

**DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee**  
**September 19, 2019 Meeting Summary**  
Willis Tucker Park, Weikel Room, 10:00am -12:00pm

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1. Agenda Overview and Introductions
  - The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
  - Introductions were made and Cory Zyla was welcomed as filling Perry Falcone's former role; in attendance were:
    - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
    - Cory Zyla (Snoqualmie Forum)
    - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
    - Keith Binkley (Snohomish PUD)
    - Kate Engel (City of Seattle)
    - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
    - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
    - Rodney Pond (Sound Salmon Solutions)
2. Snoqualmie Watershed Forum – Elissa gave an update on the numerous staff changes in the Snoqualmie. Perry accepted a 2-year special duty assignment working on Kokanee recovery. Cory Zyla is filling his former role. Beth leDoux accepted a 2-year special duty assignment as the FFF manager. The recruitment to fill her former position is open now. King County hopes to have it filled by mid-November. Laura West is leaving October 3<sup>rd</sup> so they'll be working to fill her position as well. Andrea Mojak is filling Mary Maier's position. Mary is staying on part time as a basin steward and Denise DiSanto is the third basin steward with her time split between salmon recovery in the Snoqualmie and stormwater efforts in Bear Creek.
3. Salmon Plan Update – Morgan informed the group about the discussion at the September Tech Comm. meeting. The Puget Sound Partnership requested funding to support watershed chapter updates. They received half of the amount requested and are therefore planning to support 4 watersheds of the 5 being eligible, including the Snohomish. The Tech Comm. supported sending a letter of interest to be considered for the funding. The members felt that there is enough capacity and the basin is in a good position to get this work done.

Our basin was selected to receive funds (\$100K) as of this morning. Sixty percent of the funds are allocated for consultant support (Susan Oneil with ESA). The PDC reviewed the Tech Comm's letter and the one-pager from PSP on ideas for the chapter updates. The committee discussed other ideas that could be incorporated/built-on in the plan

update, including: the funding analysis from the Status & Trends Report, prioritization and implementation of our strategies and projects, climate change, and large scale processes.

There was discussion about who is going to manage the project, the timeline, the committees' roles and scope, budget, and decision-making process. Hopefully, Susan can help dial all of that in with the core project team. We can discuss it further at our next meeting.

4. SRFB/PSAR 2020 – Morgan explained that the grant round timeline has been condensed following the RCO Lean Study recommendations. A handout of the draft process was reviewed. Our basin RFP will now be released in October. The PSAR notice of intent RFP should be coming in late Fall/end of the year. There's word that the Hafner-Barfuse project will be applying. Morgan's not sure if other projects in the basin are interested this year. Hopefully, we can hold a project working group meeting to coordinate with sponsors planning to apply.
5. 4-Year Work Plan Update – Morgan shared a draft process handout for this year's update. The purpose of the 4YWP is to communicate the projects we want to get done in the next 4 years. There used to be a narrative component to capture what has happened in the watershed too. The work plan is a required part of our lead entity contract and projects applying for SRFB funding are required to be on it. The project list is also helpful for other grant programs too. Staff will create and share a guidance document for sponsors navigating the update process. This year, there will also be a request for information related to potential streamflow restoration benefits of projects. This way, through our regular 4YWP update, our partners can also help with the WREC solicitation. The committee felt a one-pager on project types eligible for WREC consideration would be helpful for sponsors.
6. Snoqualmie Forum – Elissa reported to the group about the last Snoqualmie Forum meeting where Bob Bilby with Weyerhaeuser gave an overview of streamflow enhancement projects. The conversation was initiated by the Snoqualmie Forum representatives on the WREC who wanted feedback from the Forum members as to which projects they should support and advocate for as the process gets further underway. In general, projects can either aim to add more water or slow down water in streams. These benefits can be achieved through various project types like wetland expansion, LWD installation, and beaver introduction.
7. November Forum Agenda – Morgan reviewed the draft agenda topic with the PDC. The bylaws were distributed and members were asked to review and send any comments to Gretchen. Some key Scope of Work changes were reviewed. At the next Forum, the funding reallocation will also be presented for approval. Along with the listed topics, members suggested adding a Cherry Creek project update from Rodney, time to discuss

the chapter update, a Fish, Farm, Flood update from Beth, an SLS integration team update from Morgan, and a WREC update.

8. Review Next Steps and Adjourn

- Action items:
  - Review bylaws and send comments
  - Review scope of work and send comments
  - Think about the chapter update (scope, timeline, division of labor) and be ready to discuss further
- Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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