

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
July 20, 2017 Meeting Summary
Gary Weikel Room, Willis Tucker Park, 9:30-12:00

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
 - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
 - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
 - Scott Powell (Seattle City Light)
 - Perry Falcone (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)

2. Basin Updates

- Snoqualmie Forum: Elissa Ostergaard gave an update on the last Snoqualmie Forum meeting which was on July 19th at the Duvall visitor center. The 2018 budget was adopted and Josh Kubo gave an update on the 2016 water temperature study. There was an update on landslide hazard assessment and Janne gave an update on the FFF effort too. The next steps of FFF are in the works. On September 20th they will host their basin tour from 4 – 6pm with the regular meeting taking place afterwards from 6:15 – 8:15pm. Dinner will be provided. There was also a public comment made on concerns surrounding a development in Snoqualmie which is resulting in contaminants, like PAHs, getting into the water system. Also, there was a delay in approving the CWM projects due to the Flood Control District onboarding a new Executive Director so they won't be finalized until mid to late August.
- Snohomish Forum: Gretchen gave notice that LE staff would like to provide a very high level update to the Forum 1-2 times a year on the status of active projects in the basin. The goal is to have an initial draft presentation at the Forum meeting on August 3rd.
- SRFB 2017: Gretchen reported that the scoring committee took a tiered approach to ranking the projects with the Middle Pilchuck Dam Removal Design coming in first place. Last year's projects, Woods Creek Ph. I and Cherry Creek, had funding shortfalls that the committee would like to fund to make whole. There may also be an opportunity to request return funds for the Cherry Creek project. The preliminary ranked list will be approved at the August 3rd Forum meeting. **Setting a minimum score threshold was discussed and Gretchen will be**

pulling together a group of PDC and Tech Comm. members this Fall to develop a proposal and present it to the Forum.

- Capital Budget: The 3rd special session ended today. No news yet.

3. Regional Updates

- SRC (net pen and dredging topics): Scott explained the emerging net pen and recreational dredging issues. WFC and Ecology may give presentations to the SRC. Colin will provide a briefing to the Forum in August. Fish & Wildlife Commission meets tomorrow and will include a presentation on dredging. Scott agreed to give a briefing to the Forum and if they end up wanting more information a presenter can be brought in. Scott also noted that he will be stepping down from participating as vice chair in the SRC this November. The PDC agreed to consider who to recommend as Scott's replacement.
- EMDS/EDT: Kollin Higgins will present on the tool Sept. 5th to Snohomish County staff.
- Upcoming Forum Agenda: Cindy brought up working buffers as a potential topic for an upcoming meeting. Gretchen suggested conducting a survey for potential meeting agenda items. Someone else noted an interest in updates/success stories from field staff and partner highlights.

4. 10 Year Status and Trends Report: Gretchen commented that the draft is in progress.

5. LIO/LE Improved Integration

- Gretchen reminded the group that the LIO is looking to move away from planning and towards implementation and therefore is currently evaluating the organizational structure. She informed the group that the draft solicitation has been released and there will be an NTA workshop in October. Gretchen explained that one way we will try to improve integration between the groups will be by incorporating LE review of salmon related/habitat NTAs for the 2018 Action Agenda update and including them on our 4YWP too.

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6. Plastics Summit: Elissa announced a one-day forum highlighting current knowledge of plastics, from microplastics in marine waters to plastics recycling challenges will be held on Sept. 25th in Tukwila. There are microplastics in marine water which can result in endocrine disruption. More information on this as related to marine food webs and marine survival of salmon could be helpful.

7. ESA Federal Register Notice: there was a presentation at the Snoqualmie Forum and they're putting a letter together. Could present to the Forum too.

8. Review Next Steps and Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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