



## Whatcom Watershed Information Network

### WWIN

*The Whatcom Watershed Information Network is a network of representatives from government agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and citizens who are involved and interested in marine and fresh water ecosystems and natural resources education and outreach.*

### Our Mission ...

*The primary mission of the network is to support and improve watershed education, stewardship, information exchange and public involvement efforts in Whatcom County."*

### Goals

- *To serve the community by providing technically sound unbiased information about marine and freshwater ecosystems, watersheds, and natural resource issues, and provide opportunities for people to support responsible stewardship;*
- *To share information and expertise about education and outreach programs;*
- *To facilitate and collaborate in providing community education and outreach;*
- *To enhance opportunities for partnerships in seeking funding for projects and activities;*
- *To reduce duplication, enhance efficiency by supporting specialization and utilizing diverse skills;*
- *To serve as a link between local education/outreach efforts and larger regional efforts such as the Puget Sound Partnership ECO Network.*
- *To identify education/outreach needs in Whatcom County;*
- *To serve as a resource for the evaluation of programs;*

## 2nd Quarterly WWIN Membership Meeting

**Date/Time:** December 15, 2009, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Location:** WSU Extension, 1000 N. Forest, Large Meeting Room

### Agenda

4 – 4:10

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

4:10 – 3:30

#### **General Operational Update**

Information: Overview of suggested changes to WWIN's groundrules (Nancy Olsen) and a demonstration on how to access WWIN documents and materials via the internet (Becky Peterson).

Outcome: *Additional clarity on how WWIN will function including the decision-making process associated with funding/grants. Learn how to access WWIN materials and documents on the web.*

4:30 – 4:40

#### **ECO Net Update**

Information: Update on ECO Net including an overview of PSSH materials available and funding opportunities (Sue Blake).

Outcome: *Distribution of posters and other PSSH outreach materials.*

4:40 – 5:25

#### **WWIN 2009/2010 Work Plan and Sub-Committee Reports**

##### Information:

- Brief overview of current Work Plan with more detail to follow in Sub-Committee updates. (Heather Higgins-Aanes - 5 minutes)
- Program Design and Evaluation Training – Update on the training which is scheduled for March. (Heather - 10 minutes)
- Speakers Series – Update on survey work to date. (Sue - 10 minutes)
- Festival/Water Week Celebration – Overview of the proposed approach including funding (Kerry McManus) and additional feedback needed from WWIN members via survey (Nancy O.) (20 – 30 minutes)

Outcome: *Additional feedback on interest in training; feedback on Festival including survey topics .*

5:25 – 5:30

#### **Next Meeting**

Discuss next meeting time; possible networking opportunities

5:30 – 6:00

#### **Informal Networking**

For those that can stay ...chance to share information on projects and activities and find possible new partners.