

## Meeting Summary

### Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Technical Committee

WDFW Office, Mill Creek

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, May 1, 2018

#### In attendance:

Scott Powell, Seattle City Light  
Doug Hennick, WFC  
Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County  
Beth leDoux, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum/King County  
Colin Wahl, Tulalip Tribes (Co-chair)  
Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes  
Brett Shattuck, Tulalip Tribes  
Jason Hall, Cramer Fish Sciences  
Elissa Ostergaard, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum  
Mike Crewson, Tulalip Tribes  
Chelsea Morris, Dept. of Ecology  
Heather Khan, Dept. of Ecology  
Andrew McDonnell, PUD  
Marissa Goodman, Hart Crowser for City/Port of Everett  
Luke Hanna, Snohomish County  
Anna Hood, Snohomish County  
Karina Siliverstova, Snohomish County  
Mike Rustay, Snohomish County (Co-chair)  
Brett Gaddis, Snohomish County  
Lisa Tario, Snohomish County  
Scott Moore, Snohomish County  
Kirk Lakey, WDFW  
Denise Krownbell, Seattle City Light  
Alex Pitman, Snohomish Conservation District  
Jenni Whitney, WDFW

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##### **Introductions**

Colin opened the meeting with introductions.

##### **Basin Updates**

FFF 2.0: The next installment of this effort is underway. The buffer task force is getting put together. There will be a technical team of internal folks, \$200K for the task force work by the end of 2019, a BAS paper on buffers, an Ag. Issues paper, a decision tool for deciding where/how much buffer width should be to support variable buffers not one-size-fits-all. The buffer task force will meet in May and the technical team will convene in the fall with meetings every other month after. The regulatory task force will be working to maintain drainage and ag lands, mitigation, zero rise related to dredging and other topics (10 in total). They can share the work on this as it is developed if anyone is interested in seeing the issue papers.

##### **2018 CWM**

There is around a \$1.2M ask this round with about \$890K to allocate. The ranking meeting occurred on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is nearly enough money to cover all of the requests. Tolt San Soucci construction was the top ranking project. They are looking at changing the criteria to address work above the falls.

The Upper Snoqualmie knotweed project is in the final phase.

### **Pearson's Eddy**

Water from the north has been flowing southward onto King County lands and causing drainage issues. Models are showing a few inches of rise. Farmers are advocating to cut down large stands of trees, but the Snoqualmie Forum and others are trying to find different solution. Colin went on a site visit yesterday and the channel migration zone location will be a deciding factor too. He felt confident that we won't lose the buffer there, but thinning might be a suitable compromise.

### **SRFB 2018**

The pre-app deadline was extended by a week. We are now down to 10 projects from the 17 notices of intent. We will send out an email with the details of who has pulled out of the application process.

### **FbD**

Letters of support are being drafted with Tech Com comments from the presentations last month. There were concerns among Committee members that the City's project isn't planning at a reach-scale level and that more attention should be paid to upstream causes of erosion rather than just treating symptoms. Drafts of the letters will be sent out by email for review and Forum approval.

### **Water Quality & Quantity Paper**

Colin presented the outline for the paper for feedback. There was much discussion and suggestions given including: making a connection between marine water quality and nutrient loading and quantity aspects related to Hirst.

### **Mid-Spencer Scope Change**

Brett Gaddis gave an update on the Mid-Spencer project and described a scope change that would need Tech Committee review for Forum approval. They are at 90% design which includes 16 openings. Otter Island served as a reference site for the designs. The proposed scope changes will likely decrease construction costs.

### **Fish In, Fish Out**

Colin gave the annual Snohomish salmon status presentation with 2017 population data. The past 14 years have displayed an overall downward trend in abundance. The Coho forecast was higher than the actual recordings. The geometric mean has dropped below the critical threshold. Chum had the lowest escapement on record and were well below odd year goals. In 2017 the smolt trap had high catch per unit effort for Chinook and this year is looking similarly good. Outmigration and productivity numbers are good and a reason to be optimistic. But there are still some concerning numbers too.

### **Roundtable Updates**

PSP is resurrecting the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Programs Salmonid Work Group to synthesize Chinook monitoring information presumably in a similar fashion to the effort lead by Bruce Crawford from years ago. There are some funds available to fund a lead for the group and they put out a call for a public agency person with monitoring expertise to head up the effort. If there are no takers, they may monitoring expertise.

Heather introduced Chelsea Morris, the new Ecology non-point source pollution staffer.

Todd Zackey has requested outside help in Tulalips' Estuary monitoring effort, if you are interested in assisting with fish sampling fieldwork, contact Todd for available dates.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:34pm.**