



**Nisqually River Council  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2012  
Sunny Beach Point, Alder Lake**

**CAC Members Present:** *Karelina Resnick, Steve Pruitt, Mary Foster, Carl Rotter, Burke Garrett, Bob and Marjorie Smith, Debbie Anderson*

**Staff Present:** *Ashley Von Essen*

**Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, & Agenda Approval**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. There was a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as written. Both were unanimously accepted and seconded.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

- **DNR Community Forest Trust Sub-Committee** — Nicole Hill, of the Nisqually Land Trust, had stated that making the July 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for the CFT program would be nearly impossible. It was decided that just because the proposal wouldn't make DNR's deadline, a sub-committee could still develop an independent proposal to present to the legislature. This would allow the committee to move forward with this project without waiting an entire calendar year to submit a proposal.

The NRC, the Forestry Committee, and the CAC have met and discussed this project a number of times, and it has been decided that the CAC will designate the sub-committee to work towards a proposal for submission. Bryan Bowden, Karelina Resnick, and Steve Pruitt have been collecting the necessary materials for this project, as well as looking at potential forestland parcels at high risk of conversion.

A meeting has been set for July 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Nisqually Tribe's Natural Resources Office for those who wish to be involved in the project.

- **Citizen Conservation Certifications** – Carl Rotter, Steve Pruitt, and Karelina Resnick each met to discuss the possibilities of establishing a Citizen Conservation Certification Program. This program would look to certify residents as stewards working towards sustainability in the watershed. The purpose of the program would be to engage the local community, build connections to the CAC, and involve the community in the ongoings of the Nisqually watershed. The program would promote volunteering, awareness, and education with the needs of the watershed in mind. A website would be established, as well as FB and a blog for ideas and information. Suggested donations will be taken for program participants to be managed by the CAC and applied to NRC approved CAC projects, etc. The CAC will look to the NRC to manage funds and seek support from other funders to increase the impact of CAC activities.

Before beginning a checklist template, the group took a look at the mission statements of the NRC and the CAC. From there, they were able to determine the direction and goals of this new endeavor. Comments were taken on the mission statements of the CAC and of the newly written Citizen Conservation Certification program (CCC). Mission statements and comments are as follows.

CAC Mission Statement:

“To educate community members, to involve them in improving the environmental quality and habitat features on their own personal property and public property throughout the watershed, and to dramatically increase the material and human resources invested in the sustainability of the Nisqually Watershed.”

\*\*It was suggested that the mission mention that the CAC works with and at the aid of the NRC. The CAC brings pertinent issues to the NRC for consideration and potential action.

CCC Mission Statement:

“To engage the residents of the watershed to improve the environment, promote sustainability of the ecosystem, and assure the quality of life for ourselves and the plants, animals, and earth with which we share our world, starting in our own backyards.”

Comments were also taken for the checklist that is in the process of being drafted. Members were asked to take the checklist home and submit further comments at the next meeting. Comments taken at the meeting included tailoring the program to the landowner, whether a private landowner, forestland owner or renter, and also having checklists available online and the ability to take donations online.

A doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting for the CCC for those interested in participating in this project.

- **CAC Promotion through Public Presentations**

The CAC would like to reach out to other local organizations to gain support and spread the word of the organization’s mission and goals. Steve will be presenting to the Nisqually Stream Stewards class on July 18th and also to the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce thereafter. Steve will be taking on upcoming presentation opportunities until a slideshow can be established for others to give presentations as well. This will allow the CAC to share how the committee has evolved over the years and where the committee intends to go in the future.

### **Brainstorming**

What groups should be the CAC reach out to? What networking opportunities to individual members have?

How do we beef up membership for the CAC? Can we spread the word through other organizations to which members are involved? Are members willing to talk to friends and family about participation?

Members should continue to think of these questions and make suggestions to the Executive Committee, as well as bring ideas to the next CAC meeting.

**Good of the Order**

The next Nisqually River Council Meeting will take place Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ashford Fire Hall from 9am to noon.

The next CAC meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nisqually Tribe's Natural Resource Office at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 21, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:30pm  
Nisqually Tribe's Natural Resources Office, Olympia**