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)
  o Dike Districts
  o Cities
  o Towns
  o Tribes
  o Ports

Dike & Drainage District Technical Committee: potential representatives
  o All dike and drainage districts with jurisdiction over areas adjacent to or that drain into the Skagit River

Environmental Technical Committee: potential representatives
  o WDFW
  o Skagit Watershed Council
  o Swinomish Tribe
  o Upper Skagit Tribe
  o Padilla Bay Reserve
  o Skagit Land Trust
  o The Nature Conservancy
  o Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Land Use Technical Committee: potential representatives
  o Western Washington Ag Association
  o Skagit Farm Bureau
  o Skagit Cattlemen
  o Economic Development Association of Skagit County
  o Burlington Chamber of Commerce
  o Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce
  o Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce
  o Skagit Builders Association
  o Anacortes Chamber of Commerce