



## 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;

## 1st Quarterly WWIN Membership Meeting

**Date/Time:** September 21, 2009, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Whatcom County Extension, 1000 North Forest Large Meeting Room

### Agenda

3 – 3:10

#### Welcome and Introductions

3:10 – 3:25

#### Review WWIN Mission & Framework

Information: Brief overview of mission statement and ground rules, including discussion of full membership quarterly meeting schedule.

Outcome: Understanding of the mission and structure of WWIN, relationship to the Puget Sound Partnership ECO Net, and potential preferred quarterly meeting schedule for full membership.

3:25 – 4:25

#### Potential WWIN Activities

Information: WWIN members will participate in a discussion of possible projects to meet the mission and goals of WWIN. A list of potential activities has been compiled based on feedback from Coordination Days and surveys as a starting point for the discussion – refer to Attachment 1.

Outcome: Identification of possible priority activities and potential participants in implementing activities.

4:25 – 4:55

(This agenda item may continue after 5:00 for those interested in hearing more.)

#### Puget Sound Partnership – ECO Net

Information: Kristen Cooley will describe the "Puget Sound Starts Here" campaign and opportunities for local engagement.

Outcome: Knowledge of campaign and potential for local engagement.

4:55 – 5:00

#### Closing Remarks