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## Washington Council of Trout Unlimited Council Meeting

Hosted by Icicle Valley Chapter

### Officers

Rosendo Guerrero **Tacoma** (Chair), Brad Throssell **Bellevue/Issaquah** (newly elected Vice-Chair), Jeff Moore **Northshore** (Treasurer), Dave Moazed **Icicle Valley** (Secretary), Tim Gavin **Yakima** (National Leadership Council representative)

**Bellevue/Issaquah:** Brad Throssell

**Clark County:** none

**Clearwater-Snake Rivers:** Michael Wells

**Duwamish/Green:** Larry Burnstad (Conservation Committee Chair)

**Edmonds Salmon:** Greg Beach

**Icicle Valley:** Mike Wyant, Bob Stroup

**Kitsap/Olympic Peninsula:** Stephen Burns, Nicholas Fellander

**Klickitat:** Olivia Holderman

**Northshore:** Jeff

**North Sound:** Jen Luthanen

**Olympia:** Paul Sparks, Pat Prichard, Bob Leingang

**Sky Valley:** Nick

**Spokane Falls:** none

**Tacoma:** Rosendo

**Yakima:** Tim

**Yakima River Headwaters:** none

**Trout Unlimited Staff:** Cody Gillin, Lisa Baranek, Gregg Bafundo. Nick Chambers

### Guests:

**Fish Not Gold:** Kim McDonald

08:30 Welcome & Introductions of Officers & Staff

09:00. Council Business

- Approval of Minutes from Edmonds Mtg - approved
- Financial Report.

- Conservation chair – See attachment. Larry requests that each chapter update their chapter information, including the identity of the chapter conservation chair, and send that information to Larry.
- NLC report – Tim noted the new financials controls implemented by the NLC which is a later agenda topic.
- Fundraising Committee – There was a discussion of the grant procedures, and an update to those will be presented at the September meeting.
- PNW Coordinator – Lisa provided an update on the Council strategic planning committee draft document, her efforts to rebuild and restart the Tacoma and Clark County chapters, announced the formation of the new North Shore chapter, proposed a rod loan program, and her plans to publish a Washington TU staff contact list.
  - A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to each new chapter for development.
- WI Chair – see attached.
  - A motion was made and passed to donate \$50 to each of the five Womens' Initiative event instructors.

09:45. Mission Statement Chapter Project assignment – Rosendo presented us with a homework assignment for the September meeting, to answer three questions concerning our chapters' efforts to engage our communities. I have attached the document.

10:30. Council Discussion Code of Ethics – Lisa reviewed the TU sexual abuse policy to illustrate our need to be aware of potentials abuse in many forms. She recommended that all members who are in direct contact with minors undergo a background check.

10:30 Break

10:45. Financial Controls Rosendo/Jeff discussed the financial 3<sup>rd</sup> party signer and Kyle will conduct a webinar conference call for all presidents via conference call

11:00. Chelan County PUD presentation. Alene Underwood and Keith Truscott with Chelan County PUD gave us a well-received presentation on the PUD's Habitat Conservation Plans and programs.

11:45. Election of Vice Chair position – Brad Throssell approved as submitted

12:00pm Lunch

- A motion was made and approved to purchase plaques and Sage reels to present to Jim Brozio and Mike Clancy and Gift card to Tom VanGelder who have chaired the Northwest Youth Fly Fishing Academy.

12:30pm. Chapter Border Zip Codes –Bill Abrahamse is unable to work on this effort, (not in attendance) will need to work with Mark Taylor

12:30pm. Wild Steelhead Initiative (Nick, Larry)

1:00pm TU Staff Presentations and Discussion – Gregg Bafundo spoke about his primary campaigns, WA suction dredge legislation, and the fight against those who are pushing for the Federal government to give our federal public lands back to the states. Cody Gillin provided an update on the projects that TU's Washington Water Project staff have been working.

2:00 Presidents Forum- Open Topics

- Bob Stroup of the Icicle Valley chapter spoke about the Peshastin Mill Waterfront project that he has been co-chairing.
  - A motion was made and passed to donate \$1000 to the Peshastin Mill Waterfront project.
- Rosendo provided an update on recent meetings concerning fire recovery and forest health. He also discussed a proclamation to honor former Tacoma chapter member Commander Ray Evans He also discussed a mentorship fishing program for returning service members. And, he asked whether the council should continue to have a booth at the Puyallup Fair. It was discussed and determined that council would not participate this year and look at rebranding the booth next Year.
- 3:00pm Adjourn

The next Council meeting will be held in Yakima on September 23 and 24.