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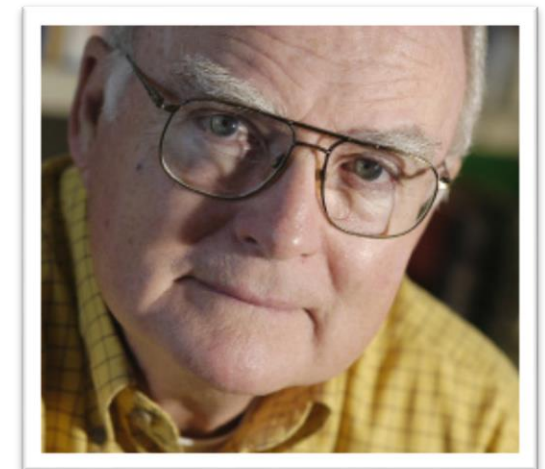
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Capitol Lake Situation Assessment Preliminary Findings

*Committee Briefing, Olympia, WA
December 11, 2014*

Mission

- **Neutral resource for collaborative problem solving**
- **Improve availability and quality of voluntary collaborative approaches.**
- **Help leaders work together, build consensus, resolve public policy conflicts.**
- **Advance teaching and research missions of the universities.**



Services

- **Neutral Forum**
- **Situation Assessment**
- **Facilitation, Mediation, Conflict Resolution**
- **Project Management, Strategic Planning**
- **Applied Research**
- **Information Portal**
- **Training**
- **Policy Discussions**



Project Criteria

- **Project is consistent with Center's vision, mission, policies and scope.**
- **Center's involvement is acceptable to those directly affected and in authority.**
- **Project addresses important public policy issues or community needs.**
- **Potential sponsorship and support sufficient to promote meaningful results and follow through.**
- **Project is cost-effective.**
- **Universities add unique value, contribute expertise and other resources that can help project reach a successful resolution.**

Capitol Lake Situation Assessment

“Provide a situation assessment examining the prospects of a collaborative process to address issues related to the management of Capitol Lake.”

“Identify a balanced cross-section of parties...to capture a wide range of perspectives, articulate the major issues & key parties involved, & document their interests & perspectives.”

Methodology

- **Background research, develop and confirm approach.**
- **Interviews with 44 diverse parties.**
- **Report on issues, parties, interests, perspectives, prospects for collaborative process.**

Common Themes: Elements of a Stable Solution

- **Environmental**
- **Social & Cultural**
- **Economics**
- **Health & Safety**

Key Themes: Different Perspectives on Management Options

- **Polarization over dam removal**
- **Disputed science, perceived bias**
- **Views on aesthetics, economics, recreation of lake vs. estuary**
- **Prospects for collaboration**

Recommendations

- **Resolve dispute over water quality models**

Recommendations

- **CLAMP entities reconvene with new focus:**
 - **Develop/consider “hybrid” solution(s), or other approach that satisfies majority of agreed-upon common interests / elements of a stable solution**
 - **Whole basin (upstream land/river impacts, effects on Budd Inlet)**
 - **Data/science Qs to evaluate hybrid approach(es)**

Recommendations

- **Explore local funding mechanism**

Next Steps/Q&A

- **Courtesy copy to interviewees to identify any factual inaccuracies**
- **Revise finalize, and submit report by December 19, 2014**
- **What questions do you have for us?**

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