

DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
October 17, 2019 Meeting Summary
Willis Tucker Park, Weikel Room, 10:00am -12:00pm

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Introductions were made; 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)
 - Kevin Lee (WDFW)
- Two agenda items were added: Snohomish County Surface Water Management rate increase proposal and Salmon Recovery Council representation

2. Chapter Update – Our basin has received \$100K in funding from PSP to support chapter update work. Three basins were selected for this initial planning effort. PSP has contracted with ESA to provide watersheds with facilitation support. Susan Oneil will be our facilitator. The funds can also be used for technical support (a 60/40 split between facilitation and technical work is proposed). Susan thinks we may need to dedicate more funds for facilitation based on her work with other basins.

An initial kick-off meeting with basin staff has been scheduled. The chapter update will be due June 2021. With the limited time and funds to complete the update, we will need to be strategic about where to focus capacity. Some ideas discussed included: updating the 10-year targets, water quality, nearshore strategy, policy (e.g. land use), hydrology restoration, steelhead and bulltrout, and implementation challenges. The basin uses the 10-year targets the most for guiding implementation and tracking actions and gaps so it would offer a good framework for the update work.

Elissa shared her experience with the update in WRIA 9. They scoped three potential work plans (high, medium, and low level effort), made a staff recommendation, and then let the committee decide which to move forward. The committee chose the medium option which was also the staff recommendation.

For WRIA 7, we plan to use the Technical Committee meetings to do a lot of the work like updating targets.

Morgan shared her experience developing the 2015 Snohomish Basin Protection Plan. She showed the group the decision-making/approval flow diagram that the team used for that process. However, that was a \$1M project so we will need to be careful about setting appropriate expectations for this much smaller scale effort. For the SBPP, there were three dedicated meetings with the Forum (before, during, and after). Forming a steering committee for the chapter update was discussed.

Elissa added that there may be some capacity in King County to help with technical work.

There was discussion about our tiering of priorities and if this is something we should rethink. The funding that Tulalip Tribes has secured for FLUR flights could provide good data to inform this too.

3. Salmon Recovery Council – Gretchen noted that it would be good to have more alternates for the SRC since Rodney and Keith aren't always able to make the meetings. The SRC is forming a funding subgroup (lead by Jason MK) and this would be good to track. David trout has termed out of his seat on the SRFB so there aren't any Puget Sound voices at the state level. This is why it would be a good idea to make sure someone from WRIA 7 is at the meetings. This will be brought to the Forum in November for approval. The PDC supports this.
4. SWM Rate Increase – There is a public hearing scheduled for 10/23 where public comment can be made at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The Snohomish Marine Resources Committee is sending a letter of support. The Tulalip Tribes will try to attend in-person. Gretchen will resurrect the old letter of support from the Forum in case they want to send it again.
5. Bylaws – These will be revised to include a conflict of interest statement and guidance for adding new members per the new LE Scope of Work. The updates will be considered for approval at the November Forum meeting. Thinking longer term, the Forum may want to consider removing member seats that have been vacant for an extended period of time.
6. 2020 – 2021 Meeting Schedule – The group reviewed a draft meeting schedule. In light of the new SRFB grant round schedule, the group discussed having sponsor presentations in May before the ranked list is determined. The group also considered holding PDC and Forum meetings at different venues. The Vista Room at Willis Tucker, WSU Extension office at McCollum Park, Adopt a Stream offices, Snohomish Library, and Snohomish School District offices were suggested. The group agreed to cancel the

November PDC meeting. The committee approved recommending the changes to the schedule for Forum approval.

7. November Forum Agenda –

- Buffer task force: Elissa commented that the task force did not reach consensus on their buffer width proposals. The proposals could still move forward to be brought to the Oversight Committee since they were nearly approved by consensus. November may be too early for an update on the status. The February meeting may be better timing.
- Snohomish Implementation Team: Morgan commented that February would be a better date for an update.
- Mid-Spencer: Maybe Brett Gaddis could provide an update.
- Status & Trends Report: Elissa mentioned that it could be a good topic to kick-off the chapter update conversation even if the focus was only on the recommendations.
- King County Fish Passage – The new executive is supportive of addressing fish passage. Abby Hook just presented at the AWRA conference so that presentation could probably be pulled from to prepare something for the Forum.
- New Snohomish Conservation District Executive Director – Linda Lyshall will be at the meeting so it will be a good opportunity for the Forum to meet and welcome her.

8. Future Topics – Other focus topics to consider for future meetings were discussed, including:

- Orca Recovery Task Force: Their list of final recommendations was released.
- MRC Orca Recovery meeting: 60-70 people attended. There was discussion about seal predation and funding prospects for the needed work.
- Water Quality: it would be good to follow-up on the discussion from the February meeting on water quality. We could discuss temperature and PBDEs.
- Transfer of Development Rights: the LIO is planning to discuss this at the Spring 2020 meeting as a means to accelerate Puget Sound recovery efforts.
- PSP's Mobilizing Funding Initiative: This is another Spring 2020 LIO meeting topic.
- Snoqualmie Forum Smolt Screw Trap: The Snoqualmie Forum's \$60K/year funding for the screw trap is ending and no other funding sources have been identified.

9. Review Next Steps and Adjourn

- Action items:
 - Review past processes for applicability and refinement for the chapter update
 - Explore forming a smaller work group or using the PDC for feedback on the chapter update

- Use updating the targets to set the framework for the chapter update
- Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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