

## Meeting Summary

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Technical Committee  
WDFW Office, Mill Creek  
9:00 am – 11:00 am, March 3, 2020

### In attendance:

1. Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County
2. Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
3. Gretchen Glaub, Snohomish County
4. Matt Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Tribe
5. Heather Khan, Dept. of Ecology
6. Stephanie Celt, Dept. of Natural Resources
7. David Beedle, Seattle City Light
8. Carson Moscoso, Snohomish Conservation District
9. Elissa Ostergaard, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
10. Emily Davis, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
11. Lindsey Desmul, WDFW
12. Kevin Lee, WDFW
13. Kyle Koch, Adopt-a-Stream Foundation
14. Braden Hourigan, Adopt-a-Stream Foundation
15. Keith Binkley, SnoPUD
16. Cory Zyla, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
17. Mike Rustay, Snohomish County
18. Doug Hennick, WFC
19. Andrew McDonnell, SnoPUD

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#### **Introductions**

Emily opened the meeting with introductions and reviewed the agenda.

#### **Updates**

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee – Alexa and Elissa reported on the committee's recent efforts. The consumptive use estimate the group has developed is 797 acre feet per year, but there has been discussion of adding an additional safety factor to set the goal for water offset by the projects in the plan. Currently, the work group is culling the list of potential projects for the consultants to run calculations to estimate their respective water offset potential.

PSAR/SREB – Gretchen announced the lead entity received 9 full applications with 2 still in progress. Site tours will be held 3/17 and 3/18. The project review committee can expect emails soon with conflict of interest forms to complete and more details.

Pilchuck River Temperature/Dissolved Oxygen TMDL – Heather Khan presented on Ecology's work to complete the Pilchuck TMDL. The TMDL process serves as a "road map" to clean water. An advisory

group functions to gain stakeholder input on the draft. Then a 30 day comment period is held and feedback is included as an appendix in the plan. From there the plan is sent to EPA for approval (the timeline is looking like end of July/early August). Once approved, the focus shifts from planning to implementation and effectiveness monitoring.

Ecology conducts water quality assessments every 2 years to inform the water quality standards. A modeling exercise was conducted to form recommendations in the plan which included planting trees/wide riparian buffers and cold water refuges among other actions.

Committee members suggested the incorporation of a recommendation in the plan to take a closer look at the irrigation in the basin since some property owners may be exceeding the half-acre limit which suggests a need for better enforcement. It was also suggested that messaging is clear around the plan's recommendation involving "imported water". There should be care taken to not inadvertently advocate for draining the Sultan to hook up new developments in the Pilchuck.

#### Roundtable Updates

Mike announced that estuary sampling season has started. There will be a doodle poll sent out soon for volunteer sign-up.

Gretchen reminded the group about the Feb. 2019 joint LIO-LE meeting focused on local water quality issues. Conversations have been ongoing with Sandy regarding the PBDE hotspots near the City of Everett WWTP. Gretchen, Mike, Jim Miller, Lucas Hall, Sandy and others met yesterday. They are working with the city on recommendations to address the PBDE issue. There has been talk about pumping more discharge into the ground instead of surface. They are monitoring the influent and effluent to learn more about the PBDE source. Unfortunately, using technology to filter out the PBDEs would be very costly, is not legally required, and would require a type of purification used for drinking water.

Morgan reported that the Pilchuck Dam project is out to bid. Construction is starting. Additional outreach and a celebration for the community is being planned. Also, a contract has been secured for the Lochsloy Dam project discussions.

The SLS Integration Team is continuing work to implement multibenefit FFF priorities for integrated project development and planning.

WDFW has contract funding for the NOAA lifecycle model on Snohomish fish populations. Phase I is funded and Morgan is working to find funding for Phase II.

Elissa reported that the next Snoqualmie Watershed Forum will be held 3/13 at Snoqualmie City Hall. Josh Kubo will be presenting on yearling Chinook and Andrea Mojzak will be presenting on the Hafner-Barfuse project.

Lindsey announced that WDFW is partnering with TNC to hold a live showing of the LifeBlood film on 3/23 at 5:30 pm. Some of the featured speakers from the film will be in attendance. Also, the RFP for a facilitator for the Ebey Island planning project is out.

Stephanie Celt reported that DNR is working to compile a list of already identified projects in the basin that are important for recovery. The team is using HWS as a starting place, but will want feedback on a prioritization process. DNR has helped Tulalip Tribes get WCC crew help to remove invasives.

Jim noted that the Port's Blue Heron Slough project is now being reviewed by the IRT for mitigation credits.

Heather added that the Snohomish fecal TMDL effectiveness monitoring will occur 7/20 - 7/21.

#### Plan Update

Gretchen gave an overview of recent progress. Phase I will occur in April and be focused on gathering existing and planned content. Phase II will involve the Tech. Comm. heavily and take place April – November. Gretchen will email the link to the foundational document list and Status & Trends report. See presentation for details.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.