SKAGIT SUMMIT

Water, Labor, Economic Viability, Innovation and Leadership

Friday, January 31st

WSU NWREC

16650 S.R. 536, Mount Vernon, WA

1 WSDA Re-certification Course Credit has been requested
Agenda

Friday morning, Jan 31st

9 am  Registration

9:15 am Introduction/Opening remarks: Don McMoran, WSU Skagit County Extension.

9:30 am **Action Team 1: Water**

Moderator: Don McMoran

Objective: To educate the Skagit agricultural community on irrigation water, availability and alternatives

Jenna Friebel—Accessing Diking, Drainage and Irrigation Districts (Confirmed)

Rep. Lekanoff, B. Roozen e?—Ways to Access Water (Wells, Ground Water, PUD, City of Anacortes, Water Catchment Systems)

Haly Neely - Soil Management to Reduce Water Use. (confirmed)

10:45 am  **Break**

11 am  **Action Team 2: The Future Meets the Past**

Moderator: Bill Blake

Objective: Highlight Innovative ways Skagit Valley Farmers are keeping their operations in business.

Tom Boland and Dwayne Faber (confirmed) - Alternatives for Improved Efficiency and Profitability

Farm Succession Panel - Alan and Ben Mesman (confirmed), Pablo and Maura Silva (confirmed), Michael Hughes (confirmed)

Tradition v’s unorthodox

All—Small group, farmer share (potential topics—Nutrient/soils, pest and disease, natural disasters, value added, land preservation, capital investments, sales and marketing
In detail

Friday afternoon, January 31st

12 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Lunch with Leadership
Moderator: Don McMoran
Objective: The continued viability of Skagit agriculture.
  Skagit County Commissioners: Ken Dahlstedt, Ron Wesen and Lisa Janicki (confirmed)

1:15 pm Action Team 3: Economic Viability
Moderator: Jennie Goforth
Objective: The continued economic viability of Skagit agriculture.
  John Sternlicht, Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County. (confirmed)
  Don McMoran- NACAA Ireland Agriculture tour
  Emmitt Wild e? and Kent Stokes (Confirmed)—Funding Opportunities

2 pm Innovation
Bill Blake
Objective: To educate the Skagit agricultural community on innovation that is occurring in Skagit County.
  Blake Vanfield—Genuine Skagit Label (confirmed)
  Lav khot – Drones in Agriculture (confirmed)
  David Brown- Using computerized tools (Ag weather net) to better predict irrigation water needs. (confirmed)

3 pm break
In detail

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3:15 pm Chad Kruger (confirmed) Synthesizing Discussion: Reframing the Top Priorities from each session.
3:30 pm Closing and Evaluation
3:30 pm LOCAL FOOD & FARM MIXER

Join us Friday evening directly following the Skagit Ag Summit for a Social Hour Sponsored by
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(Please carpool as parking is limited)