

Survey: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Role and Function Looking Forward

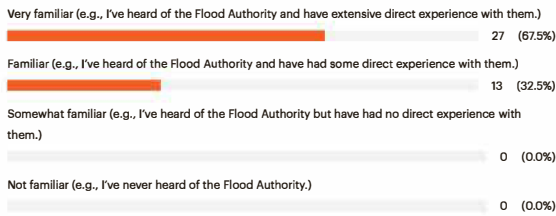
All Responses

Question 1: Please indicate your familiarity with the Flood Authority.

Question 2: Help local communities identify, develop, fund, and implement local flood hazard reduction projects (see map here).

Question 1 has 40 answers (Radio Buttons)

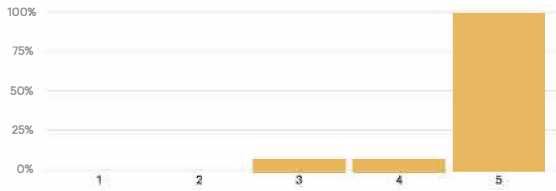
“Please indicate your familiarity with the Flood Authority.”



Question 2 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.8

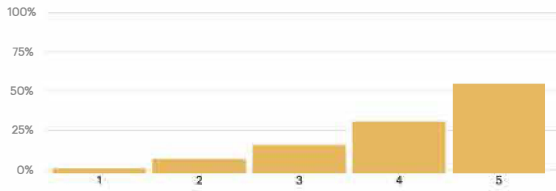
“Help local communities identify, develop, fund, and implement local flood hazard reduction projects (see map here).”

Question 2-7 = How much of a priority for Flood Authority looking forward?



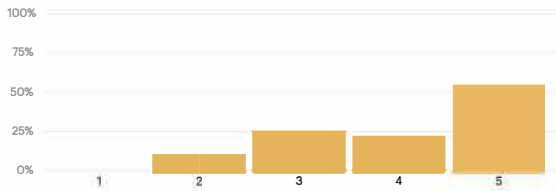
Question 3 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.1

“Develop, refine, and improve usability of Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System (including email flood alert system).”



Question 4 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.0

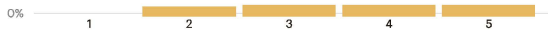
“Appoint 3 of 7 members to the Chehalis Basin Board as required by state law (i.e., RCW 43.21A.732).”



Question 5 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.2

“Advocate for balanced basin-wide flood and fish solutions (see local resolutions library here).”

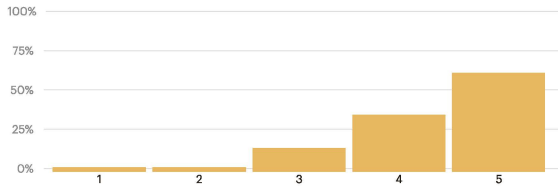




Question 6 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.3



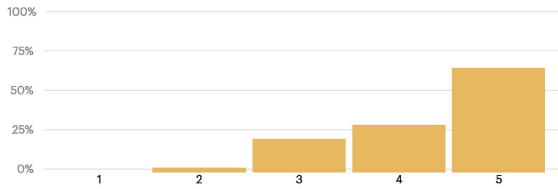
“Provide local perspective in the development of the Chehalis basin strategy required by state law (i.e., RCW 43.21A.732).”



Question 7 has 40 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.3



“Serve as a tangible focal point for local flood hazard reduction across the basin.”



Question 8 has 16 answers (Open Text)

“Please offer any other perspectives you think might be helpful for the Flood Authority as it considers its role and function looking forward.”

Unknown contact said:

"It seems that much of the focus of the OCB is forward thinking as well as habitat enhancement and preservation related. This is important, but the Flood Authority is still very relevant. Ongoing threats to public life, public infrastructure, and private property continue to exist, and the Flood Authority is experienced in finding equitable solutions to take care of these problems. They serve a critical role in elevating, prioritizing and managing these public safety projects from both a public policy and funding perspective. As an analogy to the healthcare system, the Flood Authority functions as the basin's urgent care and emergency care system. While it's important to have the primary care provider (OCB) identifying long term solutions, you need to have the more immediate and responsive infrastructure and funding in place to take care of the ongoing threats. We cannot have the promise and hope for the long-term solution while ignoring the immediate issues and threats. "

Unknown contact said:

"The Flood Authority acts as an advocate and conduit to accomplish critical local projects that don't fit neatly into the mandates of the other organizations working in the Basin. It therefore advances important projects, often emergencies, that otherwise may not get done in a timely manner or at all. Advocacy for this type of project, as well as a history of nimbly finding funding and collaborating with other organizations and agencies to address the ever-present emergencies, makes the Flood Authority a very important member of the Chehalis Basin team. "

Unknown contact said:

"It's all important. :) Sorry - I cannot see one priority as being more important than another. "

Unknown contact said:

"I still oppose the dam near PeEll. My Letter to the Editor dated 16 February 2021 still applies. I can forward a copy to you all if you wish. Just give me an email address. I would be glad to share it with you all."

Unknown contact said:

"I have been involved with the flood reduction efforts since 2008 and while progress has been made toward a major flood reduction project on the upper Chehalis River I am growing very concerned with the continued delays. **Many members of the public who have been impacted by flooding over the past 70 or 80 years don't believe anything will ever be done.** We are currently 15 years since the catastrophic 2007 flood and the public sees very little being done. "

Unknown contact said:

"The guidance and representation provided by the group is very valuable to our community. **Making sure the general public knows the mission and role of the group is paramount.** If the public doesn't know the value of the group, they will not be as inclined to support the group when support is needed. "

Unknown contact said:

"**I live in a part of the basin that has little to no flood mitigation or alerting of any kind.** I have lived there for two years now and have had to emergency evacuate at night both winters with small children. One time, no where else in the county flooded so it was like it didn't happen but it was terrifying driving out of 3 foot deep water with two terrified children. I know I am not alone - I have heard countless similar stories of families near feeder rivers. After looking at the map it appears a lot of time has been spent on aquatic species habitat restoration. It would be nice to have more time spent on on the human species with projects that help indicate when the Chehalis is rapidly rising, particularly when the feeder rivers are cresting at flood stage. It took me 48 hours to put the conditions together both times we evacuated, I just don't think it would be that hard to allocate more priority towards citizens being notified of rapidly rising Chehalis. "

Unknown contact said:

"I think it would be outstanding to put together a **flood protection capital improvement plan** that identifies all local flood protection projects needed basin wide over the next 20 years if funding was available to pay for them."

Unknown contact said:

"In a decade the **"balancing" act has meant not a lot has been accomplished.** No community wants the changes that truly mitigation brings. Politically I understand that Chehalis and Centralia want to develop the flood plain areas close to the interstate for financial gain and growth which means the river flows has to be changed west of town. You can talk about it for another decade but the simple truth is to have less water impact farther down a river you have to control the water upriver or you have to make the river bed deeper and wider so the volume of water has a place to go before it gets to town. "

Unknown contact said:

"Make sure what ever plan is used it has to be **a whole basin plan!!!!!!**"

Unknown contact said:

"I think the Flood Authority has been an absolute critical part of the success of Flood Hazard Reduction and Aquatic Species Restoration in the entire Chehalis Basin. The willingness of all entities within the basin to work together for the good of everyone has been outstanding. I feel the more we can continue to **work with entities within the basin to seek, develop, select and fund projects at the Flood Authority level is the most efficient way to successfully accomplish the most cost-effective benefit for all involved.** I think we should continue looking for ways where local entities can possibly partner together on planning or construction projects. This provides an economy of scale where we are getting the most benefit from monies spent."

Unknown contact said:

"The **Flood Authority fills a niche** that will not be able to be replicated by any other entity. I believe it is important that the Flood Authority keeps functioning to keep local projects in the loop for funding."

Unknown contact said:

"It's **very important that the Flood Authority's role as an influential voice of local interests be supported and maintained.** From the outside looking in, it might seem redundant to have the Office of the Chehalis Basin and the Flood Authority, but the Flood Authority is a collective local voice -- it's local to state - while the Chehalis Basin at the DOE level feels more top down and regulatory. We need to maintain the voice of the Flood Authority from the grass roots. The extent that the Flood Authority and the Chehalis Basin Boards can align priorities will strengthen our ability to secure state and federal funding projects for the region. "

Unknown contact said:

"The **FA has evolved** into a highly respected and consistent voice advocating for basin -wide solutions to flooding and aquatic species restoration. All of the work the FA is doing continues to be very important."

Unknown contact said:

"Our small projects, and potentially the Water Retention Facility and Levy Projects, have developed infrastructure that needs to be operated and maintained. Our funding to date has come primarily from the State Capital Budget. We **must develop a basin-wide Flood Control Zone District with funding resources to operate and maintain this infrastructure.**"

Unknown contact said:

"The Flood Authority is uniquely well positioned to coordinate flood reduction efforts by local jurisdictions in the Chehalis Basin. It should continue to fund projects, and would do well to expand into facilitating multi-jurisdictional flood planning efforts. The FA is somewhat constrained by a small staff and lack of dedicated funding. **It would also benefit from a clearer mission.** For example, how is stormwater related to the mission of the FA? "

Question 9 has 19 answers (Open Text)

"May we contact you if we have further questions? If yes, please provide your name, email, and phone number. "

Unknown contact said:

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Unknown contact said:

"Terry Willis
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Unknown contact said:

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Unknown contact said:

"Yes, Randy Raymond, 253-306-2954, rraymond@parametrix.com"

Unknown contact said:

"Ruth Peterson 360-880-4553"

Unknown contact said:

"Yes, Michael L. Smell, mlsks2@gmail.com, 360-748-1918. By, on, and in the Newaukum River."

Unknown contact said:

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Unknown contact said:

"Brandon Rakes, brakes@ci.chehalis.wa.us, 360-748-1230"

Unknown contact said:

"yes, Robert Gordon, Mayor of Bucoda
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Unknown contact said:

"Not yet, I don't have any solutions yet. Just bringing you perspective at this time. "

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