

# Wildlife Advisory Committee

## Meeting Summary

Friday, April 9, 2021

Start time: 9:00 A.M.

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

Northwest Annex Portable Conference Room

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA



QUORUM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Members Present		Public Present
Frank Bob		
Greg Green		
Robert Waddell		
Joel Ingram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vikki Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chris Kazimer		
Stephen Nyman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Shannon Crossen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Dearborn
Trevor Delgado		Kelly Chamberlain
Barry Wenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Barry Wenger opened the meeting at 9:11
2. Barry opened for Public Comment - none
3. Vikki moved to approve previous meeting minutes – Joel seconded
  - a. Approved
4. Species of Local Importance update
  - a. Amy said the final draft is written and asked for any last edits from the Committee by next week (April 16).
  - b. Amy may add a section speaking to the list’s effects on general citizens – positive or negative
    - i. Stephen said it would be good if the list encouraged citizens to report observations
    - ii. Amy suggested adding an outreach aspect to the Conservation Plan, but also noted it for the Species List introduction
5. City of Bellingham Corridor Analysis discussion
  - a. Amy noted Analiese is accepting comments through next week
  - b. Vikki and Joel noted that on their first review the species selected seem to be suitable for the analysis (Red legged frog and Douglas squirrel)

- c. Stephen mentioned the analysis of the third species, Brown Creeper, will be more dependent on the presence of specific habitat
- 6. Eco System Conservation Plan will be the new focus of the Committee once the Species list is completed
  - a. Update of the previous plan from 2017
  - b. The Committee may be able to add in plans for an outreach or educational program, but there is no funding for those programs
  - c. The Committee may also want to incorporate an outline for the “Watch list” species that didn’t make it on to the Species of Local Importance List
  - d. Amy recommended Work Plan revisions
    - i. Dropping current item #1 - Species of Local Importance List, and moving Conservation Plan to the top
    - ii. Adding corridor mapping potentially as new item #2, including with it current item 1.b – wildlife habitat management recommendations
    - iii. Current item 1.a.iii – Habitats to be defined, may deserve to be its own item near the end of the work plan
    - iv. Amy will plan to draft a new 2021 work plan for the Committee to consider
- 7. New Business/Old Business
  - a. Chris Elder is working with Wildlands Network on wildlife and habitat corridor mapping with watershed focus, Amy would like to invite them to present at the May meeting
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 10:00