

**DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee**  
**December 19, 2019 Meeting Summary**  
Admin West, 3358, 10:00am -12:00pm

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1. Agenda Overview and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Introductions were made and Kathleen was welcomed as the new LIO Coordinator; in attendance were:

- Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
- Kevin Lee (WDFW)
- Jim Miller (City of Everett)
- Linda Lyshall (Snohomish Conservation District)
- Kathleen Pozarycki (Snohomish County)
- Cory Zyla (Snoqualmie Forum)
- Emily Davis (Snoqualmie Forum)
- Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
- Keith Binkley (Snohomish PUD)
- David Beedle (Seattle City Light)
- Jeff Fisher (Seattle City Light)
- Terri Strandberg (Snohomish County)
- Morgan Ruff (Tulalip Tribes)

2. Business – Next year’s meetings will again be held at Willis Tucker Park, but in the Vista Room rather than the Weikel Room.

3. Salmon Recovery Council – At the November meeting there was discussion about the Centennial Accord and state agency task force for riparian management issues e.g.) variable width buffers. There was an earlier presentation on the topic to the Leadership Council from the Skagit and Jay Manning shared success stories from the Yakima. We will want to stay aware of these developments since our basin partners have a large interest in these riparian matters.

4. Dept. of Natural Resources Strategy for Salmon Recovery – The Snohomish basin was selected as a pilot watershed for DNR’s salmon recovery strategy. The team has distributed a 2-pager to vet with salmon recovery partners in the region. Hopefully, their staff can present at the next Forum meeting. DNR does not currently have a seat on the Snohomish Forum, but lead entity staff were recently approached by the Aquatic Land Manager with an interest in learning more about the projects happening in the Snohomish. Gretchen will connect him with Tech Comm. so that he get familiar with our Plan and strategies.

5. Salmon Plan Update – PSP has awarded the Snohomish basin \$100K to support a chapter update. \$60K will go towards coaching support of Susan Oneil with ESA. The remainder can be used to help with technical work. Gretchen shared the presentation that was given at the last Tech Comm. meeting outlining the planned approach for the update. PDC members commented that they would like to review the framework for compiling resources, the guiding research questions, and the conceptual model that will inform the update.

Members noted that focusing on the development of specific questions to be answered by the update will be key to the planning and executing a successful product. The committee also discussed the possibility of ratifying the update with local jurisdictions. This could be an opportunity to reengage with Forum members/organizations, but outreach will take capacity and partner support to do. One starting place proposed was reaching out to Snohomish County Tomorrow to engage with the smaller cities, build a relationship, and show the value of participating in the Forum.

There was more discussion about forming an ILA like King County does to support the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. The committee agreed that the first step to exploring this idea would be to identify the gaps/needs for the lead entity and what exactly could be accomplished with more resources.

6. February Forum Agenda – The proposed agenda items were reviewed. Other suggestions included an update on the WREC process, the Ag. Resilience Plan, the No Dump Zone lawsuit, the logging ban in Skagit, and how salmon use the watershed.
7. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
  - o Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.