

### **DRAFT Board Announcement**

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority is seeking people interested to serve on the Board for the Office of the Chehalis Basin.

In 2016, the WA State Legislature created the Office of Chehalis Basin to "aggressively pursue implementation of an integrated strategy and administer funding for long-term flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration in the Chehalis river basin." The Legislature also created in that same Act a seven-member Chehalis Board to (1) oversee implementation of the Chehalis Basin Strategy and (2) develop biennial and supplemental budget recommendations to the Governor. The Board will oversee a comprehensive restoration of habitat effort which is intended to significantly increase depleted salmon runs and improve the environmental health of the Chehalis River and its tributaries. The Board will also ensure actions are implemented to significantly reduce damage from major floods and protect the communities throughout the Basin. It will make recommendations to the Department of Ecology, the Governor and the Legislature regarding changes in laws, budgets and other actions needed to achieve the dual objectives of the integrated strategy.

Three of the seven Board members will be appointed by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority. Board members should possess one or more of the following as listed in RCW 43.21A.731 (statute creating the Board):

- Expertise necessary to provide strong oversight for implementation of Chehalis Basin Strategy.
- Extensive knowledge of local government processes and functions.
- Understanding of issues relevant to reducing flood damages and restoring aquatic species.

Individuals interested in applying for one of the three Flood Authority appointed Board positions must submit the following by email to Scott Boettcher (<a href="mailto:scottb@sbgh-partners.com">scottb@sbgh-partners.com</a>) no later than 5:00 p.m., March 15, 2017.

- Statement of Interest.
- Statement of Experience.

For further information go to (\*\*\* Scott create link \*\*\*\*)



### **DRAFT Selection Process**

#### Application:

Individuals interested in being considered for one of the three CRBFA appointed positions on the Chehalis Board must submit the following by email to Scott Boettcher (<a href="mailto:scottb@sbgh-partners.com">scottb@sbgh-partners.com</a>) no later than 5:00 p.m., 3/15/2017.

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- Statement of Experience.

Note: All information to be considered by the CRBFA must be submitted by email as the CRBFA will not be conducting interviews.

### Review/Selection • Schedule:

- February 17, 2017 Announcement seeking qualified candidates for Board positions.
- March 15, 2017 Application submittals due no later than 5:00 p.m.
- April 2017 CRBFA reviews and selects three Board positions.
- May 1, 2017 Three Board positions are in-place.

## Board Member Qualifications:

Board members should possess one or more of the following as listed in RCW 43.21A.731 (statute creating the Board):

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- Extensive knowledge of local government processes and functions.
- Understanding of issues relevant to reducing flood damages and restoring aquatic species.

# Office of Chehalis Basin:

In 2016 the WA State Legislature created the Office of Chehalis Basin to "aggressively pursue implementation of an integrated strategy and administer funding for long-term flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration in the Chehalis river basin."

- Established in Department of Ecology.
- Modeled after the Office of Columbia River.
- See <a href="http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/2856.SL.pdf">http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/2856.SL.pdf</a>

#### Chehalis Board:

In addition to the Office of Chehalis Basin, a new Chehalis Board is created. Four members of the Board are to be appointed by the Governor; three members are appointed by the CRBFA. Board is responsible for:

- Overseeing implementation of the Chehalis Basin Strategy.
- Developing biennial and supplemental budget recommendations to the governor.