

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Frank Gifford, Interim County Administrator

**FROM:** Leslie Locke, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**DATE:** August 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Nomination re: 2013 Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC)  
Award; Tami Pokorny

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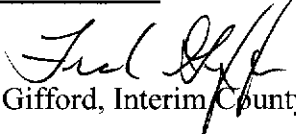
**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

The Jefferson County Commissioners would like to recognize Environmental Health employee, Tami Pokorny by nominating her for a 2013 Hood Canal Coordinating Council Award. She has a dedicated passion for conserving and preserving the Hood Canal Water System and its watershed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve letter of nomination for 2013 Hood Canal Coordinating Council Award; Tami Pokorny.

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Frank Gifford, Interim County Administrator

8/21/13  
Date



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August 26, 2013

Hood Canal Coordinating Council  
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Dear Hood Canal Coordinating Council,

We are pleased to nominate Tami Pokorny for a 2013 Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) Award because of her dedicated passion for conservation and preservation. The HCCC award recognizes those who protect, enhance and restore the natural resources and water quality of the Hood Canal watershed. For the last nine years, Tami's leadership in Jefferson County has protected and preserved Hood Canal and its watershed for the future. Tami has accomplished many things in the Hood Canal water system through her work with the Conservation Futures, WIRA 16, HCCC, field work, education materials, committee and board work. Along the Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers she has systematically managed numerous land acquisitions for salmon restoration, wildlife corridor protection, flood plain land conservancy and restoration, and water quality improvements throughout the watershed.

Her commitment to a partnership approach enhances the longevity of the conservation work and the plan to conserve Hood Canal. She recently said "we can't have too many doing this work; we all need to work together". Citizens of Jefferson County and our Hood Canal neighbors, as well as salmon, shellfish and water quality have benefitted from Tami's dedication. She has worked with numerous partners to complete watershed projects and acquisitions often serving as the eyes of County government in complicated land conservancy projects and vision. Conservancy partners include the State and National Park Service, the Jefferson County Land Trust, citizens, land owners, three County Governments, tribes, and Salmon Recovery Board to name a few. At every opportunity, she looks to engage the public in restoration and conservation. Education projects have included quarterly Marine Resource Committee magazines, the WIRA 16 newsletters such as the "Look under the Hood" periodical focusing on efforts to restore and protect the Hood Canal, and neighborhood mailers focused on specific habitat restoration and conservations projects. She balances conflicts inherent in conservancy, County Government and community needs in the work she does with the Board of the Conservation Futures.

Tami's passion is fueled by the beauty of Hood Canal and the need to maintain the habitat that is available for wildlife and water quality for fish. We are proud to have her represent Jefferson County in the Hood Canal area.

Thank you for this chance to nominate her.

Sincerely,

John Austin, Chairman

David Sullivan, Member

Phil Johnson, Member