

## ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

January 22, 2025

The Island County Council of Governments on January 22, 2025, met in the Board of Island County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville, Washington.

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### **Members Present:**

Melanie Bacon, Island County Commissioner - Chair  
Martin Vandepas, Port of Coupeville  
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville

### **Members Present via Video:**

Janet St. Clair, Island County Commissioner  
Sabrina Combs, City Administrator, City of Oak Harbor  
Kennedy Horstman, Mayor, City of Langley  
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey Commissioner

### **Also Present:**

Jessica Reed, Island County Public Health Natural Resource Specialist  
Jennifer Schmitz, Island County Public Health Natural Resource Manager  
Michael Jones, Island County Administrator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

### **AGENDA**

- Approval of October 23, 2024, minutes
- Appoint 2025 COG Chair
- Appoint COG representative to the Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizens Committee
- Discuss 2024 Audit Invoice

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 23, 2024**

Mr. Vandepas moved to approve the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes seconded by Mayor Horstman, motion passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF 2025 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Commissioner St. Clair nominated Port Commissioner Curt Gordon to Chair, seconded by Mayor Hughes, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hughes nominated Commissioner St. Clair to Vice Chair, seconded by Port Commissioner Curt Gordon, motion passed unanimously.

### **APPOINT COG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SALMON RECOVERY TECHNICAL & CITIZENS COMMITTEE**

The council discussed appointing a representative to the Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizens Committee. Mayor Hughes nominated Commissioner St. Clair to represent The Council of Governments, seconded by Curt Gordon, motion passed unanimously.

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**2024 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AUDIT INVOICE**

The council discussed and approved the final bill from the state auditor's office for the 2024 COG Audit. The bill will be split evenly between the six entities and mailed to the Washington State Auditor's Office.

**ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

- Input on changes requested by the press regarding the Public Records Act
- Oak Harbor proposal to create a Port District
- Fix our Ferries Lobby Day

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

Council of Governments,



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Curt Gordon, Chair