

SNOHOMISH BASIN SALMON RECOVERY FORUM
Meeting Summary
Thursday, May 3, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Waltz Building, Snohomish

On May 3, 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
Paul Crane	City of Everett
Kirk Lakey	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lindsey Desmul	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Monte Marti	Snohomish Conservation District
Keith Binkley	Snohomish PUD
Heather Khan	Dept. of Ecology
Doug Hennick	Wild Fish Conservancy
Henry Sladek	Town of Skykomish
Heather Cole	The Nature Conservancy
Debbie Mesinger	King Conservation District
Kate Engel	Seattle City Light
Scott Powell	Seattle City Light
Adam Jackson	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Nick Bratton	Forterra
Terry Williams	Tulalip Tribes
Mike Rustay	Snohomish County Surface Water Management

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Announcements

- **Terry Williams called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.**
 - Attendees introduced themselves. Henry Sladek is with the Town of Skykomish and will be representing the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. Kate Engel is with Seattle City Light and will be stepping in now that Scott is retiring.
 - The agenda was reviewed and approved
 - No public comment was made

Forum Business

- **4 Year Wok Plan Additions**

Three projects were proposed as additions to the 4YWP. Two are NTAs that have selected Regional Priority CHIN 7.1 and the other is an expansion of a project already on the list. The

additions were approved. The Forum requested an update in August on prioritization of the project list.

- **Letters of Support**

Three of the four pre-proposals were asked to proceed with full applications.

1. Snoqualmie River Walk project
2. Northbend Levee Setback
3. SLS Lower Skykomish project

Mike and Colin provided an overview of the Tech Comm's feedback. The Tech Comm. comments will be incorporated in the letters that Gretchen will draft. They will then be approved via email.

- **2018 SRFB/PSAR Update**

Seventeen pre-proposals were submitted. Ten are now proceeding with full applications. Our allocation is around \$2.3 million. The Pilchuck Dam Removal project will be applying for PSAR Large Cap which has around \$85 million to allocate. Those projects are being reviewed right now and some will be asked to proceed with full submittals. Any that are not asked to continue will fall back down to the local LEs.

Site visits are scheduled for May 15th and 16th. Then ranking will take place in June and the results will be presented at the August Forum meeting.

- **Mid-Spencer Scope Change**

Mike gave an update on the Mid-Spencer project. The scope change request was presented at the Tech Comm meeting on Tuesday and recommended for Forum approval. The change were approved.

Smith Island Update

Aaron and Lauren gave a brief presentation on Smith Island progress. Phase I is substantially complete. The dike and pump station were built. Phase II is in progress. This work includes channel excavation and wood placement. There has been a lot of collaboration and relationship building. A lot of lessons have been learned that we can and are applying to other projects. A celebration will take place this summer or fall.

There was much discussion about ongoing support for Smith Island and not losing momentum on these environmental wins. There was also talk about how to move forward with salmon recovery efforts from here.

Updates and News

- **Snoqualmie Report**

We now have Snoqualmie Watershed Forum represented by Henry Sladek with Town of Skykomish as the primary and Jason Walker with City of Duvall as the alternate.

The CWM grant round ranking is underway. Then the list will be approved by the King County Flood Control District. Should be able to begin contracting this summer with work starting in the Fall. Tolt San Soucci was the #1 project. The next Snoqualmie Forum meeting is May 16th.

Fish In, Fish Out

Colin gave the annual Fish In, Fish Out presentation. Chinook productivity increased. Coho and Chum are doing poorly and may be ESA listed soon... There is still uncertainty about whether marine or fresh water habitat conditions are more influential on population numbers. There are a lot of factors that affect survival.

Regional Updates and News

- **LIO**

The LIO Exec. Comm. met on April 26th. Dept. of Ecology staff gave a presentation on ESSB 6091. It looks like things will be moving at a quicker pace than previously thought. A joint LIO-Forum meeting on this topic was proposed for fall once the new Ecology staff are brought onboard. The tribes also met with Ecology beforehand to discuss how this relates to their senior water rights. There was much discussion about who will potentially be on this Watershed Enhancement Group.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next Forum meeting will be held on August 2nd at the Waltz Building in Snohomish.

Key Decisions

- Approved 3 project additions to the 4YWP
- Approved Mid-Spencer scope change

Upcoming Meetings

- Technical Committee meeting: June 5th
- PDC meeting: June 21st