



Alan Chapman

Biography

Elected Experience

Whatcom Board Supervisor – 2018 to present, WACD Board Representative – 2019 to present

Professional Experience

Fisheries development, management, and conservation, with international (IPSFC, Canada; USAID, Vietnam; UNDP, South Pacific, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency) and tribal (Nooksack and Lummi) organizations, retired after 30 years with Lummi Natural Resources as Fishery manager and ESA Coordinator.

Education

BA, MA and PhD Candidate, UCLA with a focus Ichthyology and Population Dynamics

Community Service

Portage Bay Shellfish Advisory Committee, WRIA 1 Planning Unit, Whatcom Marine Resources Committee, Ten Mile Clean Water Program

Candidate Statement

I have lived in the Laurel area since the late 1980s with my wife Catherine. We have raised two sons on a 6-acre property with a pond and water courses draining roads and pastures in the area. We have raised livestock in the past.

I have been involved in fisheries biology, management and development in Canada, Vietnam, and the Pacific Islands prior to returning to the Pacific Northwest in 1985. I was employed for 30+ years by the Lummi Nation in the Natural Resources Department retiring in 2018 as the Endangered Species Act Coordinator, coordinating hatchery, harvest, and habitat activities necessary to ensure meaningful sustainable treaty right fisheries. I have served two terms as an elected Whatcom Conservation District Supervisor. Since 2019, I have been an elected member of the Board of Directors Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Board of Directors representing the Northwest Area (Puget Sound Districts). I currently serve as the Chair of the WACD Livestock Committee, and the Whatcom County Agriculture Advisory Committee.

In retirement, I am continuing my efforts started at Lummi to find the common ground in between flood, fish, and farm interests. I am an advocate for incentivized voluntary conservation with a regulatory backstop to ensure that development preserves the rural heritage of Whatcom County. A viable agriculture economy in Whatcom County operating in a manner to support productive salmon habitat, and water quality and quantity standards is a key to that end. The Conservation District can be a leader in making progress to environmental goals through awareness education and technical and financial assistance to county residents.