

SNOHOMISH BASIN SALMON RECOVERY FORUM
Meeting Summary
Thursday, February 2, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Waltz Building, Snohomish

On February 2, 2017, the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum (the Forum) met for a regularly scheduled meeting from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The following were in attendance:

Attendee	Organization
Aaron Kopp	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Alexa Ramos	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Beth leDoux	King County
Colin Wahl	Tulalip Tribes
Dan Calvert	Puget Sound Partnership
Doug Hennick	Wild Fish Conservancy
Gretchen Glaub	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Heather Cole	The Nature Conservancy
Ikuno Masterson	Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
Jessica Hamill	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Jim Miller	City of Everett
Kirk Lakey	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Laura Gurley	Port of Everett
Lauren Tracy	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Lindsey Desmul	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mike Rustay	Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Monte Marti	Snohomish Conservation District
Morgan Ruff	Tulalip Tribes
Nick Bratton	Forterra
Paul Crane	City of Everett
Perry Falcone	Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Rodney Pond	Sound Salmon Solutions
Terry Williams	Tulalip Tribes

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions and Announcements

- **Terry Williams, Forum Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.**
 - Attendees introduced themselves
 - The agenda was reviewed and approved
 - No public comment was made

2. Forum Business

- **Lead Entity Work Plan**
 - Gretchen reviewed the Lead Entity Work Plan with the Forum. Monte noted a need to include outreach and education in the work plan more explicitly. The plan was approved by the Forum.
- **Adopt SRFB Grant Round Schedule and RFP**

- Gretchen reminded the Forum that this will be a very small grant round in 2017. She noted that the only real change in this year's RFP was adding the requirement of a letter of interest. The Forum approved the RFP document.

Gretchen informed the Forum that the scoring criteria is the same as last year, but that the Scoring Subcommittee will be meeting to review/revise the criteria. Any changes shouldn't be significant and are intended to add clarity for project sponsors.

3. Project Updates

- **Tolt River Conservation Grant**

- This project requires a scope change. This has already been presented to and endorsed by the Technical Committee. The Forum approved the scope change.
 - The Tolt Corridor Planning Process is being led by the Flood District and is focused on flood protection. Hopefully, it will be approved by mid-year.

- **Smith Island**

- This project requires a scope change. This has already been presented to and endorsed by the Technical Committee. The Forum approved the scope change.

4. Climate Change White Paper

- Beth leDoux presented an overview of the *WRIA 7 Climate Change Impacts to Salmon Issue Paper*.

5. Regional Updates

- **Salmon Recovery Council**

- Dan gave the Forum an update on the PSSRC recent meeting. The last meeting focused on defining what a Lead Entity is. Moving the Lead Entity from RCO to PSP for administration was a topic of discussion too.

The funding allocation formula has been revised. Puget Sound will now likely receive around 30% rather than the 42% as in past years. There are various reasons for this revision. In the past, regions competed for the funds and Puget Sound usually took the lion's share (around 60%). With the formula Puget Sound would get around 29% but since that would be a sharp decrease to implement immediately we were supposed to be gradually weaned off hence the 42% allocation. This is why we're now seeing the lower allocation implemented.

The Fish Barrier Removal Board has requested \$50 million. The Governor's Office requested \$19 million. This funding would go to the top 13 projects on their list.

The Chinook Implementation Strategy is moving forward. This will serve as the foundation for the regional update to the recovery plan.

- **State Budget**

- Gretchen reviewed the Legislative Letter of Support and it was approved by the Forum.
- Gretchen proposed submitting a separate letter of support for the Conservation Commission calling out salmon elements and it was approved.
- Heather announced that Floodplains by Design lobby day will take place on February 22nd. More details will be sent by email.
- Rodney announced Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups lobby day is upcoming too. A letter of support is on the website. More details will be sent by email.

- **Sno-Stilly LIO Restructure**
 - Jessica, LIO Coordinator, gave an overview of the restructure exploration efforts underway.

6. Snoqualmie Updates

- The Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant has opened for 2017. They will be pushing projects related to the Snoqualmie Status Report.
- Tolt Corridor Planning Process is in progress. Welcome comments.
- SF Snoqualmie Planning Process is in progress. Welcome comments.
- King County Water & Land Resources has a new director – Josh Baldi who comes from Ecology.
- Janne Kaje was promoted to Regional Partnerships Manager.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next Forum meeting will be held on May 4, 2017 at the Waltz Building in Snohomish.

Key Decisions

- The Lead Entity work plan was approved by the Forum.
- The 2017 RFP document was approved by the Forum.
- The Tolt River Conservation Grant scope change was approved by the Forum.
- The Smith Island scope change was approved by the Forum.
- The Legislative Letter of Support was approved by the Forum.
- Drafting of a Conservation Commission Letter of Support was approved by the Forum.

Next Steps

- Gretchen will get Terry's signature for the Legislative Letter of Support
- Gretchen will work up a Conservation Commission Letter of Support
- Gretchen will distribute the approved 2017 RFP and criteria
- Alexa will send out the FbD and RFEG lobby day information

Resources and Upcoming Events

- Salmon Recovery Conference, April 25 -27

Upcoming Meetings

- Technical Committee meeting: March 7th
- PDC meeting: March 16th
- Forum meeting: May 4