

Scott Boettcher

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To: Scott Boettcher
Subject: OCB Appointment

This email is to serve as my letter of interest in seeking an appointment to Governor Inslee's Office of the Chehalis Basin.

The following is an abbreviated outline of my participation and experience as my basis in requesting this appointment:

- Chair, Chehalis Basin Board, Department of Ecology. I was appointed by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority to represent the interests of the communities in the basin and I was then appointed by Governor Inslee as Chair of the OCB board. The law establishing the OCB requires that we “aggressively pursue both catastrophic flood damage reduction and aquatic species enhancement”. I have worked hard to keep all interests at the table and to pursue both of these objectives.

- Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority - local representation as a member representative since early 2011; also serving as the elected chairwoman since June, 2011. Additionally, I have served as the CRBFA representative for both the cities of Montesano and Cosmopolis. Lastly, I'm the current Grays Harbor County's representative to the CRBFA in my capacity of county commissioner.

- Local Collaboration for a Basin-Wide Solution - brought forward for submission to the CRBFA, municipal projects on behalf of Elma (Sewage Outfall Line) & Hoquiam (Ramer Street Pump Station). These cities were not CRBFA members, but have seen the impacts of flooding with their jurisdiction along the Chehalis River and their projects should be included in the Basin-Wide approach to reduce flooding.

- Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group - appointed in 2012 by then Governor, Christine Gregoire; subsequently reappointed by Governor Inslee. I worked diligently as part of this team from 2012-2016 and saw many local projects, flood proofing, evacuation routes, habitat restoration/flood mitigation work come to fruition.

- Represented the Lower Basin as part of a delegation who traveled to Washington DC to meet with Federal Legislators, USACE and other Federal agencies to bring awareness to the flood issues associated with the Chehalis River.

My desire is to continue to utilize my existing project familiarity and participation with the budget request for the 2021-2023 biennium to further the work that has begun in the Chehalis Basin.

I thank the members of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority in advance for their review and consideration of my appointment request.

Should you have questions or need any clarification, please feel free to contact me at [360/590-4100](tel:3605904100).

Best regards,

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