



Food System Committee

Tuesday October 18, 2022

4-5:30 PM

Zoom and in-person

Minutes

Members Present:

Name	Sector	Present
Margaret Gerard	Local Sales Farming	X
Nikki Oleson	Processing/Distribution	X
Riley Sweeney	Food Access	X
Amber Noskoff	Nutrition/ Public Health	X
Sean Hopps	Labor	X
Krista Rome	Natural Resources	X
Rhys-Thorvald Hansen	Whatcom Food Network	X
Paul Burrill	Fishing	X
	Export Sales Farming	

Others Present: Ali Jensen, WCHD and FSC staff; Eileen Horn and Caroline Myran, New Venture Advisors; Eloi Roshon, WCHD; Greg Thompson, Health Officer, WCHD; Laura Ridenour, WFN.

Call to order: Riley started the meeting at 4:00pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Determination of Quorum

Quorum.

Approval of minutes

Riley motioned, Paul seconded. All approved.

Public Comment

Ali shared that the Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee wants to cohost a forum on farmland access with the Food System Committee.

Prioritization of Food System Actions

The group reviewed the prioritization of actions within each objective. There was discussion about the individual action language and a request for more time to review the actions. The group decided to revisit the actions and join subcommittees to flesh out the actions.

There is opportunity for committee members to invite subject matter experts into those subcommittee meetings.

Next steps

Ali will set up subcommittee meetings to meet prior to the next meeting. The committee members will review the draft actions and be prepared to discuss in those subcommittee meetings. People can let Ali know, via email, if they feel something important is missing from the actions.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 10th 3-430. Meeting ended at 5:30pm.