

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 long-term 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.

