

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned persons, being of full age and discretion, in order to form a cooperative association under and pursuant to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature of the State of Washington codified as Chapter 23.86 of the Revised Code of Washington and all sets amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, do hereby certify as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the cooperative association shall be the SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP.

ARTICLE II

This cooperative association is formed for the purpose of operating a retail store. The Skagit Valley Food Co-op shall promote member welfare by utilizing their united funds and their united efforts for the purchase and distribution of commodities in accordance with the following criteria:

- A. Maintaining the not-for-profit status of the Co-op;
- B. Offering high quality products which contribute to good nutrition;
- C. Supporting low impact, non-harmful approach to the environment;
- D. Supporting local suppliers and producers;
- E. A commitment to building a cooperative economy and supporting others who share that commitment;
- F. A commitment to educational programs relevant to members and non-members in the community.

The cooperative association shall be empowered to engage in all activities and operations reasonably related to the achievement of its purposes.

ARTICLE III

The principal place of business of the cooperative association shall be in Skagit County, Washington, at 202 South First Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273.

ARTICLE IV

The cooperative shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP is formed for the benefit of all persons it serves and not for profit and shall not issue capital stock.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The undersigned incorporators shall be members of the cooperative association. In addition to the undersigned incorporators, any persons may become a member of the said cooperative by:

(a) acquiring a membership interest in the cooperative as shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Co-op; and

(b) agreeing to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions relating to membership contained in these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP and any amendments thereto. No person shall own more than one (1) membership interest in the cooperative.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The trustees of the cooperative asociation shall be elected by and from the members of the cooperative. The number of trustees, not less than three, shall be fixed from time to time by the Bylaws of the SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP.

Section 2. The members of the cooperative shall have the power to make, amend, or repeal its Bylaws at any regularly constituted meeting of its members according to the provisions set forth in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our name, addresses and signatures this 7th day of October, 1974.

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Ollie Case	Rt. 3, Box 365 A, Sedro Woolley
John Snarrenberg	1642 Hwy. 9, Mt.Vernon
Brian Royer	Rt. 3, Box 365-A, Sedro Woolley
Betty Ward	Rt. 3, Box 365-A, Sedro Woolley
Gary H. Vallat	Rt. 3, Box 351-A, Sedro Woolley

And

Revisions adopted by majority vote of the membership at the General Membership Meeting of April 17, 1988.

_____(Secretary)
Mariana W. Foliart