



Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

April 5, 2022

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RE: Ballot for the election of the SW Cities Representative to the Board, including the cities and towns of: Battle Ground, Camas, Castle Rock, Cathlamet, Kalama, Kelso, La Center, Longview, Morton, Mossyrock, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Toledo, Vader, Vancouver, Washougal, Winlock, Woodland, and Yacolt.

Dear Southwest Washington City and Town Officials,

The Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (Board) recently invited the cities and towns in southwest Washington to nominate candidates to serve as their representative on the Board. State law provides for one Board member to be selected from among the cities within the Lower Columbia salmon recovery region (listed above). Your representative will represent the interests of all the region's cities as we work toward recovering our salmon and steelhead to healthy, harvestable levels.

We received two nominations, both of whom are eligible candidates. One candidate is Mr. Troy McCoy, a council member from the city of Battle Ground, and the other is Mr. Brian Wood, a council member from the city of Kelso. The candidate's brief history and statements of interest are included on the attached ballot.

Your representative to the Board is elected by the cities and towns in the lower Columbia region. Each city has one vote. The ballot has three options for your consideration and decision. Please select only one of the three options. The options are (1) nominated candidate Mr. Troy McCoy, (2) nominated candidate Mr. Brian Wood, and (3) space for a write-in candidate.

Please review the ballot, check the appropriate box, sign the ballot, and return it. The ballot can be returned by either (1) scanning it into an email document sent to Denise Smee at [dsme@lcfrib.gen.wa.us](mailto:dsme@lcfrib.gen.wa.us), or (2) mailed to the LCFRB office at 11018 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682. **The ballot must reach the LCFRB by close of business April 30, 2022.** If there are extenuating circumstances and the ballot will not reach us by the due date, please contact Denise Smee at the above email.

Once the ballots are received, we will be in touch with you to provide contact information for the newly elected SW WA Cities Representative. If you would like additional information or have questions about this election, please contact Denise Smee, LCFRB Program Manager at [dsme@lcfrib.gen.wa.us](mailto:dsme@lcfrib.gen.wa.us) or (360) 425-1554. You may also wish to review the Board's website at [www.lcfrib.gen.wa.us](http://www.lcfrib.gen.wa.us).

My sincere thanks for your help in this important matter.

Todd Olson  
LCFRB Chair



# LOWER COLUMBIA FISH RECOVERY BOARD

## BALLOT

2022 SW WA CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Please select one candidate to represent the Southwest Washington Cities.

|                          | <b>NAME</b> | <b>CITY</b>   | <b>POSITION</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Troy McCoy  | Battle Ground | City Councilor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brian Wood  | Kelso         | City Councilor  |
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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Represented

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

### **Candidate Mr. Troy McCoy**

As a resident of the Pacific Northwest for most of my life, I have had the privilege of enjoying the many amenities our region has to offer. I grew up fishing the North Santiam River and I was grateful for the pinniped management efforts that encouraged the winter steelhead to, once again, thrive in that area.

While serving as member of the Battle Ground School Board and I had the opportunity to work with diverse interest groups collaborating towards common goals. I hold a degree in chemical engineering from Oregon State University and I own and operate a State Farm Insurance branch in Battle Ground. In my free time, I am drawn back to the water; either fishing or crabbing any chance I get.

When the City of Battle Ground announced that they were revising their vision and strategic plan with a focus on the outdoors, I was inspired to get involved. I ran for a seat with the Battle Ground City Council, receiving my appointment in January 2022. I am excited about the prospect of helping realize this board's goals of improving the local fish population, while furthering our city's vision through meaningful partnerships such as this.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration.

### **Candidate Mr. Brian Wood**

I was elected to the Kelso City Council in November of 2021 and took office in January of 2022. I am new to city government but not new to aquatic environmental issues.

I was raised on an apple farm in Okanogan County at the mouth of the Methow River. Two fish-related memories inform my interest in the recovery of Columbia River fisheries. One, watching steelhead pulled out of the Methow on cold Fall days, and a childhood trip to Redfish Lake Idaho where I first learned to appreciate the length of the journeys these fish take and how precarious their survival is. I lived 10 miles from Wells Dam and learned to both wonder at the technical marvel of such a structure and worry about the changes such a marvel would make to fish and all habitats along the river.

I have worked as a regulatory compliance manager at a local pulp and paper facility since 2000. I appreciate the constraints placed on both regulators and the regulated community. I am convinced that the path to effective recovery of our local fisheries will require cooperative, constructive efforts by our communities, our industries, our regulators, and our political leaders.

The Cowlitz River flows through Kelso and, like many other Southwest Washington cities, the river in many ways defines our identity as a city and as citizens. I want the "Smelt capital of the world" to always remain known for the healthy river and healthy fish which run through it. I want my grandchildren to know the beauty of a returning chinook or steelhead in Cowlitz County, Okanogan County, or Redfish Lake Idaho.

I look forward to joining you on the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

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