

City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Gerry Cook</i></div>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Marblemount, WA</i></div>	Zip Code: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>98267</i></div>	Contact Phone No.: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>(360) 873-4971</i></div>
Appointed to: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission</i></div>		Date of Appointment: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>August 10, 2012</i></div>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <div style="text-align: center;"><i>High Ross Treaty and Agreement Ordinance # 111530</i></div>		Term of Office From: <i>August 10, 2012</i> To: <i>August 9, 2016</i>
Background: <p>This is a new appointment as Alternate Commissioner:</p> <p>Gerry is a native of Washington State who grew up on State fish hatcheries, with a strong connection to the Skagit Valley. He enjoys recreational immersion in the Cascades wilderness (hiking, biking, skiing, kayaking exploring the back country). Employed at North Cascades National Park since its inception in 1968, Gerry worked to foster a strong relationship between the National Park Service, Seattle City Light, BC Parks, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, US Forest Service, North Cascades Institute, Student Conservation Association and Skagit County Road Crew. He designed and built structures for the Park, as well as BC Parks, the US Forest Service, and Seattle City Light. In recent years, Gerry's passion turned more to youth, especially underserved youth of color. His work involved facilitating and contributing to the wilderness education experience, and he enjoyed a long and fulfilling relationship with North Cascades Institute, as an instructor of numerous classes for 15 years. Retired in 2011, he continues to live in the Upper Skagit Valley.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;"><i>M M A</i></div>		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: <div style="text-align: center;">Mayor Mike McGinn</div>

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Resume - June 2012

Gerry Cook

Summary:

I worked at North Cascades National Park for 44 years within the Maintenance Division, playing various roles including firefighting, fire lookout, surveying, trail construction, clerical, heavy equipment operating, road maintenance and construction. In 1995 with the influx of FERC funding from the Seattle City Light Skagit Hydroelectric Project I moved into a new responsibility as special projects foreman and designer of installations fostering front country recreation and education. These installations include viewing platforms, shelters, boat launches, fishing platforms, boardwalks, and entry stations. In addition to designing special projects, I supervised the construction of them, using contractors, and most often an in-house crew. Some of my projects were grant funded by the SEEC Commission. I served as maintenance supervisor of Ross Lake for 35 years, and operated a boat (the Ross Mule) that began as a cargo barge and evolved into a floating classroom under my direction. The Ross Mule has carried hundreds of youth and adults into the wilderness of the North Cascades. I developed programs through the park in collaboration with North Cascades Institute, Student Conservation Association, and Urban Wilderness Project.

Collateral Duties:

- Boating Instructor
- Water Systems Manager
- Accessibility Co-ordinator
- Logistics Co-ordinator: projects, youth groups, boat usage
- Ross Lake maintenance supervisor

Biography:

I am a native of Washington State who grew up on State fish hatcheries, with a strong connection to the Skagit Valley, and have enjoyed recreational immersion in its wilderness (hiking, biking, skiing, kayaking, exploring the back country). I worked at North Cascades National Park since its inception in 1968.

Throughout my career, I have worked to foster a strong relationship between the National Park Service, Seattle City Light, BC Parks, Washington State Dept. of Transportation, US Forest Service, North Cascades Institute, Student Conservation Association and Skagit County Road Crew. These relationships have resulted in my designing and building structures for BC Parks, the US Forest Service, and Seattle City Light. In many of the projects, multiple agencies worked together informally for a common good. In recent years

my passion has turned more to youth, especially underserved youth of color. Facilitating/contributing to their wilderness education has enriched my life immeasurably. I have enjoyed a long and fulfilling relationship with North Cascades Institute and have been an instructor of numerous classes for 15 years. Retired in 2011, I continue to live in the Upper Skagit Valley with my wife, and near my daughter and mother.

Education:

BA Fine Arts. Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, 1972

Awards:

NPS Pacific West Region Maintenance Employee of the Year 1997
NPS National Accessibility Leadership Award 2006
Employee of the Year North Cascades NP: 2000, 2011
Student Conservation Association Agency Partner of the Year 2011

Board Memberships:

North Cascades Institute
American Alps Legacy Project

Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

Eight US members: Per "High Ross Treaty", not subject to City Council confirmation, four-year terms. Seattle Ordinance # 111530 accepted the Treaty and Agreement.

- 0 Appointed by City Council
- 8 Appointed by Mayor
- 8 Appointed by BC Premier, not shown here

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	1	Leo Bodensteiner	8/10/12	8/9/16	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
4	M	2	Larry Campbell	11/4/2009	7/1/2013	1	Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	3	Michelle Connor	8/10/12	8/9/16	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	4	Gerry Cook	8/10/12	8/9/16	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	5	James Davis	11/4/11	9/19/15	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
1	M	6	James Hattori	11/4/11	9/19/15	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	7	Alison Studley	11/12/09	7/1/13	2	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	8	Jennifer Watkins	8/10/12	8/9/16	2	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor

*Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	5	3		2	1			1		6
Council										
Other Bodies										
Total	5	3		2	1			1		6

**Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability