Snohomish Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting
3/3/22, Zoom
9:00am – 11:30am

Attendees
Gretchen Glaub, LE Coordinator, Snohomish County
Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
Ryan Miller, Chair, Tulalip Tribes
Aaron Kopp, Snohomish County
Adam Jackson, Snohomish County
Alex Pedersen, City of Seattle Councilmember
Allen Gibbs, Pilchuck Audubon Society
Bill Leif, Snohomish County
Brenda Medina, The Wilderness Society
C.K. Eitem, Ducks Unlimited
Carson Moscoso, Snohomish CD
Cory Zyla, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Dani Driscoll, Snohomish County
Daniel Howe, Snohomish County
Jessica Hamill, Snohomish County
Denise Krownbell, City of Seattle
Doug Hennick, Wild Fish Conservancy
Elissa Ostergaard, Snoqualmie Forum
Emily Davis, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Geraldine Saw, Snohomish County
Hannah Liss, Puget Sound Partnership
Heather Griffin, City of Everett Public Works
Heather Khan, Department of Ecology
Henry Sladek, Skykomish Mayor
Jacques White, Long Live the Kings
Joe Neal, USFS
John Rabenow, City of Everett
Joycelyn Blue, Snohomish County
Keith Binkley, Snohomish County PUD
Kevin Lee, WDFW
Kirk Lakey, ARHPM WDFW
Kye Iris, Snohomish County
Kyle Koch, Sound Salmon Solutions
Linda Lyshall, Snohomish CD
Lindsey Desmul, WDFW
Lisa Tario, Snohomish County
Liz Duffy, Long Live the Kings
Lucas Hall, Long Live the Kings
Marissa Aho, DNR
Mathew Eyer, City of Marysville SWM
Max Showalter, DNR
Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Councilmember
Michael MacDonald, WSDOT/NMFS
Michele Anton, Snohomish County
Micki McNaughton, DNR
Paul Crane, City of Everett Public Works
Stuart Baker, Snohomish County
Jamie Adkins, Pilchuck Audubon Society
Jay Krienitz, WDFW

Welcome and Introductions
• Morgan Ruff opened the meeting and Ryan Miller ran introductions.
• Public Comment: No Public Comment

Regional Updates
• Sno-Stilly Local Integrating Organization: Kathleen Pozarycki
  • Review of the current action agenda was presented to the Executive Committee
    ▪ Public Review period March 15 – April 15
    ▪ Comments need to have a bit more clarification and prioritization
    ▪ Need to include a detailed implementation plan
  • EPA new direct funding of $500K to the LIO over the next 4 years
    ▪ Replacing the $100K per year of NTA funding
  • Local Forum creation at the next Leadership Council Meeting
    ▪ June 8th and 9th
Puget Sound Partnership: Hannah Liss
- Feb 28th last day of bills with fiscal impact to be passed
- Nearing end of legislative session
  - All business must be concluded by March 10th, including final budget
- Senate $85M and House $50M for salmon recovery projects
  - Money comes from operating budget and goes to capital programs
- For further breakdown of costs visit and a comprehensive update
  - Legislative updates
  - Most recent written update (3/1)
  - Full budget comparisons for Puget Sound Recovery
- Bills with significant tribal importance and impact: Ryan Miller
  - Bill 1717
    - Growth management bill about including Tribes in updates to growth management plans
  - Climate Commitment Act veto of section related to tribal consultation
    - A fix to the veto was worked on collaboratively between many Tribes and legislators
    - Legislation has moved forward and is passed both houses, awaiting the Governor’s signature

Salish Sea Marine Survival Project – Jacques White, Long Live the Kings
- Main Concerns of the Forum: Predation, Toxics in the System, and Rearing Habitat
  - Recommend Actions are included in bold within the power point
- Final Guidance Report
- Q & A; Discussion:
  - Caution when labeling City of Everett Wastewater Treatment plant as large contaminate source
    - Sampling is ongoing in the Snohomish Basin by Ecology
      - Early data pointing toward industry, laundry industry in particular
    - Response from Long Live the Kings
      - Sample size also pointing toward laundry facilities
      - Wastewater Treatment is a pathway for contaminates getting into wastewater steam
        - More of a question of relative impact of this pathway compared to others
  - Bottom-Up connections with crustacean and zooplankton as food sources
    - Does quality of these food sources in addition to the timing affect feeding preferences of fish?
      - Correlation not found between zooplankton success factors and pH
        - Could have impact, but was not discerned in this study
        - Crab larvae also a concern with increased ocean acidification
          - Not huge prey items in Puget Sound, but mostly Porcelain crabs being consumed by juvenile Chinook

Forum Business
- Review and approve 12/2/21 meeting summary
  - Ryan Miller, chair, asked for proposed changes.
  - Nothing proposed.
  - Meeting summary was approved.
- Review 2022 Grant Round
  - Decision made in June
Recommend allocation of about $3M
  - Many of projects that applied also seeking funding from other sources

- Review and approve Project cost increase for Middle Pilchuck Habitat Restoration
  - Technical Committee made the recommendation to move forward with cost increase
  - Please send questions and comments via email to Gretchen Glaub

Floodplains by Design Proposal Overview – Jessica Hamill, Snohomish County SWM
- For more info visit Community Floodplain Solutions
- Forum decision – Letter of Support: Approved
  - Voting done on the consensus continuum:

  **Letter of Support - Fbd proposal**

  Place shapes on continuum to indicate level of support

  - Gretchen Glaub will draft the letter and provide to the forum for final approval in two weeks

Watershed Resilience Action Plan: A Trees to Seas Plan for Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Snohomish Watershed
  – Marissa Aho, DNR
  - Plan released by the commissioner two and a half weeks ago
  - Guided by 5 goals that drive action towards protecting and improving habitat, increasing community engagement, and combating climate impacts
    - Each goal has measurable outcomes bound by time
    - All 34 outcomes will be regularly updated online on the Watershed Resilience Dashboard
  - Requesting feedback on the beta version of the Watershed Connect tool
    - Available on the website
  - DNR next steps
    - Scheduling updates and conversations with folks in the watershed
    - Funding a Watershed Steward position
    - Start implementing the plan by moving forward with the Kelp and Eelgrass Protection Zone
  - Contact Info
    - Marissa Aho, Policy Director/Chief Resilience Officer, Marissa.aho@dnr.wa.gov (360) 515-8087
    - Max Showalter, Policy Advisor, Max.Showalther@dnr.wa.gov (360) 791-1040

Around the Zoom Updates
- Ralph Svrjcek is retiring, last day is April 20th
  - Heather Khan is organizing a celebration, please reach out if you would like to attend
- Alex Pederson: Seattle City Light purchasing two properties along the lower Tolt River, helping to meet protection goals
Follow Up Items:

- Meeting Summary for 12/2/21 post to website
- Gretchen Glaub draft letter of support for Snohomish County FbD application and provided to forum for approval two weeks from now

Next Forum Meeting: June 9, 2022