

SNOHOMISH BASIN SALMON RECOVERY FORUM
Meeting Summary
Thursday, May 4, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Waltz Building, Snohomish

On May 4, 2017, the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum (the Forum) met for a regularly scheduled meeting from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The following were in attendance:

Attendee	Organization
Alexa Ramos	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Allen Gibbs	Pilchuck Audubon Society
Cheryl Dungan	City of Marysville
Colin Wahl	Tulalip Tribes
Dan Calvert	Puget Sound Partnership
Denise Johns	City of Snohomish
Erin Auzins	King County
Elissa Ostergaard	Snoqualmie Forum
Gretchen Glaub	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Heather Khan	WA Dept. of Ecology
Jessica Hamill	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Kit Crump	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Lindsey Desmul	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mike Rustay	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Monte Marti	Snohomish Conservation District
Morgan Ruff	Tulalip Tribes
Nick Bratton	Forterra
Paul Crane	City of Everett
Perry Falcone	Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Rodney Pond	Sound Salmon Solutions
Scott Powell	Seattle City Light

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions and Announcements

- **Morgan Ruff for Terry Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.**
 - Attendees introduced themselves
 - The agenda was reviewed and approved
 - No public comment was made

2. Basin Updates and Forum Business

- **4 Year Work Plan Update**
 - Morgan reviewed the proposed change to the 4YWP. The Wallace-May Nexus project, proposed for this round, needs to be added to the list in order to be considered for funding. **The Forum approved the change.**
- **2017 SRFB Grant Round**
 - Gretchen reminded the Forum that we received 6 notices of intent to apply, 4 of which have decided to move forward and submit full applications. The site visits will take place May 24th. Final applications will be due August 10th.

- **Scope Change Request**
 - SF Sky Acquisitions (Baring North) from last year would like to specifically add in identification of the property (see map). They will use this as match. It is a private property with flooding issues, but has a natural shoreline without revetments. The Tech Comm approved the change at their Tuesday meeting. **The Forum approved the scope change.**
- **10 Year Status & Trends Report**
 - See handout. Currently digging into the data and cleaning up the restoration metrics we've been using. The next step is the writing. The draft will be emailed out for feedback. The goal is to present to the Forum in October. We're still working on securing funds for the production. We are using the Snoqualmie 10-Year Status report as a guide.

3. Regional Updates

- **LIO**
 - See handout. Jessica gave an overview of the LIO and their work plan.
 - Nick commented that he likes the Leadership component. He asked what the LIO has done so far towards that end and how it's working out. Jessica explained that there was engagement at the start, but then the group's focus turned to planning and there was subsequent drop off. Other LIOs have had different experiences.
 - Scott noted the LE habitat protection plan appears to overlap with the LIO. Jessica mentioned that the Gaps & Barriers crosswalk could be a good starting point.
 - Monte commented that in spite of the planning fatigue some are experiencing, there is still a critical planning element that we need to engage in.
 - Dan added that the 2018 Action Agenda Vital Signs inform the chinook and summer stream flow implementation strategies which overlaps with the LIO and LEs. Jessica is participating in an Action Agenda working group focused on regional priority setting. The LIO plans are forming the basis for this. There is much opportunity for local priority integration. The PSP is trying to better integrate the Action Agenda and salmon recovery.
 - Scott suggested that we should be engaged with regional planning and update processes in order to insert what we want whether it's water quality, CAR, SMP, etc.
 - Rodney expressed there is potential for increasing capacity issues with an LIO restructure – more work, more resources, etc. The PSP Vital Signs can be unwieldy. We already have to demonstrate our relevance to these frameworks with the salmon plans. Why add another layer with the Action Agenda? The Leadership piece seems like a good fit for the LIO. Efforts should be complementary, not duplicative.
 - Perry noted there can be competing processes for elected officials. Engagement is related to the certainty of success for their NTA receiving funds.
 - Monte suggested that the NTA process should be like the 3 YWP – not too time consuming
- **PSSRC**
 - Scott reviewed topics of interest discussed at the last PSSRC meeting.
 - The North of Falcon project fisheries co-managers yearly process of allocating is underway. They considering freshwater habitat and recreational fishers in their decision. They have reached agreement a little quicker than last year due to higher numbers of Coho.

- Department of Commerce gave a presentation on CAR guidance. They'll be including a chapter on salmon recovery in their update.
- Common Indicators are being revisited. This relates to M&AM. Going to look at what other watersheds have done so far. Snohomish County's wade-able streams guidance is in there as well.
- SRFB allocation formula is being adjusted. We will no longer receive the lion's share of PCSRF, but this should leave us with more PSAR.
- Implementation Strategies are in progress. Chinook includes habitat/restoration components, industry/ag, forestry, disaster preparedness, etc. The Implementation Strategies inform the Area of Focus in the next Action Agenda. TMC is developing a bold ideas package to present to the SRC in May. Dan added that the AA process has been pushed back a month to ensure the bold actions could be incorporated.

4. Snoqualmie Updates

- Next Forum meeting will be on May 17th. The CWM grant project package will be presented. The 2018 budget will also be presented for approval. American Rivers listed the SF Skykomish as one of the most threatened rivers due to the PUD dam. FFF 1.0 is coming to a close. Parties have agreed to the report and actions. Next phase will include checking in twice a year on the implementation status. A new task force will be forming so there's opportunities to participate if interested.

5. Federal and State Funding Updates

- **2017-2019 State Budget**
 - In negotiations still. See handout. Will pick up topic of letter of support at August meeting.
- **Federal Budget**
 - PCSRF allocation down to 39% from 42%. No change at Puget Sound allocation level.

6. Salmon Report

- Colin gave a presentation on 2017 salmon population status. See PowerPoint.

7. Discussion

- Forum member engagement – there are 42 official seats, but only about 24 are filled and only a fraction of those are active members. Are there ways we can increase engagement?
 - A real time threat/hot topic
 - Science presentations/content presentations related to the SBPP
 - Decision making
 - Use “star power” to reach other elected officials
 - Evening meetings work better for elected officials who have day jobs/are volunteers
 - Public sessions draw more attention from elected officials
 - Staff capacity can be an issues affecting attendance
 - Majority of attendees are paid to be present

8. Other Basin Updates

- Monte noted that Bob Heirman's efforts towards our cause should be acknowledged. The SCD's proposal will be presented to Snohomish County Council on May 17th to move from rate system to assessment and increase the rates.
- Elissa mentioned that the GSRO brochure on salmon recovery is a useful tool and is available online.

9. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next Forum meeting will be held on August 3, 2017 at the Waltz Building in Snohomish.

Key Decisions

- The work plan change was approved
- The Baring North scope change was approved

Upcoming Meetings

- Technical Committee meeting: June 6, 2017
- PDC meeting: June 15, 2017
- Forum meeting: August 3, 2017