

Washington Biodiversity Council

Meeting Agenda
Cedar River Watershed Center
March 8 and 9, 2006

Wednesday, March 8th

12:00	Join us for lunch before the Council meeting <i>Bring your own lunch or pick up the box lunch you ordered from Sarah in advance.</i>
1:00	CONVENE AND WELCOME Introductions, overview agenda, announcements
1:25	Public Comment (on agenda only)
1:30	Council Business Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Approval of December 7th and March 1st Meeting Minutes</i>• <i>Budget Update</i>• <i>Workplan Status</i>• <i>Council Vacancies</i>• <i>September Meeting Location</i>
2:30	Current Status Report: "Washington's Biodiversity: Status and Trends" John Gamon (WDNR) will present draft findings and a detailed outline of this document, for feedback and comment by Council members.
3:45	BREAK
4:00	Website Update Carole Richmond and Sarah Gage will show "almost live" pages of the website, present a timeline for the lead-up to launch, and the preliminary management plan for the website's next phase.
4:30	Council Pilot Projects Members from the Pierce County Biodiversity Alliance will discuss highlights of their pilot project activities to date.
5:30	ADJOURN Carpools to Issaquah Holiday Inn
7:00	DINNER at Pogacha in Issaquah (<i>maps/directions provided at meeting</i>) Guest Speaker – <i>Michelle Connor, Vice President, Cascade Lands Conservancy and lead for the "Cascade Agenda" Project.</i>

Thursday, March 9th

7:30	Convene at Holiday Inn for carpools to Issaquah Highlands Meeting Hall <i>(directions provided at Wednesday's meeting)</i>
7:45	Case Study Presentation <i>Development, Growth Management and Biodiversity</i> Jim Warjone, Chairman and CEO, Port Blakely Companies <i>Coffee, Muffins and Juice provided</i>
9:00	Carpools to Cedar River Watershed Center (<i>reconvene at 9:30</i>)

Thursday, March 9th (continued)

<i>RECONVENE AT CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED CENTER</i>	
9:30	Incentives Committee Progress Report Committee members will share findings from research into existing incentive programs, and discuss plans for stakeholder engagement in developing a robust set of recommendations for statewide incentives policy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Study: Conservation Incentives in Douglas County Council Member Wade Troutman and Britt Dudek, Manager, Foster Creek Conservation District, will share observations and examples about how to make incentive programs work for biodiversity.
11:30	Revisiting the Biodiversity Goal Discussion Executive Committee members will brief the Council on a proposal for a new approach in thinking about a biodiversity goal.
12:00	<i>LUNCH and optional walking tour</i> <i>Pick up your box lunch and join Clay Antieau, botanist and environmental planner for the Cedar River Municipal Watershed, on an optional walking tour of the Education Center grounds and adjacent trails.</i>
1:00	Strategy Development Session Marc Daudon of Cascadia Consulting will 1) introduce the Cascadia Team to the Council, 2) explain the proposed methodology for developing the strategy, and 3) hear from the Council members about their perspectives on the plan and planning process. As part of this session, Council members will be asked to answer and discuss the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In your opinion, what is the most important thing that this plan needs to accomplish in order to realize the mission of the Council to protect biodiversity in Washington?• Who is/are the most important audience(s) for this plan? Ideally, what will the plan cause them to do?• How can the plan most effectively reach and motivate the stakeholders or interests that you represent on this Council? What does the plan need to address to reach these stakeholders and how? (<i>Whom do we need to get on board and what do we need to get them to do?</i>)• What do you see as the greatest challenge to making the plan a success?
3:20	Public Comment Evaluations
3:30	<i>ADJOURN</i>