



Whatcom Watershed Information Network

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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;

3rd Quarterly WWIN Membership Meeting

Date/Time: March 16, 2009, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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

Agenda

3 – 3:10

Welcome and Introductions

3:10 – 3:30

ECO Net Update

Information: Update on ECO Net including status of block/PSSH grants and possible proposals (Sue Blake).

Outcome: Knowledge of ECO Net activities and potential grant proposals.

3:30 – 3:55

Sub-Committee Reports

Information:

- Hear updates and provide feedback on the Program Design and Evaluation training (Heather Higgins-Aanes), Speakers Series (Sue Blake), and Water Weeks/Water Festival (Nancy Olsen).

Outcome: WWIN members should know enough to generate ideas for ways they may want to participate in Water Weeks; members will also be asked to fill out a survey to help with planning the Speakers series.

3:55 – 4:25

Brainstorming New Activities/Outcomes

Information:

- Although the year is not over, it is not too soon to start talking about possible activities for next year. (Last year we agreed work plans would run from June to June.) We will review last year's list as a starting point. We will also hear about a possible opportunity to partner on a quarterly newsletter.

Outcome: Possible ideas to consider for the coming year.

4:25 – 4:30

Next Meetings

Discuss meeting schedule for the year and possible agenda items for the June meeting.

4:30 – 5:00

Informal Networking

For those that can stay ...this is a chance to go around the room and share information on projects and activities and find possible new partners.