

Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee
September 20, 2021, 11-1230pm

Via Zoom

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Agenda

Call meeting to order (5 mins)

Introductions / Comments from the Public (5 mins)

Administrative business (5 min)

- Approve minutes from August 2021 meeting
- Open voting member positions: food processing & manufacturing
- CEDS 2021-2015 draft for comment available through 9/30/2021

Presentation on Fishery sector discussion on salmon recovery with Rich Focht – San Juan Area Sea Life and marine trades committee representative, Paul Burrill (20 min)

- How does the AK model work? How could this model be applied in Whatcom County? What are the economic benefits? What are the financial / regulatory constraints?
- Committee member Q&A (15 min)

Presentation on County draft plans for the American Rescue Plan with County Executive Satpal Sidhu and Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder (15 min)

- Committee member Q&A (15 min)

Close

Next meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 11am

Potential Future Meeting Topics:

- *Post-secondary education – private sector opportunities in Whatcom County: job creation, workforce development*
- *Water Rights in Whatcom County – Presentation from PUD*
- *Cherry Point Master Planning / Infrastructure*
- *Status of American Rescue Plan relief dollars in Whatcom County*
- *Status of Permanent Affordability of Child Care in Whatcom County*
- *Status of Affordable Housing in Whatcom County, items related to annexations, Buildable Lands, EDI program, COB Planning*
- *Director search, Worker Housing in Whatcom County – Updates from POB Economic Development*
- *Presentation on Bellis Fair Mall Repurpose/Redevelopment*
- *Updates on County financials and budgets, economic resiliency of the County*
- *Port industrial and commercial land report – what is occupied, what is vacant, who is there?*
- *All Sectors: Near term business impacts of the on-going labor shortage (brief update from sectors with +40 employees)*