

SNOHOMISH BASIN SALMON RECOVERY FORUM
Meeting Summary
Thursday, February 1, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Waltz Building, Snohomish

On February 1, 2018 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
Colin Wahl	Tulalip Tribes
Elissa Ostergaard	Snoqualmie Forum
Gretchen Glaub	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Hiedi Popochock	King County
Jim Miller	City of Everett
Kirk Lakey	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lindsey Desmul	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Morgan Ruff	Tulalip Tribes
Laura Gurley	Port of Everett
Jamie Burrell	City of North Bend
Anita Marrero	City of Monroe
Monte Marti	Snohomish Conservation District
Allen Gibbs	Pilchuck Audubon Society
Joe Neal	US Forest Service
Keith Binkley	Snohomish PUD
Heather Khan	Dept. of Ecology
Stacy Vynne	Puget Sound Partnership
Doug Hennick	Wild Fish Conservancy

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Announcements

- **Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.**
 - Attendees introduced themselves
 - The agenda was reviewed and approved
 - No public comment was made
 - The Blue Carbon video was shown

Forum Business

- **State Capital Budget Status and Re-Allocation of PSAR Funds**

The capital budget is moving forward. 2017 SRFB projects can begin to get underway now. Gretchen is working with RCO to ensure the reallocation of our remainder PSAR funds are returned and get under contract. There was around \$100,000 to reallocate. Gretchen will circulate the SSS request for the Cherry Creek cost overrun via email.

- **Approval of the 4-Year Work Plan**

Morgan explained that not all of the projects on the list are intended for SRFB dollars, but any project that wants SRFB funding must be on the list. It is updated every other year. Morgan reviewed the metrics detailed in the memo handout.

Gretchen presented the questions and answers from PDC around ways the programs can be improved and support can be provided by the region. PDC members noted it is hard to get funding for outreach and monitoring work. Work is simply getting harder to do. Things could be improved with better alignment of processes and reduction of redundancy. There is also still a large need to build political will. Stacy Vynne spoke about efforts being made at the state level to coordinate better. RCO is attempting to perform a lean analysis. Contracting should begin around March.

Kirk and other Forum members voiced a desire for a more focused and prioritized 4-YWP. The group approved current 4-YWP for mandatory submittal to PSP requested the list be re-prioritized with an update provided in August.

- **Approval of the SRFB/PSAR Grant Round Schedule and RFP**

It looks like we'll have around \$2.3 M to allocate (PSAR = \$1.9 M and SRFB = \$400 – 500K). The Forum reviewed and approved this year's RFP.

- **Letters of Support**

Gretchen gave an overview of the Floodplains by Design program and the project which was requesting a letter of support for the pre-proposal phase. The proposal includes 2D modelling with climate change projections which can be used to update hazard plans, etc. It will also identify Lower Skykomish projects related to flooding and agriculture. Lastly, it will involve hiring a coordinator. The total request is for \$4 M with a 34% match. Funding would be available July 2019. The Forum reviewed and approved the draft letter of support.

Updates and News

- **Snoqualmie Report**

The CWM RFP has been released. Pre-proposals are due 2/8/18. King County has placed a moratorium on Atlantic salmon net pens for 6 months at the January 8th hearing. The FFF effort has reached 44 signatures of support.

- **Forum Membership**

Adding a seat on the Snohomish Forum for the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum was discussed at the most recent PDC and Snoqualmie Forum meetings and supported. There was a lot of interest and Snoqualmie Forum members have already volunteered to participate. The Forum approved adding a seat for the Snoqualmie. The group also discussed adding a seat for the Town of Skykomish. Gretchen is going to reach out to Skykomish to see if they're interested in participating.

- **Review and Approval of Forum Guideline Updates**

The guideline updates were reviewed and approved.

- **Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council**

Rodney Pond of Sound Salmon Solutions and Keith Binkley with SnoPUD were approved as the new Snohomish SRC representatives replacing Scott Powell.

Regional Updates and News

- **2018 Action Agenda**
 - Gretchen discussed the Action Agenda update. The NTA solicitation is out. 54 NTAs pre-registered in the Snohomish and even more in both WRIA 5 and WRIA 7. We have decided to increase integration by reviewing salmon-oriented NTAs. Staff is doing preliminary analysis of alignment with our recovery plan. They're still looking for reviewers both locally and regionally. Stacy Vynne explained that all NTAs listing CHIN 7.1 as their regional priority will receive a blanket regional Tier 1 score. PSP will be deferring to the WRIAs/locals to score those projects.
- **2018 Legislative Session**
 - Gretchen gave a brief update. There looks to be more funding for the Fish Barrier Removal Board. Net pen failure investigation has found Cooke liable and fined them \$330K. The "Hirst fix" was passed and summary information can be found on Ecology's website. See briefing document for details.

Other Announcements

- **Watershed Restoration and Enhancement (WRE) Plan**
Jim shared news about the WRE plans that will be due by 2021 and the effort is being led by Ecology. The plans require a net benefit as opposed to the former no net loss guideline.
- **Rivers Recreation Coalition Draft Concept Plan**
Gretchen informed the group that this plan is out for review.
- **2040 Open Space Plan**
This plan is also out now.
- **Snohomish County Shoreline Master Program Update**
This update is in progress. There will be an open house at the County Admin. Campus on Feb. 13th.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next Forum meeting will be held on ____ at the Waltz Building in Snohomish.

Key Decisions

- Approved the 2018 SRFB/PSAR RFP
- Approved new SRC representatives
- Approved adding a seat for the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

Upcoming Meetings

- Technical Committee meeting: 2/6/18
- PDC meeting: 4/19/18
- Forum meeting: 5/3/18