

Meeting Summary

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Technical Committee
WDFW Office, Mill Creek
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, February 6, 2018

In attendance:

Mike Rustay, Snohomish County (Co-Chair)
Doug Hennick, WFC
Alexa Ramos, Snohomish County
Beth leDoux, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum/King County
Kollin Higgins, King County WLRD
Andrew McDonnell, Snohomish PUD
Lindsey Desmul, WDFW
Gretchen Glaub, Snohomish County
Colin Wahl, Tulalip Tribes (Co-Chair)
Denise Krownbell, Seattle City Light
Luke Hanna, Snohomish County
Stuart Baker, Snohomish County
Jim Starkes, Hart Crowser/Port of Everett
Mike Crewson, Tulalip Tribes
Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
Elisa Ostergaard, Snoqualmie Forum
Frank Leonetti, Snohomish County
Josh Kubo, King County
Heather Kahn, Ecology
Erin Murray, PSP
Stacy Vynne, PSP
Sandra O'Neill, WDFW
Andrea Carey, WDFW

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Introductions

Mike Rustay opened the meeting with introductions.

Basin Updates

4-Year Work Plan Update

Gretchen updated the group on the status of the update. It was approved at the Feb. 1st Forum meeting although they would like work down to prioritize the projects and check-in in 6 months.

Floodplains by Design Pre-Proposals

Gretchen noted that there are 3 projects in the Snohomish Basin that we know about so far (Snoqualmie, North Bend, and Lower Skykomish). Tech Comm members requested that sponsors make presentations on their proposals so that the Tech Comm can raise/address any concerns. The target for these presentations would be March-May.

Project Review Committee

Gretchen reported that she has been contacting new and existing participants for the 2018 grant round and the LE will send out a doodle poll to schedule an initial meeting to review and update scoring criteria. Alexa and Gretchen will send out a follow-up email with clarification on the RFP.

10-yr Status Report

Mike will work with Snoqualmie team to get updated bank condition information into report.

Snoqualmie Update

The Snoqualmie team is continuing work to update the restoration targets for a Snoqualmie 2025 report. The FFF 2.0 Implementation Committee is forming to oversee the regulatory and buffer task forces.

2018 CWM round

Beth announced the CWM round will have around \$900,000 this year to allocate.

Metrics Work Group

As was discussed in past meetings, a monitoring metrics work group will be formed to address consistency between King County and Snohomish County and ensure that habitat status and trend data being collected will answer the monitoring questions related to our salmon plan. Mike asked who is interested in participating in the work group and will be scheduling a meeting at earliest convenience.

10-Year Status Update

The consultant RFP closed on Friday. There were 2 consultants that applied. The consultants will be working on organization and editing for a single voice. Morgan reported that we have all the data so we just need to sit down and finish writing. A tentative date for Tech Comm. draft review is the end of March. Colin gave a brief update on the land cover change analysis of the draft NOAA data. Mike gave a brief presentation of the bank change analysis from King and Snohomish Counties. For many mainstem reaches there has been little change in percent modified bank over time, but on three reaches on the Tolt and Snoqualmie, levee and armor setback/removal projects have led to significant addition of natural bank edge. One large new revetment is also evident on one Snoqualmie reach that had an increase in modified edge.

Snohomish County Integrated Monitoring

Frank Leonetti gave a presentation on the Integrated Monitoring effort. The goals of the program are to improve efficiency for better decision making and support protection, planning, and restoration efforts.

2016 Chinook Toxics Study Findings

Sandie O'Neill gave a presentation on her study's preliminary findings. The goal was to estimate contaminant exposure and determine where Chinook were getting exposed in the outmigration pathway. In the Snohomish, PBDEs were found in high levels - above the threshold for adverse effects. The contamination was most evident in Chinook in the Mainstem Snohomish downstream of Deadwater Slough and near Langus Park. Contamination was also higher in wild fish than hatchery. A next step is to identify sources of contaminants and wastewater outfall in the lower river is a likely contributor. Sandie will be working on final reporting and the Tech Comm. will track this and communicate results to the Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 6th.