#### March 15, 2017

#### **TO: Scott Boettcher**

FROM: Edna J. Fund, Lewis County Commissioner, District 1

**RE: Statement of Interest** 

I am interested in being appointed to the Office of Chehalis Basin, as I am ready to work with others to:

"aggressively pursue implementation of an integrated strategy and administer funds for longterm flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration in the Chehalis River Basin."

I would be a very active participant in overseeing the Chehalis Basin Strategy as well as developing budget recommendations to the Governor. Having met with the former director of the Office of the Columbia River Basin, Derek Sandison, I am aware of the methods needed to make progress through the Office of the Chehalis Basin.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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**RE:** Statement of Experience for Chehalis Basin Office

### **Statement of Experience**

#### Service on the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (CRBFA)

Flood Authority Vice Chair:	2015 – Present
CRBFA Outreach Committee Chair:	2013 – 2015
Lewis County Commission Representative to the CRBFA:	2013 – Present
Centralia City Councilor Representative to the CRBFA:	2010 – 2012

Education BA Degree – St. Martin's University; AA Degree – Centralia College

#### Expertise necessary to provide strong oversight for implementation of Chehalis Basin Strategy

- Presently serving as a supervisor on the Lewis County Chehalis River Basin Zone District. With Lewis County becoming the prime sponsor for the water retention facility, I am strategically situated to provide strong oversight at the local and state levels. With a position on both groups, I can be an effective communicator/liaison, representing both entities.
- Having held leadership roles in the Flood Authority as well as being a Lewis County Commissioner, I understand large projects, which take time to complete.
- When I served as a State of Washington employee, I was a state-wide administrator of a team which implemented programs from Long Beach to Spokane, to Bellingham to Vancouver, considering local, state, and federal codes and laws.

#### Extensive knowledge of local government processes and functions

• Having been both a city councilor and currently a county commissioner, I am very familiar with the processes government uses in order to serve the public at the local level.

Additionally, having worked for the State of Washington for 30 years, with most of the • time involving the use of federal dollars, I know the protocol involving agencies at the national level/local levels to integrate the state and local processes.

#### Understanding of issues relevant to reducing flood damages and restoring aquatic species

- Representing the City of Centralia as well as Lewis County, I am well aware of the • processes government uses in order to implement initiatives, including reducing flood damages and restoring aquatic species.
- With my extensive research history of Lewis County and its flooding, my presence on the committee would bring past, present and future considerations to the table. Please see the historical chapter of The Chronicle book, "The Flood of 2007," which was authored by Julie McDonald Zander and me.

Chapter 8



The Flood of 2007 Disaster and Survival on the Chehalis River

> As reported by The Chronicle Lewis County, Washi

## A HISTORY OF FLOODING IN GREATER LEWIS COUNTY been the key trigger for all major floods in the Twin Cities from the Chehalis and Skookumchuck rivers during the athwest Washington residents know all abo rs. So did the Indian tribes who made this 5.80 that the Indian tribes who made this country of gefore white pioners arrivel. warned by white Indian legend tells of a holy man warned by exhift of the above. Hyas Saglahille Type, that a great solid come so he told people to build a huge cance and rope, according to Roy I. Wilson's book. Legends switz Indian Tribe. They Illed the cance with food, solid a huge range and the same with food. 1887 the Cowiter Indian Tribe. They filled the cance with food, a long rope to a rock at the rive's edge, and placed all the altern in the cance, along with fine braves and a 16-year maiden. Rains came and the water rose until the cance atted above even Lawelark, or Mourt St. Helens, After a to a child spide a cance, which transmod out to be the same a with River, which means "capturing the medicine spint." et dillaten became the anostors of the Cowiter popul-ated halong and peend contexp on House, the Spirit et dillaten became the anostors of the Cowiter popul-The k-interaction of the start The hear when the ancestors of the Cowlitz people. Chehalis Indian legend centers on Honne, the Spirit Chehalis More created animals and people. Before oods, people and animals could talk with one another-ling to the Chehalis, from a Salish word mean-hifting ands." When Honne came to earth, he met who sustained themselves by peating other people, simals who are only leaves and roots but never killed sother, according to Katherine Van Winkle Palmer, rof Honne. The Spirit of the Chehalis. He told the lis that a great flood would cover the country, after the would reterm and exchange the lives of the people house of the animals. Honne told the river to rise and it stated that John Leudinghaus was mourned by his sister and two brothers—most likely Frank and Go brothers who operated the Leudinghaus Brothers I Co. assemili in the Western Levis County commun Dryad from 1902 until 1930. The newspaper repor-the two men drowned in a small stream near Seato known today as Bucoda. Water flooded several farms, in depths of two to damaging rail faces and covering a third of the ra-the Centralia News reported Dec. 13, 1887. "Between Centralia and Chehatia. nearby the why try was under water," The Centralia News reported to the Centralia News reported Dec. 19, 1887. ple and animals could no it's clear that the flooding in Lewis clear that the two wens, where the occasional wels that burst over banks and twing—rainfall has

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