

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
April 19, 2018 Meeting Summary
Willis Tucker Park, Weikel Room, 9:30-12:00

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
 - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
 - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
 - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)
 - Keith Binkley (Snohomish PUD)
 - Jim Miller (City of Everett)
 - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
 - Heather Khan (Ecology)
 - Scott Powell (Seattle City Light)
 - Nick Bratton (Forterra)

2. Ongoing Business

- Gretchen reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Introductions followed.

3. Updates and Announcements

- Snohomish County, King County and Tulalip Tribes met to discuss the Snoqualmie targets. They will report out to the Tech Comm. when it's ready.
- 2018 NTAs were submitted on March 30th. The CHIN 7.1 Regional Priority relates to LE 4YWPs. King County NTA #2018-0972 selected CHIN 7.1, but is not on our 4YWP. We did contact them about the discrepancy prior to final submittal. But since they didn't select a different RP they will probably not score well.
- FbD project sponsors presented at the last Tech Comm meeting and requested letters of support for their respective proposals (Snoqualmie River Walk, Northbend Levee Setback, and Snohomish Lower Sky). There were some concerns raised by the Tech Comm about the Snoqualmie River Walk project. Their recommendations will be incorporated into the letters which will receive Forum approval by email.
- The last SRC meeting included breakout sessions facilitated by Abby Hook. It was a good orientation for Keith and Rodney as they get up to speed with their new roles as WRIA 7 representatives.

4. Potential Forum Topics

- 2017 smolt trap results

- SnoPUD trap results
 - Riparian Panel
 - Joint LIO-Forum meeting
 - Water Quality presentations
 - Water Trail Coalition
5. Hirst Fix: should the Forum lead this planning effort? The LIO is also trying to get involved. Department of Ecology staff will be presenting on ESSB 6091 at the next LIO EC meeting to discuss the next steps.
 6. SnoPUD Sky Hydro Decision: growth in Snohomish County is huge, but power demand is decreasing. The trap and haul facility has not been operating at full potential and could use upgrades to allow more fish to be moved more safely.
 7. Snoqualmie Forum representation on Snohomish Forum: Henry Sladik with the Town of Skykomish will be joining the Forum with ___ from City of Duvall as the alternate.
 8. Al Borlin Park: Deb Knight with City of Monroe has reached out for a letter of support for the acquisition of 42 acres that is under rezoning and development threat. The city wants to prevent that by purchasing the 5 parcels for \$500K. Gretchen will follow-up as more details become available.
 9. LE Work Plan: we are still waiting to review a draft from RCO/GSRO.
 10. Pearson's Eddy: NRCS bought 130 acres in Snohomish County on the west side of the river where there is also a wetland mitigation bank. There have been plantings and there are beaver dams and unmaintained drainage infrastructure present. Loss of farmland is an issue with the farmers blaming drainage issues on the trees and NRCS. Curious to see if there is potential for a salmon project there that could also help with the drainage issues.
 11. Snohomish River and Estuary Reach Scale Plan: this effort is funded by NEP. The kickoff meeting for this final installment was held last week and staff are on a tight timeline to get this finished. Stay tuned for updates.
 12. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.