

July 2007 Strategy

To Benefit Salmon Recovery and Achieve Skagit River Flood Control of 100-year certified protection for the urban areas and similar buy non-certified protection for the rural areas.

1. Agree on Flood Control planning options with Ecology and Army Corps
 - a. Determine roles, responsibilities, expectations and schedule.
2. Confirm Flood Control planning options with BCC
 - a. Discuss with them at PW agenda:
 - i. This draft strategy
 - ii. Convening the GI Executive Committee for concurrence
 - iii. Staff drafting a policy resolution that includes re-activated FCZD purpose, organizational structure, membership and roles.
3. Establish FCZD Committees (see attached for potential membership)
 - a. Board establish 15 member Executive Committee to make recommendations to County on flood control policies that benefit salmon, work programs, and funding
 - i. Diverse stakeholder representation
 - ii. Recommend Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan to BCC
 - o Staff develop the CFHMP in consultation with Technical Committees
 - iii. Recommend options for program funding to BCC
 - o Staff provide funding alternatives for short term (flood control program development) and long term (flood control program implementation)
 - o Present funding options to Board
 - o Board select preferred short and long term funding options.
 - o Staff, Executive Committee and Technical Committee members support and promote Board's preferred funding option(s).
 - iv. Recommend annual fish/flood work program (once funding is in place)
 - b. Board establish Technical Committees to represent constituents, provide input on flood control issues and make recommendations to the Executive Committee
 - i. Dike and Drainage Districts
 - ii. Environmental
 - iii. Land Use.
4. Hire Consultants Managed by Staff to Complete the Skagit River CFHMP
 - a. One to compile the information, fulfill the public process, draft the chapters and secure Ecology approval of the Plan
 - b. One to perform the technical work with a sub-consultant doing environmental work such that recommended projects will benefit salmon recovery efforts
 - i. Utilize FCZD Technical Committees
 - ii. Keep the Army Corps informed of progress on and seek their concurrence on outcomes from the Plan
 - c. Final adopted CFHMP will identify a comprehensive Skagit River flood control/salmon recovery program with prioritized projects to construct.
5. Submit preferred funding option to voters, if required and so determined by the Board.

Non-inclusive lists of potential committee membership for a re-activated FCZD

Executive Committee: Potential groups to be represented (only governmental jurisdictions)

- Dike Districts
- Cities
- Towns
- Tribes
- Ports

Dike & Drainage District Technical Committee: potential representatives

- All dike and drainage districts with jurisdiction over areas adjacent to or that drain into the Skagit River

Environmental Technical Committee: potential representatives

- WDFW
- Skagit Watershed Council
- Swinomish Tribe
- Upper Skagit Tribe
- Padilla Bay Reserve
- Skagit Land Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Land Use Technical Committee: potential representatives

- Western Washington Ag Association
- Skagit Farm Bureau
- Skagit Cattlemen
- Economic Development Association of Skagit County
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce
- Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce
- Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce
- Skagit Builders Association
- Anacortes Chamber of Commerce