



Skagit County Board of Commissioners

Ron Wesen, First District

Peter Browning, Second District

Joe Burns, Third District

July 20, 2026

Skagit County
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Re: Initial Climate Impact Advisory Committee Questions

Dear Climate Impact Advisory Committee Members,

On March 10, we wrote to ask that you provide advice on issues related to predicted climate impacts on riverine flooding and sea level rise. We appreciate the work you have started on these matters, which will facilitate community buy-in, consensus, and collaboration.

The Governor recently announced the Washington Water Futures initiative, which seeks input from local stakeholders in river basins throughout the state, including the Skagit Basin, regarding our vision for the future, to form the basis for state policy. Your advice and input regarding predicted climate impact on late summer and early fall low Skagit River flows will be particularly helpful as our community seeks to navigate future conditions.

Consistent with Skagit County Code 2.22.030(9), we ask that you prioritize the following question in addition to the matters posed by our March 10 letter: Accounting for climate change, how are future summertime monthly mean flows predicted to change in both the mainstem Skagit River and major tributaries as compared to current monthly mean flows and historic unregulated conditions?

As with our March 10 request, we ask that the CIAC utilize existing scientific studies and tools to report on these questions, identify data gaps, and provide recommendations for additional studies and analysis. We request a brief progress report by year end 2026 on all matters.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ron Wesen, Chair

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Peter Browning, Commissioner

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Joe Burns, Commissioner