



Skagit Conservation District

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Date: November 12, 2020
To: Skagit Conservation District (SCD) Staff
From: Bill Blake
Subject: Comments on Padilla Bay draft TMDL

Below are a few comments to share from the Skagit Conservation District:

Introduction – I think it is worth mentioning the high use roadways travelling through the focus area. Whether is hauling of garbage, compost, livestock or RV's there is a potential to contribute.

Page 5 - I think the rain levels may be off a factor of 10. I don't think they are in the single digit range.

Page 8 - Was Table 2 in the report twice on purpose?

Page 16 – Again think it is important to reference the highways due to the large average trips per day (ADT)

Page 20 – Just curious about the seasonal high recreational use reference. I can see recreational use occurring in the bay, but not really clear where that may be occurring in the tributaries.

Page 44 – Not sure if you want to reference there is some small scale Ag occurring in the rural residential areas. It is mentioned later on page 47. I say that is the area is sub-dividing and we will want to be able to provide TA and Cost Share as that occurs

Page 51 – Once again important to reference protection from road run-off considering there are several main haul routes with large number of ADT.

Page 63 - Just wondering that instead of a woods creek example/photo you could use a photo from the TMDL area. Skagit County recently installed exclusion fencing on upper No-name creek.

Page 68 – Once again not really aware of a lot of recreational usage in the tributaries.

Page 71 - It is mentioned later but should probably reference the EQIP program here.

Page 75 – Skagit Conservation District bullets. Suggest you include near the top of the bullets: •Farm planning, •Best Management Practice recommendations (TA), •Access to Cost Share

I would like to point that out as our three main pillars are Technical Assistance, Outreach and Education, Cost share.

Page 80 - The report (Table 24) should include Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) funding. The Conservation District helps landowners access the WSCC funding.



Page 91 – This section should reference WSCC funding, specifically the Shellfish, Natural Resource Investments, and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Including that helps assure those programs are able to be used as matching funds for grants.

Page 93 - In reporting there are specific elements of Conservation District Activities that are protected from public disclosure. Request that a reference be included that highlights information will include the available project and monitoring data that is not protected by privacy rules and regulations.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

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