

Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee
June 15, 2017 Meeting Summary
Gary Weikel Room, Willis Tucker Park, 9:30-12:00

1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
 - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
 - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
 - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
 - Dawn Presler (Snohomish County PUD)
 - Scott Powell (Seattle City Light)
 - Perry Falcone (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
 - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
 - Dan Calvert (PSP)
 - Jessica Hamill (Snohomish County)

2. Basin Updates

- Snoqualmie Forum: Elissa Ostergaard told the group that the next Snoqualmie Forum meeting will be on July 19th in Duvall at the visitor center. There they will be discussing the 2016 water temperature study update, approving the budget, and update on landslide hazard assessment. On September 20th they will host their basin tour.
- Sound Salmon Solutions is hosting a Snohomish Basin tour on June 16th 10am – 2pm. It is geared towards educating decision-makers about the restoration work being done in the watershed. Gretchen suggested that perhaps we could host a similar tour next summer once the 10 Year Status and Trends report is completed.
- Sky to Sound Water Trail meeting: Perry commented that the most recent meeting was good, with presentations by Tulalip Tribes. He relayed that those involved seem to be gaining an understanding of the habitat implications on the river. Forterra has been hired to write the plan this summer. Perhaps they could give a presentation to the Tech. Comm. and/or PDC in the fall.
- SRFB 2017: Gretchen informed the group that WA is receiving \$18.8 M in funding from PCSRF this year. This is higher than previously anticipated; WRIA 7 will be looking at \$355K to allocate. The anticipated unspent PSAR project development funds will likely be lower than discussed last meeting. With the funds we do

have, the priority will be producing the 10 Year Status and Trends report and working on an Acquisition Strategy.

- Net Pen Management Recommendations: Dan explained that Ecology is preparing recommendations on net pen management. He suggested that it is a topic that maybe should be elevated to the SRC regional level. Perhaps Kurt Beardslee could give his presentation to the SRC. Scott Powell offered to bring it to the SRC's attention. **We will update the Forum at the August meeting as well.**
- Recreational Dredging: Scott mentioned that recreation dredging for gold can get out of hand. There is a bill going forward that would tighten the permits and allow for more enforcement. This is something we may want to support. We should have a presentation on this topic.

3. Regional Updates

- Chinook Implementation Strategy, SRC: Scott reported that the SRC is forming a subcommittee to decide what to do with the Bold Actions provided by the tribes. The deadline is June 26th.

4. **10 Year Status & Trends Report:** See outline handout. There is no draft content to review at this time. Work will continue with draft content available in July. Perry suggested including a table of the SBPP recommendations showing progress made so far. Jessica mentioned adding connection to Puget Sound regional work (LIO)

5. LIO Restructure

- Jessica reminded the group that the LIO is looking to move away from planning and towards implementation. The Stillaguamish TAG is in favor of separating and being its own LIO. The SWC is still deciding their position; conversations are ongoing. The reasoning behind exploring alternative structure models is aimed at reducing redundancy and increasing efficiency. PSP is supportive of reorganizing the groups to best fit our needs and goals. However, there will not be more capacity or implementation funding available if a split creates two separate LIOs. How do we best present this to the Forum?

From the Snoqualmie Forum's perspective, Elissa raised concerns about level of expertise if adding subject matter as well as funding.

Perry commented that some integration would be good, but he's unsure about full integration.

Jessica mentioned that LIO support staff are developing a funding strategy to help NTA owners pursue other sources of funding for their project proposals. The AACG is also working on a similar "marketplace" idea. Dan added that PSP is trying to better align funding sources with the Action Agenda.

Some alternative structure models were proposed. The group requested that staff present them with some selected alternatives.

6. Forum

- Gretchen provided a handout on Forum Membership and Engagement. There was much discussion about how to better engage members and achieve higher meeting attendance. Elissa and Perry spoke to the success of the Snoqualmie Forum and their unique circumstances of an ILA for capacity funding.
- The group discussed discussing local funding at a future meeting

7. Upcoming Forum Meeting Agenda

- Gretchen reviewed tentative topics for the Forum meeting with the committee. Topics will be revisited at July 20th meeting

8. Review Next Steps and Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.