

**DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee**  
**March 21, 2019 Meeting Summary**  
Willis Tucker Park, Weikel Room, 9:30-12:00

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1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Introductions were made; in attendance were:
  - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
  - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
  - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
  - Keith Binkley (Snohomish PUD)
  - Kirk Lakey (WDFW)
  - David Beedle (Seattle City Light)
  - Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)
  - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
  - Yorik Stevens-Wadja (Snohomish County Council)

The group welcomed Yorik who is a recent staff addition to Snohomish County Council supporting Sam Low.

2. Partner Updates

- Pilchuck Dam Removal Open House: Morgan reported that the project's event went really well. There were around 50 – 75 attendees with a broad spectrum of interests and perspectives. The team is planning a follow-up event at the end of Sept./early Oct. to offer updates on project designs and more.
- The Pilchuck Work Group met March 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot happening in the Pilchuck right now which demonstrates the need for increased coordination and synergy.
- Snohomish County Floodplains by Design project: Gretchen reminded the group of this multibenefit project's main components – hydro modelling, geomorphic hazard analysis, a planning team for ag. resilience and habitat projects, and an integration team focused on decision support tools and communication tools for outreach.

3. February Forum Meeting Debrief: The group agreed that the next WRIA 7 discussion on water quality should take place after the Tulalip's water quality paper is finished. Elissa suggested having some of the STORM presenters speak at the next water quality meeting as well. Gretchen mentioned that the LIO will be hosting water quality focused

meeting in May. Special topics so far include perfluorinated and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) and macro/micro plastics. Local partners will also present on their water quality related work in the basin.

#### 4. Potential Forum Meeting Agenda Topics

- Gretchen reviewed the agenda topics for May. The group supported the topics and speakers.
- The group discussed potential topics for the rest of the year's meetings. Since we did not run a SRFB round this year, we will not be discussing usual topics in August. There was talk about a potluck, site visit(s), and a broader invitee list with a less structured agenda. For November, the PDC discussed it being a working meeting focused on the bylaws and SRFB schedule changes from the findings of RCO's lean process. Site visits and full applications will be due much earlier than before and there will be less time for back and forth between the sponsors and reviewers with this new time schedule.

Next year will be a PSAR year (more money to allocate). There are also conversations occurring about a statewide large capital project fund source.

Elissa added that Senator Frockt mentioned they are considering increasing PSAR and Fbd programs so it would behoove all watershed partners to call, visit, email, or send letters to key legislators in support.

Elissa also added that she will be attending Puget Sound Day on the Hill on May 14<sup>th</sup> in D.C. and encouraged others to join. The group thought it would be wise to coordinate on the basin's top 3 "asks" so she can carry that message with her when she meets with legislators.

- 5. 2019-2020 Lead Entity Workplan: The group discussed the potential utility of developing a funding strategy. Currently, WRIA 7 only receives \$60K in capacity funding. There was talk of forming an ILA similar to the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum or having a retreat to explore the Forum's role and re-visioning for the future.

There was much discussion around how to capture buy-in from a broader audience and how to encourage broader community support for salmon recovery.

#### 6. Review Next Steps and Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.