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## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
 Philip Morley, County Administrator

**FROM:** Tami Pokorny, Environmental Health Specialist II

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item – Nomination of Richard Jahnke to the  
 Conservation Futures Citizen Oversight Committee

#### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Conservation Futures Citizen Oversight Committee Chair Phil Andrus and Water Quality Division staff member Tami Pokorny would like to recommend Dr. Richard Jahnke for appointment to a four-year term on the Committee to fill the existing "open interest" vacancy.

The Conservation Futures Program is an open space program to protect important habitat areas and working lands in Jefferson County.

#### **ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PRO'S and CON'S:**

This "open interest" vacancy on the CF Committee was advertised in the *The Leader* on February 16, 2011 and in the Forks Forum.

On March 22, 2011, Phil Andrus and Tami Pokorny interviewed Dr. Jahnke in person and reviewed his application materials. We feel Dr. Jahnke is very well qualified to volunteer in this capacity and would make an excellent addition to the CF Committee.

Dr. Jahnke received a PhD in Chemical Oceanography from the University of Washington and is currently Emeritus Professor of Oceanography in the University System of Georgia. He relocated to Port Townsend in 2009. Since then, Dr. Jahnke has provided public lectures through several community groups and is an advisor to the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. He has extensive experience serving on and chairing professional advisory committees during his career including review panels for the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Dr. Jahnke has expressed an interest in representing the interest of "Coastal Environments" on the Committee.

Other than Dr. Jahnke, no one else is pursuing this CF vacancy at this time.

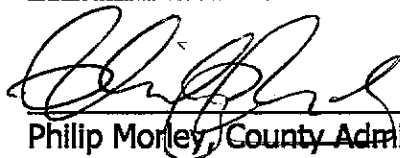
**FISCAL IMPACT/COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:**

There is no fiscal impact to the county's General Fund for appointing Dr. Jahnke to serve on the CF Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

JCPH management recommends the appointment of Richard Jahnke to serve a four-year term on the Conservation Futures Citizen Oversight Committee.

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

3/23/11  
Date