



## ***Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Seeks Members for Three, New Office of Chehalis Basin Board Positions***

In 2016, the Washington 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 (a) oversee implementation of the Chehalis Basin Strategy and (b) develop biennial and supplemental budget recommendations to the Governor. The Board will oversee a comprehensive habitat restoration effort 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 communities throughout the Basin. The Board will make recommendations to the Washington State Department of Ecology, Governor and Legislature regarding changes in laws, budgets and other actions needed to achieve these 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 ([scottb@sbgh-partners.com](mailto:scottb@sbgh-partners.com)) no later than 5:00 p.m., March 15, 2017:

- Statement of Interest and Experience (limit to 4 pages or less).

More information:

[https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias\\_1492/37030/OCB-Board-Recruitment.aspx](https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1492/37030/OCB-Board-Recruitment.aspx).