Past Chair.

5.4.4.3. Powers. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Commission when time constraints make it impossible for the full Commission to act.

5.4.4.4. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet as required to perform its duties.

5.4.4.5. Reports. The Executive Committee shall report as needed to the Commission and give full information on its proceedings, if any.

5.4.4.6. Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall monitor work of the Commission with assistance of the Staff liaison. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Commission and reports to it.

5.4.5. Additional Duties.

The Executive Committee shall:

- Maintain Commission focus on mission statements.
- Maintain Commission focus on goals and objectives.
- Communicate Commission priorities to the Staff liaison.
- Consider community input in setting priorities.
- Make recommendations consistent with existing policies, programs, laws and regulations.
- Review proposals falling outside regular committee guidelines.
- Prepare correspondence on advocacy issues.
- Run the commission meetings. If no executive committee member is present to run a meeting, the chair will appoint a commissioner to run the meeting.

5.5. Standing Committees:

5.3.1. Membership: members of Standing Committees and their chairs shall be appointed by the Commission Chair.

5.3.2. The committee vice-chair shall be elected by a majority of the members and serve in the absence of the chair at committee meetings.

5.3.3. Meetings shall be held as needed.

5.3.4. Each committee shall report monthly to the Commission and give full information on its proceedings.

5.3.5. Each committee shall operate under policy guidelines adopted by the Commission. These guidelines shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Commission.

5.6. Agriculture Commission Code of Ethics

5.3.1. Necessity and Purpose:

- 5.7.1.1. Agriculture Commission members, panelists, and staff members are presumed to have an above-average knowledge of, interest in, and familiarity with agriculture and agricultural issues in King County.
- 5.7.1.2. Because this unusually deep involvement in agriculture may give rise to questions of conflict of interest and special considerations, the following code of ethics shall provide guidance in resolving such issues.
- 5.7.2. In addition to this specific Agriculture Commission Code of Ethics, commissioners and staff members shall be subject to King County Code 3.04, Employee Code of Ethics.
- 5.7.3. Definitions:
 - 5.7.3.1. "Affiliation," means the involvement of an individual or a member of that individual's immediate family with an organization as a director, officer, trustee, or employee; as a paid fund raiser or public relations officer, as an independent contractor paid by the organization in the year preceding the Commission's review of the organization's application; or as a major contributor to the organization's annual budget in the year preceding the Commission's review.
 - 5.7.3.2. "Immediate Family" means a spouse, unmarried partner, or minor child.
- 5.7.4. The Agriculture Commission shall keep on file records of all commissioners' past affiliations with organizations eligible for Commission support, and commissioners shall be responsible for keeping their own records current.
- 5.7.5. Affiliations shall be declared by Commissioners and panelists at the beginning of each meeting in which review of and voting on applications is to take place, a commissioner or panelist having a conflict of interest involving an applicant shall be required to leave the room during discussion of that applicant.
- 5.7.6. Commissioners or panelists and staff members shall not submit applications on behalf of organizations with which they are affiliated; nor shall they sign any document relating to a Commission grant to said organization.
- 5.7.7. Commissioners or panelists and staff members shall not attempt to provide special consideration for, or to influence the vote of fellow commissioners, or panelists on, applications or any other matter involving applicants with which they are affiliated.
- 5.7.8. Confidentiality of Records
 - 5.7.8.1. Commissioners shall file a written Statement of Financial Interest with the Board of Ethics within ten days of appointment or by April 15 of each year.
 - 5.7.8.2. Statement of Financial Interest shall be kept in confidence, to be disclosed only to any committee charged with ascertaining a breach of the Code of Ethics or to any authority having power of removal.
- 5.7.9. A Commissioner or a staff member shall not be eligible to apply for funding from the Commission for one year after the date of termination of duties; nor shall be eligible to participate in any Commissioner's or staff member's term of office.
- 5.7.10. Infractions of the foregoing policies shall be investigated and considered by the Executive Committee, which shall make recommendations to the Commission as to the removal of the violators from the panel.

5.7.11. Appeals may be filed to the Washington State Board of Appeals through the King County Board of Equalization, as provided for in KCC3.04.040.

5.8. Media Relations:

5.8.1. Necessity and Purpose:

5.8.1.1. Because commissioners and staff members have public relations functions, both in representing Commission policies and programs to the public and also in gathering information and feedback from the public, they are expected to have a sound knowledge of the overall workings of the Commission.

5.8.1.2. When public media representatives ask commissioners or staff members for information and interviews, these guidelines shall provide help in formulating responses.

5.8.2. Notify staff liaison immediately when commissioner is interviewed by media

5.8.3. Each commissioner and staff member shall answer as fully and accurately as possible any questions regarding the established policies and programs of the Commission, the carrying on of Commission business which is a matter of public record, and any factual information on agricultural matter in general.

5.8.4. Any personal opinion which the commissioner or staff member feels it is appropriate to offer shall be identified as such and shall not be presented as the Commission policy.

5.8.5. No Commissioner or staff member shall make a unilateral commitment on behalf of the Commission.

5.8.6. "Off the record" commentary should be avoided.

5.8.7. No Commissioner or staff member shall make disparaging remarks about any individual or organization.

5.8.8. If the requested information is confidential, the commissioner or staff member shall explain to the media representative why the information cannot be discussed and shall decline to answer the question; or shall relay only the message on the subject which the Commission has agreed upon, explaining that the message is what the Commission has prepared as a statement.

5.8.9. Commissioners and staff members shall remain cordial and cooperative, even when under pressure, recognizing the importance of the freedom of the press and the interests of the public welfare.

5.8.10. In order that the Commission shall be informed of the extent and topics of media contacts concerning its business, commissioners and staff members shall report all media contacts and the substance thereof to the Chair and the Staff liaison respectively in a timely manner.

5.9. RFP Selection Panels

5.9.1. The Commission may use selection panels to advise on the Commission



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December 20, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski
Chair, King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

On behalf of the King County Agriculture Commission, I am writing to express our support for King Conservation District and to share with the Council the ways in which KCD forwards the mission of the King County Agriculture Commission and the county we serve.

KCD has been a tremendous partner supporting the Agriculture Commission's work on a wide spectrum of our efforts, in addition to serving as a resource for organizations and individuals across the county.

Through the Agricultural Drainage Program, KCD has helped return farmland to productivity and viability, improving approximately 2 miles of farm drainage per year over each of the last 5 years. This is important work that expands the county's capacity to grow food locally, betters our sustainability efforts, provides affordable produce for our communities, and ensures we are making the most of our natural resources.

KCD further builds on this effort through their Regional Food Program, which through grants, resources, and other capacity-building mechanisms has increased local food production, access to King County agriculture, and participation in farmers markets and sustainability efforts. These programs are incredibly impactful for seniors and low-income individuals, helping put fresh and locally grown produce in the hands of those that otherwise couldn't find or afford it.

And, KCD has made rural farmland stewardship a foundation of their work, ensuring a majority of King County's farmers have assistance from a non-regulatory organization and can steward their land and natural resources for today and future generations. KCD specifically works to maintain and improve water quality, soil health, and natural habitat, all crucial to our collaborative and core efforts to build a more sustainable and resilient county.

The King County Council has the opportunity now to ensure KCD continues leading these programs and projects — and more — for the next five years. Supporting a renewal and additional resources for KCD is one of the most important things the County Council can do to

help the residents and landowners in King County preserve our local environment, wildlife, and habitat; invest in local agriculture and farming, improve the private forests that play such a critical role in our regional tree canopy, and take local action to address climate change. KCD is one of very few technical assistance services for land use planning for farmers and in some instances, the primary service provider.

Thank you for your consideration. KCD is one of our strongest partners, and we hope they can count on your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leigh Newman-Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leigh Newman-Bell, Chair Pro Tem
King County Agriculture Commission

cc: King County Councilmembers
Dow Constantine, County Executive
Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
(DNRP)
Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD),
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Christie True, Director
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Dear Director True,

There is no way to protect agriculture from the adverse effects of the Puget Sound Clean Air Initiative Fuel Standards. The King County Agriculture Commission would like to bring to your attention the possible detriment to local agriculture of the Clean Fuel Standard if implemented as currently written, and to encourage your action, as representative to board member Executive Constantine on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, to modify those aspects of the draft rule that would negatively impact local agriculture.

The agricultural industry comprises an important facet of King County's economy and culture, as affirmed by County programs such as the Local Food Initiative and Land Conservation Initiative which seek to encourage the growth and retention of agricultural enterprises within the County. In order for local farm businesses to remain profitable and sustainable, it is imperative that they be able to compete for markets both within and outside of the County, the Puget Sound region, and even the state. The costs of this fuel tax will trickle down to every agriculture business in the form of plowing, harvesting, packaging and distribution. The current draft of the Clean Fuel Standard contains conflicting language with the potential to disadvantage local farm businesses, as described below.

The clearly stated purpose of the standard is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through regulation of transportation fuel. See for example:

- Section 1.01: "The purpose of this regulation is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and prevent air pollution by reducing the full fuel-cycle carbon intensity of the transportation fuel pool used in the Agency's jurisdiction...through a Clean Fuel Standard (CFS)..."
- Section 4.01: "...the CFS applies to any transportation fuel, as defined in section 2.01, that is sold, supplied, or offered for sale in the Agency's jurisdiction."
- Section 4.02: "The transportation fuels to which the CFS applies include:...(b) Diesel fuel used as a transportation fuel..."

As you may be aware, many agricultural enterprises in Washington make use of “red dyed” diesel, which is fuel designated exclusively for use in off road vehicles and equipment (such as farm tractors) which do not travel on public roadways and are therefore exempt from state and federal fuel taxes. Given the regulatory focus of the CFS on transportation fuel specifically, it seems clear that red dyed diesel - an explicitly non-transportation fuel - should be exempt. However, the definition of transportation fuel in the draft CFS would encompass and apply these new regulations to red dyed diesel:

- Section 2.01: “TRANSPORTATION FUEL means any fuel used or intended for use as a motor vehicle fuel or for transportation purposes in a non-vehicular source.”

These conflicting sections of the draft CFS create a grey area, because while tractors (for example) are not used for transportation, they are nonetheless motor vehicles and so would fall under the definitions as currently written. This raises the likelihood that local agricultural operations will suffer unintended consequences: farm equipment able to utilize alternative fuel (e.g. electric tractors) is either not readily available or is prohibitively expensive, thus the application of the CFS as currently written to encompass red dyed diesel could be damaging to our local farm economy.

Furthermore, other industries such as locomotive/rail, ocean-going vessels, and aircraft which similarly compete outside of our region are exempt under the draft CFS. Agriculture, like other industries contributes significantly to the region’s economy. Local farmers work on very slim margins to provide a much-needed resource as well as myriad ecological and social benefits, and it would be extremely unfortunate if their viability and sustainability were harmed - perhaps unintentionally - as a consequence of the CFS. **We therefore request your attention to this matter, and recommend modification either of the definition of transportation fuel under section 2.01 so that it clearly does not pertain to red dyed diesel not used for transportation, or elsewhere to clarify that agricultural non-transportation fuel use is exempt.**

Sincerely,



Leigh Newman-Bell, Chair Pro Tem
King County Agriculture Commission

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**Feedback on FFF Task Forces
from the Agriculture Commission**
to ag commission representatives in task forces
and FFF IOC

January 9, 2020

January 9, 2020 Ag Commission Mtg

- The Ag Commission met January 9, 2020 at the Preston Community Center and had updates from the three FFF Task Force Coordinators before breaking into small groups and submitting feedback on each task force.



Farm, Fish , Flood <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure and Process Overview (10) - Beth• What FFF needs from the Commission (5) – Josh, Nayab, Meredith• Buffer Task Force – Beth leDoux (5)• Regulatory Task Force – Eric Beach (5)• Ag Land Resource Strategic Plan Task Force – Patrice (5)• Task Force Breakouts for Feedback (20)	Beth leDoux, FFF Project Manager, , Josh Monaghan, FFF Ag Caucus Chair, Meredith Molli, FFF IOC Ag Commission and Reg Task Force and Nayab Khan, Ag Task Force
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- The following notes from each task force include all of the comments made by ag commissioners. This information is meant to help ag commission representatives on each task force and on the IOC better represent concerns and support from the commission regarding each task force.

Buffer Task Force: What Are Your Concerns?

- How do you get it to next step?
- Calculate Land Value
- Site level relevance
 - Flexibility
 - % of parcel
- Soil moisture
- Irreversibility of Planting
- Maintenance
- Noxious Weeds
- View of Property

Buffer Task Force: How Should We Incentivize This?

- Tax Incentives  Conservation
- One sided
- Hedgerows  Beneficial Insects
- Agroforestry
- Tax incentive applied to development on property

Buffer Task Force: What Would Excite You?

- Model for other counties/watersheds
- Flexibility on site

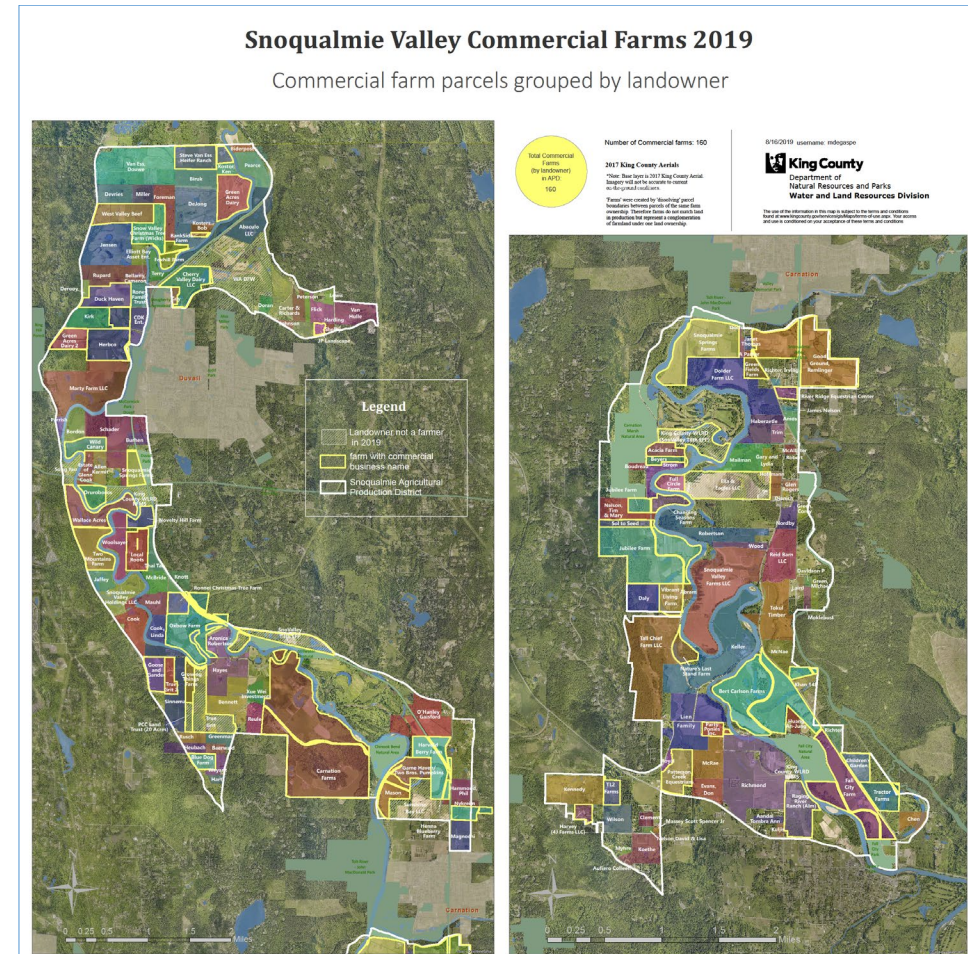
Agricultural Strategic Plan Task Force: What Are Your Concerns?

- Finish in time
- Negotiating the Acreage #
- Soil capability vs. actual crop production
 - Would be very interesting to show correlation, for example:
 - Growing 1,2,3 on X,Y, Z

“I’ll trade you a beaver for 30 elk” Enumclaw farmer to Green River farmer

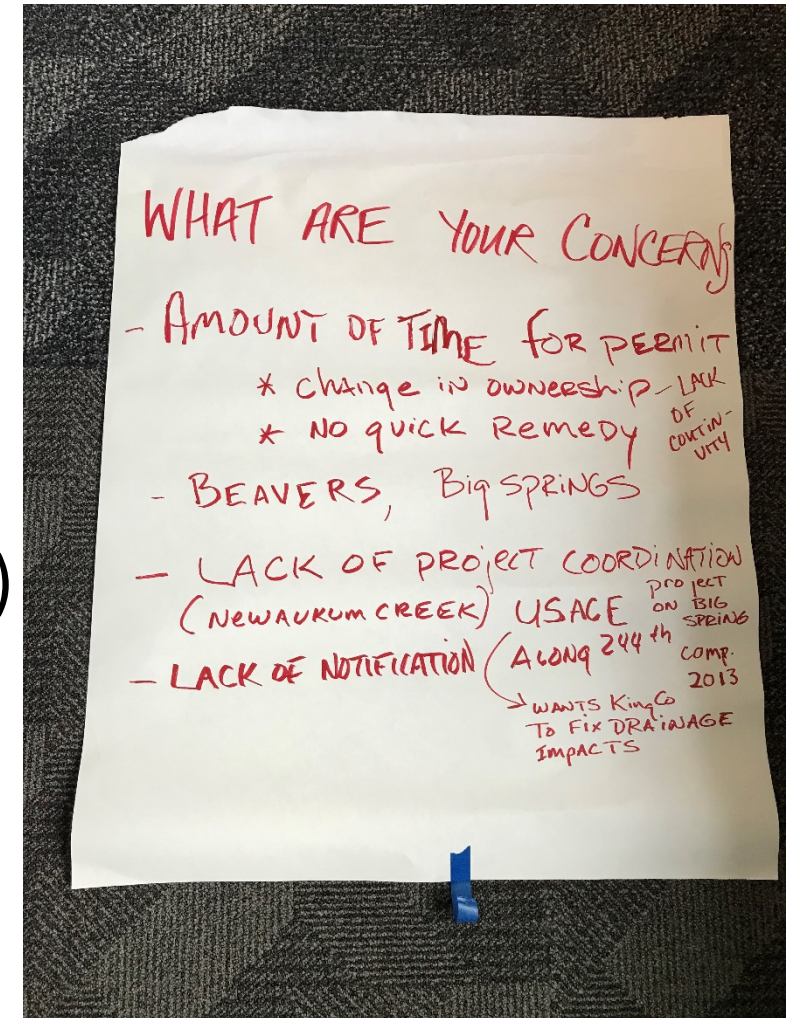
Agricultural Strategic Plan Task Force: What's Exciting About This?

- Seeing it in maps
- It's exciting that King County cares about Ag!
- Data helps us make smarter decisions
- The idea of the plan to help farmers



Regulatory Task Force: What Are Your Concerns?

- Amount of time for permit
 - Change in ownership, lack of continuity
 - No quick remedy
- Beavers, Big Springs
- Lack of project coordination (Newaukum Creek)
- Lack of notification



Regulatory Task Force: What's Exciting About This?

- 1 Solution = Multitude of Problems, i.e.,
 - Habitat
 - Multiple Landowner



Legisletter – Week 4 – February 7, 2020



Today is February 7th, the 26th day of this grueling legislative session. Today is also officially “policy cut-off” day for the thousands of bills that have been introduced. This means that today is the last day policy bills can be passed out of committee in order to be considered during the remainder of the session. Any policy bill that has not been passed by a committee by the end of today is technically considered dead. While this is great news, knowing we will no longer be surprised by new bills that attack agriculture, we still have our hands full with those bills that will continue on.

Here is an update on many of the bills we have been monitoring:

- SB 5981 would implement a greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade program. This bill would increase gas prices, increase farm inputs and add costs to the buying and selling of our ag products. The bill had a hearing this week and Farm Bureau members testified against this bill and about the impacts it would have on their farm operations. The bill did not pass out of committee.
- HB 2550 would greatly increase the authority of the state’s environmental and land use laws by mandating they operate under a “net ecological gain” standard. Prior to passing the bill out of committee this week, the House Environment Committee improved the bill by replacing the bad language in the bill with direction to study what the impacts would be if the original bill’s language was actually implemented. This is a vast improvement over

the original bill. We still oppose the bill, but at least it is not as bad.

- SB 6518 could ban the use of the pesticide chlorpyrifos on most crops in Washington. While there are some exemptions to this ban, this bill would greatly impact the tree fruit industry that currently has no workable alternative to chlorpyrifos. This bill passed out of the Senate agriculture committee on Thursday. Farm Bureau members provided excellent testimony against this bill.
- HB 2415 proposes moving special districts under the state’s regular election law to the November general election ballot. This heavy-handed legislation will bankrupt many small districts if they are required to pay their share of the election costs. That is clearly not a good outcome. The Seattle Times said it best, when it editorialized that this bill “could cause more harm than good.” We continue to oppose HB 2415.
- SB 6324 concerns the financial reporting of special election districts. This bill would give a county the right to dissolve any special purpose district if the district has not properly filed a financial report in two or more years. We support the approach used in this bill to address the real problem that a very small number of special purpose districts are facing without negatively impacted the other hundred or so districts.
- HB 1110: A bill to create Low Carbon Fuel Standard passed the House (52-44) and is now in the Senate. This policy could result in fuel prices as high as 57 cents per gallon for gasoline and 63 cents per gallon for diesel. Although it is unlikely this bill will pass out of the Senate this year, expect there to be additional movement by the Puget Sound Clean Air Authority over the next few months to pass a regional LCFS standard that would impact Snohomish, Kitsap, King and Pierce counties. This bill will likely be up for consideration again in the 2021 session.
- SB 6261 would mandate the rehiring of employees that have filed a complaint against an employer in any capacity. A substitute version of this bill passed out of Senate Labor on February 3. Although the anti-retaliation language was removed, this bill still contains several provisions that are dangerous to agriculture employers. We continue to oppose this bill. Keep an eye out for hearing information when this bill comes to House Labor.
- HB 2427 adds climate change as a new goal to the Growth Management Act. The committee did make the bill less bad by applying it only to larger counties and dropped the requirements on counties to achieve fewer overall miles driven and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. We still oppose this bad and unnecessary bill.

Here is an update on some good bills we are tracking:

- HB 2906 directs WDFW to prioritize the use of radio collars on wolves and to strive to have collars on at least two wolves in each pack in the state. This bill passed the House agriculture committee today.
- SB 6545 allows counties not currently in the Voluntary Stewardship Program to join until July 2021. This bill has been passed on to Ways and Means.
- HB 1622 has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill allows the Dept. of Ecology to proactively respond to foreseeable drought conditions to reduce future or current hardship (instead of providing relief after the drought has occurred).
- HB 2498 would require the Department of Natural Resources to compensate farmers and ranchers whose leases are terminated early by DNR for lost revenue due to the termination. This bill is now in Senate Ways & Means.
- SB 6382 would create a state-based meat and poultry inspection program that would specifically address the struggle smaller livestock producers have in finding local USDA certified custom meat facilities. This bill is now in Senate Ways & Means.

Support

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
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HB 2498	DNR lease termination	Providing compensation to department of natural resources lessees whose leases are terminated for reasons other than default.	H Approps	Corry	High
HB 2559 (SB 6365)	WDFW/payments in lieu of tax	Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the department of fish and wildlife.	H Approps	Springer	High
HB 2906	Gray wolf radio collars	Concerning the use of radio collars on gray wolves by the department of fish and wildlife.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	High
SSB 6306	Soil health initiative	Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Rules 2	Lias	High
SSB 6329 (SHB 2696)	Meat and poultry misbranding	Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Rules 2	Warnick	High
SB 6365 (HB 2559)	WDFW/payments in lieu of tax	Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the department of fish and wildlife.	S Rules 2	Warnick	High

Oppose

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
E2SHB 1110 (SB 5412)	Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels	Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels.	S Environment, En	Fitzgibbon	High
HB 1172 (SB 5314)	Capital gains tax/prop. tax	Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.	H Finance	Santos	High
HB 1703	Tax exemptions	Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.	H Finance	Pollet	High
HB 1841 (SB 5877)	Crew size on certain trains	Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.	S Labor & Commerc	Riccelli	High
		Amending state greenhouse gas			

SHB 2311 (SB 6272)	Greenhouse gas emissions	emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Approps	Slatter	High
SHB 2415	Special district elections	Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H Approps	Hudgins	High
HB 2549	Salmon recovery efforts/GMA	Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	High
SHB 2550	Net ecological gain	Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	H ENVIDPS	Lekanoff	High
HB 2609 (SB 6335)	Climate change/GMA	Addressing climate change through growth management.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	High
HB 2689 (SSB 6440)	Workers' comp medical exam	Concerning industrial insurance medical examinations.	H Labor & Workpl	Mead	High
HB 2892	Greenhouse gas emissions	Authorizing the department of ecology to regulate greenhouse gas emissions associated with persons who produce or distribute fossil fuel products that emit greenhouse gases in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	High
SB 5129 (HB 1343)	Revenue	Increasing revenues for the support of state government. Gov's Cap Gains	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	High
SB 5130 (HB 1228)	Fish barrier removal funding	Increased REET and vehicle weight fees	S Transportation	Rolfes	High
SB 5314 (HB 1172)	Capital gains tax/prop. tax	Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	High
SB	Greenhouse	Reducing the greenhouse gas	S Environment,		

5412 (E2SHB 1110)	gas/transp. fuels	emissions associated with transportation fuels.	E	Salda?a	High
2SSB 5489	Environ. health disparities	Establishing a healthy environment for all by addressing environmental health disparities.	S Rules 3	Salda?a	High
SSB 5717 (SHB 1491)	Employee scheduling	Concerning employer and employee scheduling.	S Labor & Commerc	Salda?a	High
SB 5973 (2SHB 2117)	State tax structure	Providing a pathway to modernize and rebalance the Washington state tax structure so that it is equitable, adequate, stable, and transparent for the people of Washington state.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	High
SB 5981	Greenhouse gas cap and trade	Implementing a greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade program.	S Environment, E	Carlyle	High
SB 6260	Water resources/tribes	Concerning tribal traditional and cultural interests in water resources.	S Ag/Water/Natur	McCoy	High
SSB 6261	Farm labor contractor system	Strengthening the farm labor contractor system by removing an exemption for nonprofits, prohibiting retaliation and the use of farm labor contractors in certain circumstances, and establishing liability for related violations.	S Rules 2	McCoy	High
SB 6272 (SHB 2311)	Greenhouse gas emissions	Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	S Environment, E	Das	High
SB 6335 (HB 2609)	Climate change/GMA	Addressing climate change through growth management.	S Local Governme	Salomon	High
SSB 6440 (HB 2689)	Workers' comp medical exam	Concerning industrial insurance medical examinations.	S Rules 2	Stanford	High

SB 6453 (SHB 2427)	Climate change/GMA	Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	S Local Governme	Salomon	High
SB 6454	Salmon habitat planning	Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.	S Local Governmen	Salomon	High
SSB 6518	Pesticide, chlorpyrifos	Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	High
SSB 6628	Greenhouse gas/fossil fuels	Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases.	S Rules 2	Carlyle	High

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Statement of Financial and Other Interests

King County Board, Commission, Committees, and Other Multimember Bodies
Filing Year 2020

Read all instructions carefully then fully complete each section.
Incomplete forms cannot be filed.

Name:

Board or Commissions:

I am filing within two weeks of initial nomination or appointment, reporting on the preceding 12 calendar months.

Nomination or appointment date:

I am filing an annual statement, reporting on calendar year 2019 (See Item No. 3, "Period of Reporting" in Filing Instructions.)

Financial and Other Interests to Report

Note: Underlined terms are defined in the Filing Instructions and in the Code of Ethics

A. Compensation, Gifts, or Things of Value

During the reporting period, did you, or a member of your immediate family receive compensation, gifts, or things of value from any person engaged in any transaction with King County in which you participated or for which you had responsibility?

No

Yes

If yes, please answer the following additional questions:

1) Name of each person engaged in any transaction with King County from whom the compensation, gift, or thing of value was received.

2) Name of individual who received the compensation, gift, or thing of value and their relationship to you.

Describe the situation and provide any additional information regarding the compensation, gift, or thing of value for the Ethics Program's consideration below.

B. Financial Interests

During the reporting period, did you, or a member of your immediate family possess a financial interest in any person engaged in any transaction with King County in which you participated or for which you had responsibility?

No

Yes

If yes, please answer the following additional questions:

1) Name of each person engaged in any transaction with King County in whom a financial interest was possessed.

2) Name of individual who possessed the financial interest and their relationship to you.

Describe the situation and provide any additional information regarding this financial interest for the Ethics Program's consideration below.

C. Positions

During the reporting period, did you, or a member of your immediate family hold a position in any person* engaged in any transaction with King County in which you participated or for which you had responsibility?

** "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, firm, institution or other entity, whether or not operated for profit. The term does not include governmental units of or within the United States.*

	No		Yes	If yes, please answer the following additional questions:
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1) Name of each person engaged in any transaction with King County with whom the position was held.

2) Name of individual who held the position and their relationship to you.

3) Title of the position held.

Describe the situation and provide any additional information regarding the position(s) for the Ethics Program's consideration below.

D. Real Property

During the reporting period, did you, or a member of your immediate family possess a financial interest in any real property that was either involved in or the subject of a King County action? Property for which the only King County action was valuation or revaluation for tax purposes does not have to be reported, **except that employees of the Department of Assessments and Board of Appeals who are required to file this statement shall report property for which valuation or revaluation actions were taken by King County during the reporting period.**

	No		Yes	If yes, please answer the following additional questions:
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1) Street address, parcel number, or legal description of real property involved in or subject of a King County action.

2) Name of individual who possessed the financial interest and their relationship to you.

3) Name of the King County department involved in the King County action.

E. Declaration

By filling out the information below, I affirm that I, , am signing this form and declaring under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true, complete, and correct as of the date submitted.

Signature: S/

	at	

Date

City

State