

Meeting Summary

Snohomish Basin Salmonid Recovery Technical Committee
WDFW Office, Mill Creek
9:00 am -12:00, Jan 3, 2017

In attendance:

Beth leDoux, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum/King County (Co-Chair)
Colin Wahl, Tulalip Tribes (Co-Chair)
Brett Shattuck, Tulalip Tribes
Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
Andrew McDonnell, Snohomish County PUD
Natalie Seitz, Snohomish County
Denise Krownbell, Seattle City Light
Scott Powell, Seattle City Light
Doug Hennick, Wild Fish Conservancy
Matthew Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Tribe
Paul Crane, City of Everett
Jim Starkes, Port of Everett
Linda Ritter, City of Mukilteo
Paul Schlenger, Confluence Environmental
Sally King, King County
Teresa Lewis, King County
Chase Barton, King County
Kevin Lee, Sounds Salmon Solutions
Alex Pittman, Snohomish Conservation District
Lauren Tracy, Snohomish County
Aaron Kopp, Snohomish County
Luke Hanna, Snohomish County
Gretchen Glaub, Snohomish County
Mike Rustay, Snohomish County
Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County

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Introductions, Announcements, and Basin Updates

- **Climate Change Paper:** Beth stated that a draft is currently being edited and they hope to bring it to the Snohomish Forum in February after reviewing it with the Snoqualmie Forum this month.
- **Grant Funding:** Gretchen reminded the group that the next grant round will be much smaller (~approx. \$230,000) since we need to pay back the WRIA 8 loan from this year. Additionally, there are discussions at the state level that may change the allocation percentages for Puget Sound. These changes could result in a reduced SRFB/PCSRF allocation.

The scoring subcommittee will review and/or revise the criteria before posting the RFP. Mike mentioned that the committee may want to consider implementing a minimum score threshold.

Beth added that The Cooperative Watershed Grants are opening on January 19th, pending approval from Snoqualmie Forum. A training will be offered beforehand. There will approximately \$870K available. Stay tuned for the RFP email.

- **Coastal Squeeze Workshop:** The workshop was on December 12th. It was a success! It focused on how we will handle sea level rise and restoration projects in an environment affected by coastal squeeze. The group considered the associated elements of collaborative planning, institutional coordination, and social aspects.

Japanese Gulch Update

Paul Schlenger gave a presentation on the proposed Japanese Gulch shoreline project. This phase consists of a master planning effort that incorporates connecting and softening the shoreline, green-scaping, and salmon-focused restoration. The City of Mukilteo will be taking ownership of the one parcel with a 15 ft. ROW. This project builds on the successful completion of 4 previous phases of restoration work for salmon benefit in Japanese Gulch.

Smith Island Update

Lauren Tracy and Aaron Kopp gave an update on the Smith Island project. They informed the group that a time, scope, and cost change is necessary and need Forum approval to amend the contract as needed. They hope to receive the Tech Committee's recommendation. Time extension request to extend project two years to Dec. 31, 2018. Scope change requires adjusting acres of estuary restored from 325 to 307 acres. While footprint of work remains the same, change in acres restored is due to how acreage is calculated, i.e. mitigation vs. restoration acreage. Scope change will also increase number of large wood structures (8 to 42 structures) and yards of channel modified/created (4,300 to 6,470 yards). Cost change will add NOAA Coastal Resiliency grant funds.

Project update: Phase I of the project got underway in 2015. Drainage is 90% complete. The pipeline protection work is 70% complete. The breach was pushed back to Fall 2018 (Phase II). Additional time is needed to allow for settling of the new setback dike. Phase II has Final Designs 100% complete. The contract is set to bid in the first quarter of 2017. The interior features such as log structures and channelized work will be done in the second phase. An opening ceremony is projected for August 2019.

The committee agreed to recommend the amendments to the Forum.

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Tolt Corridor Planning Effort

The King County project team presented on the Tolt Corridor project planning effort. They distributed informational handouts from their last public meeting on the project. They invited the committee to review the documents and send any comments to Beth for compiling by early next week.

Snohomish Basin 10-Year Update

It was clarified that this is a Status and Trends report *not* the chapter update. It will examine what we have and have not accomplished so far. A draft will be presented to the committee in May. The final draft will be completed in August. The PDC will be updated in February regarding the efforts and will have a chance to review the outputs for some metrics.

Round Table Announcements

- Colin mentioned that he attended the Tolt River Corridor stakeholder workshop and sensed almost unanimous opposition towards the dredging except for a few individuals.

Wrap Up: The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2017.

Key Decisions

- The committee approved the amendments to the Smith Island project contract.

Next Steps

- Project sub-committee to review criteria via WebEx
- Colin and Beth will compile Technical Committee comments on the Tolt Corridor Capital Investment Strategy and forward on to King County

Resources and Upcoming Events

- Link to [Tolt River Corridor Planning and Capital Investment Strategy](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- Policy Development Committee meeting: January 19, 2017
- Forum meeting: February 2, 2017
- Technical Committee meeting: February 7, 2017