

West Sound Watersheds Council & West Central LIO



WEST SOUND
WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

January 21, 2015

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Kitsap County Administration Building

Commissioner's Chambers Rm. 380



Meeting Summary

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Renee Scherdnik	KCPW-Stormwater	Antonia Jindrich	Mid Sound Fisheries
Tristan Peter-Contesse	Puget Sound Partnership	Cindi Nevins	Stillwaters
Joleen Palmer	Stillwaters	Teresa Sjostrom	City of Bremerton
Chris Waldbillig	WDFW	Kathy Peters	Kitsap County DCD
Cami Apfelbeck	COBI	Mindy Fohn	KCPW-Stormwater
Melva Hill	COBI	Barbara Ann Smolko	Pierce County
Mauro Heine	KCPW-Stormwater	Carin Anderson	Kitsap Conservation District
Joy Garitone	Kitsap Conservation District	Renee Johnson	WSU-Extension
Jeff Adams	Washington Sea Grant	Leska Fore	Puget Sound Partnership
Marian Berejikian	WSWC	Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech	WSWC
Tom Ostrom	Suquamish Tribe	Sophie Glass	West Central LIO

KCPW-Kitsap County Public Works

COBI-City of Bainbridge Island

WSU-Washington State University

DCD-Department of Community

WDFW-Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

WSWC-West Sound Watersheds Council

Introductions

- Kathy Peters, WSWC Chairperson, welcomed all attendees and reviewed meeting agenda
- All attendees introduced themselves
- Review of WSWC meeting summary for November 19, 2014 – approved with no revisions

WSWC Bylaws Discussion

- Kathy gave a brief overview of the WSWC Bylaws as the structure to clarify how the Council operates
- Next review of Bylaws is February 10, 2015 by the Technical Advisory Group. WSWC-CAG members are invited to attend the meeting to provide input
- Specific project review process by subcommittees will be in a separate document (i.e. Operational Guidelines, Lead Entity Manual)

Round the table announcements and information sharing, future WSWC agenda items

- Grant round for 2015 has started. For potential projects, submit a Letter of Intent for early review.

- **Chris Waldbillig:** currently working on Port Gamble clean-up with Department of Ecology; 90% planning is done and will go into permitting soon.
- **Renee Johnson:** Stream stewards training will begin soon; working on shoreline incentive grant; making progress with the Kitsap Salmon Field Guide.
- **Renee Scherdnik:** working on compiling data from last five years of benthic sampling; Dickerson and Chico Floodplain Restoration to begin summer of 2015; Elwha dam removal film rescheduled to show in March.
- **Teresa Sjostrom:** working on Bremerton ground water project by monitoring wells; installed more Mutt-Mitt stations in parks; have launched a City of Bremerton Water Conservation and Stormwater website.
- **Carin Anderson:** have selected six Backyard Habitat projects for this year, currently scouting for engineers to plan the small scale projects; rain garden project is going well; Family Forest Fish Passage Program projects were very successful, planning to propose more projects next round.
- **Joleen Palmer:** Stillwaters will be showing Elwha dam removal film January 29, 2015; resources representative from S'Klallam Tribe will be present to speak about the restoration project. Stillwaters is holding a series of interpreting trainings and continue to pull together resources to monitor the pre-bridge conditions of West Kingston road.
- **Tom Ostrom:** Suquamish Tribe has several ongoing restoration projects. Milwaukee Dock Eelgrass Restoration – filling of depression has begun; Kitty Hawk Culvert Removal – restoration is complete and final works in underway; Anthropogenic Shore Marsh Wood Removal – syncing work with Washington Department of Natural Resources to remove creosote logs in marsh; Keta Park Floodplain Restoration Design – ongoing, secured funds for final design and restore lower area downstream; Curley Creek – will begin out-migrating monitoring for Creek and may ask for assistance.
- **Antonia Jindrich:** Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group is currently doing monitoring and maintenance on Gorst Creek project, assessing for projects to turn in this grant round.
- **Leska Fore:** currently gathering stories of effective monitoring.
- **Cami Apfelbeck:** in-depth hydrogeology study to be completed on Bainbridge Island to enhance their groundwater model and to incorporate the data with Comprehensive Plan update. On February 17, 2015 Wild Fish Conservancy and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will be giving a joint presentation on watertyping work completed on Bainbridge Island to provide more information about conditions of surface water. More work is being done to reduce bacterial contamination in Murden Cove watershed. Springbrook Creek assessment and feasibility is underway. City of Bainbridge Island hired a new shoreline planner to work with the Council to create Shoreline Master Plan monitoring program. Currently working on status and trends monitoring report.
- **Claire Turpel:** new and improved website for West Central LIO coming out soon. LIO will be focusing on two items in 2015. First is to seek funds to implement current Near Term Actions (NTAs) and second is to create a new list of NTAs to be included in the 2016 Action Agenda. The new list of NTAs needs to be completed by September 2015 in order to be approved and included in the 2016 Action Agenda.

- **Marian Berejikian:** WSWC three year workplan to be submitted January 2016. Standardized template for project list will be created by Puget Sound Partnership. Three year workplan list of projects for WSWC needs to be completed and submitted by January-February of 2016. The TAG will be responsible for compiling the list which will be approved by WSWC.
- **Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech:** currently updating Habitat Work Schedule and will be contacting project sponsors/contacts for more information if needed.
- **Spring Courtright:** finishing up membership development plan for Education Communication and Outreach Network (ECO Net). Completing plan to launch website for Kitsap Environmental Education Program and ECO Net.
- **Kathy Peters:** currently coordinating the Shoreline Incentive grant for Kitsap County.
- Future WSWC agenda items:
 - Consider a joint LIO/WSWC meeting in March for Best Available Local Science in West Sound and West Central
 - Social behavior science – how to simplify scientific jargon to better communicate with the general public
 - Steelhead recovery in Puget Sound

Puget Sound Partnership update – Tristan Peter-Contesse

- Governor’s budget = \$50 million
 - \$30 million = Lead Entities
 - \$20 million = PSAR Large Capital Project
- \$600,000 to continue Monitoring and Adaptive Management
- Legislative updates will provide more current information
- Legislative session is expected to be long this year

Presentation by Leska Fore, Monitoring Program Performance Analyst - Puget Sound Partnership

- Leska Fore presented the work she has done around Puget Sound for effectiveness monitoring. This effort portrays whether or not restoration projects in Puget Sound are effective at a regional scale. Using statistical meta-analysis to measure effectiveness of actions is suitable when addressing the numerous restoration projects with different actions in Puget Sound. An excel spreadsheet with appropriate formulas is readily available for crunching data.

LIO Near-Term Actions (NTAs) Discussion

- Rest of meeting notes will be finalized by West Central LIO.