

**Okanogan High School FieldSTEM - Amphibian Study
Woody Island, Okanogan, WA**

Cooperative Use Agreement

Purpose of to the Use Agreement:

Okanogan High School wishes to use a portion of City of Okanogan property known as Woody Island ("Property") as a field site for their Ecology of the Okanogan Program. The program is a year-long lab science elective that Students work with natural resource professionals and landowners from the area to learn how to create and maintain sustainable land use practices.

The City of Okanogan is supportive of the Ecology of the Okanogan Program and consents to allow field work by the high school students at the Property, provided that the field work is supervised by qualified staff from the Okanogan High School.

Parties to the Use Agreement:

City of Okanogan ("City")
Okanogan School District ("District")

Scope of Work:

During the spring, students will work with their teacher to be a part of Woodland Park Zoo's Amphibian Monitoring community science program. Okanogan Conservation District will additionally partner in the monitoring study by organizing monitoring field days. Staff from the Woodland Park Zoo and Leavenworth Fisheries Complex will virtually train teachers and students on monitoring protocols, along with providing needed equipment.

This amphibian study is an addition to the study that already occurs at the Property with the Colville Confederated Tribes. Monitoring will happen in the old relic channel east of where current transect data is collected. Monitoring protocols will include taking photos, visual observations, GPS use, and entering channel with waders. Amphibian species of different life stages will be recorded and photographed, but left. All monitoring protocols are Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife developed. Flagging may be left to help volunteers find GPS points. This totals to a minimum of four extra visits to the Property per school year that occur in the spring. Staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will open the gate so the teacher, students, and Okanogan Conservation District employees can access the transect sites.

The season of this study runs from January through August, but due to local climate, will most likely be April through June. This volunteer study will be one of the first east of the Cascades to continue what volunteers around Seattle have started in previous years. Monitoring data will be shareable through the application, iNaturalist with other community science volunteers (Amphibians of Washington project on iNaturalist).

Agreement of the Parties:

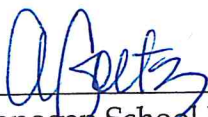
It is agreed by the District that Okanogan High School staff will be on-site and responsible for the activities of students participating in the Ecology of the Okanogan Program at the Property.

The District agrees that any transect or photo-point monuments at the Property be placed in a manner to avoid potential impacts to other site users.

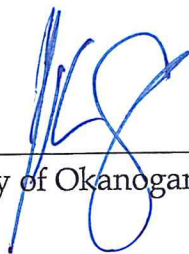
The District agrees to indemnify and hold the City, its employees, officials and agents harmless for any loss, damages, claims, causes of action or injury that is incurred by the City, its employees, officials and agents, including attorney's fees and costs, arising out of the District's obligations under this Agreement, or use of the Property by the District, its employees, officials, agents, students, guests or invitees, unless such loss, damages, claims, causes of action or injury directly results from City negligence.

Period of Agreement:

This Agreement shall be in place from the date of last signature below for a period of two years, or as extended by mutual agreement. In the event that the District fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or in the event that the use of the Property by the District interferes with other City uses, the City may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to District.



For, Okanogan School District 3/31/21
Date



For, City of Okanogan 4/7/21
Date