

ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE
April 21, 2025

Members Present:

George Place, Dar Christopherson, Sarah Bergquist, and Andrew Riggs

Staff Present:

Jeff Hegedus (Public Works), James Sylvester (Public Works), Amanda Stevenson (Public Health), and Gynon Nash (Public Works)

Others Present:

Katie Jerauld (Dept of Ecology), Rhianne Janovich, Katie Gwathmay, Scott Smithline, Tony Rounds, Heather Kortuem

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Island County SWAC was called to order on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 10:05 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting, by Sarah Bergquist, Chairperson.

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes:

Roll call determined there was not a quorum to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment Period:

None

Operations Update:

Jeff Hegedus updated the committee on operations:

- The new Coupeville Transfer Station compactor is yielding a 10% increase in compaction and transportation savings. The compactor control shack has been installed, permit for HPU roof has been approved and construction will begin soon.
- Changing the name of Bayview Dropbox & Recycle Park to Bayview Solid Waste & Recycle Center, same for the North Whidbey site.
- The North Whidbey site expansion is near completion.
- The Bayview site expansion is almost complete, still need to remove a couple of old sheds.
- At the Camano site we are updating Z-wall barriers to improve safety by adding fencing and at Bin C adding an arm barrier.

Waste Organics Diversion:

Kate Gwathmay, Mill Industries Inc., and colleague Scott Smithline presented to the committee an Introduction to Mill Food Recycler, an innovative approach to food waste recycling.

Amendment to SWAC Bylaws:

A motion to approve adding youth representatives to SWAC was delayed until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Curbside Recycling Update:

Andrew Riggs provided a curbside recycling update to the committee. He has spoke to the BOICC bundled service and estimated pricing. Jeff will arrange another work session discuss with the BOICC.

Legislative Update:

Jeff Hegedus provided the committee with current solid waste related legislative proposals, bill status and upcoming events, see agenda packet for more information.

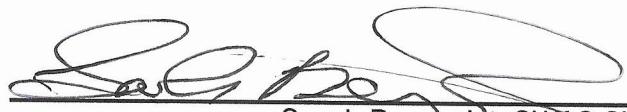
Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items:

Katie Jerauld, Dept of Ecology, informed the committee an organics recovery services map is available online and on July 1st an updated business organics map would be available online, she will send links to Jeff Hegedus.

Adjournment:

Sarah Bergquist adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m., the next regular scheduled SWAC meeting will be July 21, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 21st day of July 2025


Sarah Bergquist, SWAC Chair