



# Whatcom Conservation District

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TO: Washington State Conservation Commission  
Washington State Conservation Districts  
Washington Assn. of Conservaiton Districts

FROM: Whatcom Conservation Distirct Board & Staff

SUBJECT: September 2014 Conservation Commission Tour and Interaction Dinner

Dear Friends in Conservation:

We are very looking forward to hosting the September meeting of the Conservation Commission. This will be the third tour we have given in as many months. So, we are practiced and ready to reciprocate for all the fine tours and dinners you have provided to us in the past. You set a high bar and we mean to clear it.

A large bus was rented for your comfort and safety. The route won't accommodate private vehicles. It will depart the Best Western Lake Way Inn, Bellingham, WA at 12:30 pm heading for the South Fork of the Nooksack River. Our first stop will be to see examples of the salmon habitat projects to address habitat limiting factors (temperature, passage & cover). The second stop will be the Coldstream Dairy. You will see and hear about some of the innovated practices and tools the producers are using to both protect water quality and maintain profitability. From there we will return to lowland Whatcom County to see how hedgerows can help return a modicum of function and protection to watercourses that wind through intensively farmed and valuable farmland. The bus will then go to BelleWood Acres for the interactive dinner.

Long time cooperators, John and Dorie Bellisle will open their new store and bistro for us. They distill gin and vodka from the apples they raise. (Now that's what I call value added). More information about that site can be seen at: <http://www.bellewoodfarms.com/Bellewood/bellewood-acres-farm-market-and-bistro.htm> If you can't join us for the tour you can meet us there for dinner. We will arrive about 5:30 pm. Dinner cost is \$21.00 per person. Please bring cash or check made out to the Whatcom Conservation District.

We will provide light refreshments during the tour. September weather can be variable so watch the forecasts and be ready. A hat, sunscreen, light jacket and boots are highly recommended. (Remember, we will be touring a working dairy.)

**Please RSVP no later than 4:00 pm on Sept 9, 2014 for the tour and interaction dinner either by phone (360) 354-2035 x 101 or email ([dlb@whatcomcd.org](mailto:dlb@whatcomcd.org)).**