

Washington Conservation Incentives Project Initial Orientation Interviews

Seven initial interviews were conducted with ten key knowledgeable figures in Washington to explain our project and to gain a general orientation on the issues and begin the process of focusing our effort on matters of the greatest interest and productivity.

These first seven interviews were conducted as follows:

| Interviewee: | Position: | Date & time: | Place: |
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| Mike Shelby & Mike Rundlet | MS: Executive Director, Western Washington Agriculture Association MR: Program Officer, Western Washington Agriculture Association | 10:00 a.m. 8/21/06 | Mt. Vernon Offices of WWAA |
| Frank Easter | Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service | 11:00 a.m. 8/29/06 | Spokane NRCS Office |
| Mark Clark & Stu Trefry | MC: Executive Director, Washington State Conservation Commission ST: Puget Sound Field Officer, Washington State Conservation Commission | 9:30 a.m. 9/1/06 | Lacey Offices of WCC |
| Fred Colvin | President, Washington Association of Conservation Districts, Board of Thurston Conservation District, and Thurston County area cattleman | 7:00 a.m. 9/11/06 | By phone |
| Kirk Hansen & Ken Miller | KH: Small Forest Landowners Program, Washington Department of Natural Resources KM: Former President, Washington Farm Forestry Association & forest landowner | 11:00 a.m. 9/11/06 | Olympia Offices of Small Forest Landowner Program at DNR |
| Jay Gordon | Executive Director, Washington State Dairy Federation and Gray's Harbor County dairy farmer | 10:30 a.m. 9/13/06 | Lynden Fire Station (at dairy risk management event) |
| Josh Weis | Environmental Affairs Director, Washington Forest Protection Association | 1:30 p.m. 9/19/06 | Olympia offices of WFPA |

The attached "Agenda for Initial Interviews" was used to guide the interviewer, but the interviews were mostly left open at this early stage of the project.