



Jed Holmes grew up in the Skagit Valley and graduated from Mount Vernon High School. His first jobs were at local farms, picking berries, milking cows and bucking hay. He also worked for the Weed Science department at the WSU research station on Memorial Highway, helping run herbicide efficacy trials.

Jed studied at Evergreen State College, where he focused on Russian language and literature, and spent his summers working in Yellowstone National Park. His academic studies took him to Russia, where he spent

nearly two decades, first as a student and then working in publishing and public relations in Moscow.

Since returning to the Pacific Northwest, Jed has been actively involved in community groups and local political advocacy. He currently works as a community outreach coordinator for the Pilchuck Audubon Society, promoting backyard environmental stewardship.

“I was encouraged to run for this position by friends and community members, who know me to be an enthusiastic conservationist. I hope that my professional background will be helpful in building the resource and volunteer base for the Skagit Conservation District,” Jed said. “I appreciate the many years of service and leadership of Mr. Blau, and I know that his shoes will be hard ones to fill.”

Jed lives on Thomas Creek outside Sedro-Woolley with his wife and 4-year-old daughter. He enjoys hiking, cooking, fishing and birdwatching.