

**Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee**  
**January 19, 2017 Meeting Summary**  
Gary Weikel Room, Willis Tucker Park, 9:30-12:00

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1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
  - Dan Calvert (Puget Sound Partnership)
  - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
  - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
  - Ikuno Masterson for Terri Strandberg (Snohomish County)
  - Alessandra Durham (Snohomish County)
  - Sam Low (Snohomish County Council)
  - Beth leDoux (King County/Snoqualmie Forum)
  - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
  - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)
  - Scott Powell (Seattle City Light)
  - Perry Falcone (Snoqualmie Forum)

2. Basin Updates

- Perry announced that Janne Kaje was recently promoted. Perry is the interim Watershed Coordinator; King County has begun hiring for the open position. Perry also mentioned that their division at King County has a new director, Josh Baldi (formerly with Ecology).
- Perry gave a summary of the last Snoqualmie Forum meeting (1/18/17). King County decided to provide \$60K/year over 3 years to fund the Tulalip screw trap project on the Snoqualmie. They will be sending a letter to Snohomish County Public Works requesting that they pitch in to fund the Skykomish screw trap project in kind.
- Perry noted that King County's Cooperative Watershed Management funds will be going towards monitoring projects, acquisitions, and more.
- Gretchen **tabled the topic of a work plan for Abby Hook's time** until a later date when we will have a better idea of how to best utilize the 30 hours.
- Gretchen informed the committee that the North Bend POC flag was not approved by the SRFB. The SRFB did commit to continue the a larger conversation regarding projects above anadromy zones (and more importantly the larger issue of the SRFB and Review Panel weighing in on watershed recovery strategies).

- Beth reviewed the Climate Change issue paper with the committee. The paper addresses the climate change and water quality temperature topics which were felt to be missing from the Conservation Plan. It examines the science of climate change and how that relates to recovery work in the Snohomish Basin. Key takeaways include that projects/actions presented aren't really new or different but the timing/urgency for getting them done may change in light of this knowledge. She asked for feedback on how to present the paper to the Forum to make the best use of their time.

### 3. 2017 SRFB Round

- Gretchen informed the group that conversations are being had about the funding allocation formula for the state. Currently, Puget Sound receives 42.04% of the state and federal (PCSRF) funding. Criteria currently being reviewed appear to indicate the Puget Sound percentage will drop. Snohomish Basin is likely to have a smaller allocation, perhaps dropping our grant round to under \$200,000. Decisions on the allocation across the state will be made in March. Scott added that PSP staff has communicated there was a previous agreement (2008) that Puget Sound would step back from taking the lion's share of the SRFB funds, but that never actually came to pass. If the PS region is cooperative about this reallocation at the state level, then we may have more support for state programs that are important to our work (PSAR, ESRP).
- Gretchen handed out the draft RFP for review. The group considered whether to allow monitoring project proposals. **The committee decided to add a note requesting sponsors of monitoring projects contact staff** since they need extra layers of review, etc. Perry mentioned that it would be helpful to know what is "regionally significant" so that sponsors don't waste their time completing applications that won't likely be selected. Beth suggested that maybe **the Tech Comm could create some strategic targets for monitoring** to provide to PSEMP.
- Gretchen mentioned that the criteria is being reviewed and revised at the moment. **The group decided to post the RFP with draft criteria in the interim.**
- Scott mentioned that the Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board will release their RFP in July.

### 4. State Budget, 2017-2019 biennium

- Gretchen noted that there will be a legislative update email coming shortly. Budget negotiations are difficult this year.
- The PDC agreed that the Forum should consider sending a letter supporting state funding for salmon recovery programs. PDC agreed that a letter of support for Conservation Commission funds could also be brought to the Forum, but the two letters should remain separate. **Gretchen will draft a letter of support for FbD, ESRP, SRFB, and PSAR** to present at the February Forum meeting and will **work**

**with the CD to put together a request for the Forum** to offer a letter to support salmon recovery-related aspects of the WA Conservation Commission state budget request.

5. Upcoming Forum Meeting Agenda
  - Gretchen reviewed tentative topics for the Forum meeting with the committee.
6. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.