Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission
MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2026, TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PURPOSE: Q2 Business Meeting

LOCATION: North Cascades Environmental Learning Center, Trillium Room, 1940 Diablo Dam Rd, Rockport, WA 98283

ZOOM LINK: https://tinyurl.com/SEEC-Q2-NCI

COMMISSIONERS	
Shannon Bentley (CAN)	Nancy Hirsh (USA) - Regrets
Lynn Best (USA)	Stephen Hui (CAN)
Keith Binkley (USA) – Regrets	Hugues Letourneau (CAN)
Diana Bob (USA)	Matt Love (USA)
Zita Botelho (CAN)	Jon Reidel (USA)
Kevin Duncan (CAN)	Will Stelle (USA) - Regrets
Karen Dunstan (CAN)	Anna Warwick Sears (CAN) - Regrets
Lana Gonoratsky (CAN)	

SECRETARIATS AND SUPPORT	
Kate Engel – USA Secretariat	Rudy Kehler - Contractor
Kiyomi Keckemet – Seattle City Light - Regrets	Bryan Zandberg – Canadian Secretariat

GUESTS		
NAME	**TITLE**	**ORGANIZATION**

Item	Topic	Outcome	Presenter	Time
1.	Call to Order / Territorial Acknowledgement / Introductions / Agenda Overview	Agenda approved	Matt (for Will)	**9:00 – 9:10 am**
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting		Matt (for Will)	**9:10 – 9:20 am**

		Review minutes from March Q4 2026 and June Q1 2026. **MOTION: To approve Q4 meeting minutes for March 20, 2026.** **MOTION: To approve Q1 meeting minutes for June 12, 2026.**		
3.	Public Comments Submitted		Kate	**9:20 – 9:25 am**
4.	Co-Chairs Update	• TBD	Karen	**9:25 – 9:40 am**
5.	Finance Committee Update	• Draft Audit Approval • SEEC Budget Amendment **MOTION: That the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission approves the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, as presented by the independent auditors Manning Elliot LLP, and further authorizes their public distribution and filing with the Canada Revenue Agency.** **MOTION: That US$120,660 be allocated to the Opportunity Fund from the FY2024-2025 budget surplus**	Hughes	**9:40 – 10:10 am**
6.	Communications Committee Update	• Status report	Rudy	**10:10 – 10:20 am**
7.	Recreation Committee Update	• Status report	Lynn	**10:20 – 10:30 am**
8.	Education Committee	• Status report	Stephen	**10:30 – 10:50 am**
9.	Ecosystem Committee	• New Amphibian Survey Project Proposal	Matt	**10:50 – 11:20 am**

		• New Bull Trout Study Project Proposal • Glaciers Inventory Project **MOTION: That the Commission approve three-year grant of $250,819 (Canadian) to the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship from the FY2026-2027, FY2027-2028, and FY2028-2029 budgets (as described below) to assist in the implementation of a study regarding amphibians as a climate indicator for the Upper Skagit Watershed, British Columbia. The Canadian Secretary is directed to issue a letter of agreement to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, confirming the Commission's approval of funds for the project with gratitude for this opportunity.** **MOTION: That the Commission approve total grant of $178,573.55 (Canadian) to Instream Fisheries Research, Inc from the FY2027-2028 and FY2028-2029 budgets (as described below) to assist in the continued implementation of a Skagit River Bull Trout Status Assessment. The Canadian Secretary is directed to issue a letter of agreement to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, confirming the Commission's approval of funds for the project with gratitude for this opportunity.**		
10.	**BREAK**			**11:20 – 11:30 am**
11.		• Status report	Jon	**11:30 – 11:50 am**

	Watershed Integrity Committee Update			
12.	IPEC Committee Update	• Status report	Diana	**11:50 – 12:05 pm**
13.	Open meeting conclusion	• Future meeting schedule • Review of action items • Concluding remarks	Matt (for Will)	**12:05 – 12:35 pm**
14.	Executive Session	Closed meeting		**12:35 – 12:50 pm**
15.	Adjourn			**12:50 pm**

Future meeting dates and tentative locations:

- Q3 Business Meeting – December 11, 2026 – Remote
- Q4 Business Meeting – March 19, 2027 – Richmond, BC
- Q1 Business Meeting – June 11, 2027 – Richmond, BC
- Q2 Business Meeting – September 17-19, 2027 - BC

Attachments:

1.2 SEEC-Q2 Business Meeting Notice
1.3. Motions Summary (below)
2.1 SEEC Q1 Business Meeting Minutes (June 2026)
2.2 SEEC Q4 Business Meeting Minutes (March 2026)
5.1 Finance_SEEC YTD 2026-2027 to Jul31 (Sept 3 2026)
5.2 Finance_RBC GAM_SEEC Portfolio_2026-08-31
5.3 Finance_SEEC CDN 2026YE DRAFT
5.4 Finance_SEEC US 2026YE DRAFT
5.5 Finance_2026-09-13-Finance_cover_memo
9.1 Ecosystem_SEEC_Skagit amphibian proposal_revised_3 year
9.2 Ecosystem_Funding Recommendation_Amphibians Funding Request - September 2026
9.3 Ecosystem_SEEC_Skagit Bull Trout Proposal_2027-2029
9.4 Ecosystem_Funding Recommendation_Bull Trout Assessment September 2026

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