

## SOUTH FORK NOOKSACK RIVER Community Watershed Planning

### Purpose:

To bring together landowners, tribes, agencies and community members for an open dialogue about how to *conserve and promote* agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and recreation in the South Fork Nooksack River watershed, while *protecting and restoring* our water resources.

### South Fork Nooksack River Valley is an amazing place.

It supports agriculture, forests, businesses, recreation and fisheries. However, our community is facing continued risks of high flows and flooding in the winter, increasing sediment load and stream temperatures, and worsening drought conditions with lower flows in the summer. We also have concerns for the economy of our community and our quality of life in the face of climate change. It is time to think strategically about how to protect our local economy and environment.

### What do we plan to do?

- Facilitate a creative community conversation
- Carefully examine the cultural, economic, and environmental values, needs, and challenges of the community
- Adopt a collaborative, inclusive, multiple-benefit approach to problem solving
- Incorporate the best tools and thinking from our community and others into a Framework for long-range planning in our watershed

### Who helped get this process started?

- Acme/Van Zandt Flood Advisory Committee
- Evergreen Land Trust
- Local citizens
- Nooksack Indian Tribe Natural Resources Department
- Whatcom County Planning Department
- Whatcom Land Trust

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