

Regular Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually as well as in-person on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in Stevens County, Washington. Chair Larry Cochran called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our [meetings webpage](#). You will find the meeting packet with background information, presentations and past meeting information.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Larry Cochran, Chair, Elected east region
Cherie Kearney, Vice-chair, Governor Appointee
Amy McKay, Washington Association of Conservation Districts
Brook Beeler, Department of Ecology
Dani Gelardi, Department of Agriculture
Dean Longrie, Elected west region (online)
Jim Kropf, Washington State University (online)
Katie Rose Allen, Department of Natural Resources (online)
Wade Troutman, Elected central region

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

James Thompson, Executive Director
Alicia McClendon, Administrative Assistant
Allisa Carlson, Regional Manager
Jessica Wilson, Chief Engagement Officer
Kate Delavan, Policy Director
Lori Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Sarah Wilcox, Communications
Shana Joy, Deputy Director of District Operations and Programs

Additional staff are listed in the attachments.

A quorum was present.

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Angie Reseland, Dept of Fish and Wildlife (online)
Roylene Comes at Night, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Sarah Moorehead, WA Association of District Employees
Heather Wendt, WA Association of Conservation Districts

All other guests are listed in the following attachments:

Attachment A – online registration/attendance sheet

Attachment B – in-person sign-in sheet

ACTION MINUTES TAKEN

The meeting was opened with Commissioner roll call taken by Lori Gonzalez. A quorum was present. Following roll call, introductions were made for guests attending both in person and online.

Chair Cochran asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda; none were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

Draft July 17, 2025, Business Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Troutman to approve the July 17, 2025, draft meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner McKay.

Motion carried.

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

2026 Commission Meeting Locations

Motion by Commissioner McKay to approve the 2026 Commission meeting locations. Seconded by Commissioner Gelardi.

Motion carried.

Voluntary Stewardship Program Statewide Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Kearney to appoint Brian Muegge to a two-year term to the Statewide Advisory Committee, effective immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie.

Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Washington Shrubsteppe Restoration & Resiliency Initiative (WSRRI) – Guideline Adoption

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to adopt the Washington Shrubsteppe Restoration & Resiliency Initiative (WSRRI) Program Guidelines as final, effective September 18, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner McKay.

Motion carried.

Farmland Protection & Land Access (FPLA) Grant Authorization

Motion by Commissioner Troutman to accept the Farmland Protection & Land Access (FPLA) Work Group's recommendation regarding Great Peninsula Conservancy's Petersen Farm application.

The Conservation Commission approves up to \$780,000 in FPLA funding for the Great Peninsula Conservancy to acquire an agricultural conservation easement on the 142-acre Petersen Farm property located in Kitsap County.

The Conservation Commission authorizes its Executive Director to sign the conservation easement as a third-party beneficiary. Seconded by Commissioner Gelardi.

Motion carried.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Columbia Basin Conservation District Mid-term Supervisor Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Troutman to appoint Richard Leitz to the Columbia Basin Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Commissioner Beeler.

Motion carried.

Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



Washington State Conservation Commission

Please Sign In

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	NAME	ENTITY/DISTRICT
1.	Lori Gonzalez	SCC
2.	Alicia McClendon	SCC
3.	Brooke Betts	SCC
4.	Alexis Kearney	SCC
5.	Heather Wender	WACD
6.	Dani Gelardi	WSDA
7.	Jessica Wilson	SCC
8.	Jeff Schibbel	LCAD
9.	Amy McKay	WACD/SCC
10.	Dave Hedrick	Ferry CD
11.	Larry Cochran	WSCC
12.	Dean Hellie	Stevens SCCD
13.	Mike Pfeiffer	SCC
14.	Tom Christen	WDFW
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16. Wade Troutman Com.
17. Chris Frouell SCCD
18. Sarah Wilcox See
19. Jennifer Bore Palouse CD
20. Allisa Carlson SCC
21. James Thompson See
22. Brook Beeler ELY
23. Roylene Comes at Night NRCS
24. Mrs. Troutman
25. Mike Baden See
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Zoom Registration Report

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	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
1	Alan	Chapman	37	Nick	Vira
2	Alison	Crowley	38	Paige	DeChambeau
3	Allen	Lebovitz	39	Paul	D'Agnolo
4	Amy	Martin	40	Ryan	Williams
5	Angie	Reseland	41	Ryan	Baye
6	Anna	Lael	42	Sam	Harpor
7	Becca	Hebron	43	Sarah	Wilcox
8	B'Elanna	Rhodehamel	44	Sarah	Moorehead
9	Bill	Eller	45	SCC	Presentation
10	Brad	Riehle	46	stuart	crane
11	Courtney	Woods	47	Tami	Stubbs
12	Daryl	Williams	48	Victoria	Fischella
13	Dean	Longrie	49	Zorah	Oppenheimer
14	Emmett	Wild			
15	Evan	Bauder			
16	Hilary	Aten			
17	Jan	Thomas			
18	Janet	Gorrell			
19	Jean	Fike			
20	Jennifer	Coe			
21	Jim	Kropf			
22	Jodi	Prout			
23	Joe	Holtrop			
24	Jon	Culp			
25	Josh	Giuntoli			
26	Josh	Larsen			
27	Joy	Garitone			
28	Kara	Kaelber			
29	Karen	Hills			
30	Karla	Heinitz			
31	Kate	Delavan			
32	Katie Rose	Allen			
33	Kris	Neely			
34	Lori	Gonzalez			
35	Megan	Stewart			
36	Nick	Peak			