

# **Mason County Legislative Agenda**

## **2008 Session**

**Mason County Commissioners**

**Tim Sheldon, Chair**

**Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner**

**Ross Gallagher, Commissioner**

### **Financial Health of Counties:**

Continue to work with Legislators, State Agencies, and the Association of Counties to ensure that State functions performed by counties are funded at the State level.

### **.04 percent of State Sales tax returned to Counties for Water Quality Projects (Senate Bill 6203):**

Mason County and other Counties in Washington State are faced with projects to ensure the continued health of Puget Sound, Hood Canal, lakes, rivers and streams. There is a need for a long-term stable source of funding for local government to address these projects. This is not a new tax, but a redirection of current sales tax to local government.

### **Environmental Mitigation Bill to assist Shelton Mill Operation address the impacts to Puget Sound:**

This is a local issue that would provide assistance to Shelton Waterfront Mill operations to mitigate operational impacts on Oakland Bay.

### **Capital Projects:** Full funding for:

**Belfair By-Pass**

**Small Sewer Projects on Hood Canal**

**101 Safety Improvements:** Shelton to Thurston County Line