



*Citizen Advisory Group Meeting  
October 21, 2015  
Public Works Bld. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room*

**Meeting Summary**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Paul Dorn	<i>Suquamish Tribe</i>	Tom Ostrom	<i>Suquamish Tribe</i>
Jeff Langhelm	<i>City of Gig Harbor</i>	Marian Berejikian	<i>WSWC</i>
Michael Blanton	<i>WDFW</i>	Claire Chase	<i>West Central LIO</i>
Brittany Gordon	<i>WDFW</i>	Rachel Caldwell	<i>West Central LIO</i>
Glen Jurges	<i>Private Landowner</i>	Spring Courtright	<i>KEEP/Kitsap ECO Net</i>
Carin Anderson	<i>Kitsap Conservation Dist.</i>	Antonia Jindrich	<i>Mid Sound Fisheries EG</i>
Kathy Peters	<i>Kitsap County, Chair</i>	Renee Johnson	<i>WSU</i>
Christina Kereki	<i>Kitsap County</i>	Katrina Knutson and Kathlene Barnhart	<i>Kitsap County</i>

**1. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and approved the June 2015 meeting summary.

**2. Project update** – Marian provided CAG members with information on the current grant round projects.

<b>WSWC Project List after 2015 ranking</b>	<b>PSAR</b>	<b>\$991,112</b>
	<b>SRFB</b>	<b>\$294,655</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,285,767</b>

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>
N/A	West Oakland Bay Restoration and Conservation	14-1403	<b>\$200,000</b>	Squaxin Tribe
1	Crescent Creek Culvert Feasibility Study	15-1079	<b>\$56,500</b>	South Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
2	Grovers Creek Acquisition Phase II	15-1080	<b>\$300,000</b>	Great Peninsula Conservancy
3	Harper Estuary Restoration Final Design	15-1075	<b>\$340,000</b>	Kitsap County
4	Port Orchard Passage Phase I Feasibility and Design	15-1076	<b>\$100,000</b>	Bainbridge Island Land Trust
5	Purdy Creek Restoration Feasibility Design	14-1861	<b>\$105,000</b>	Pierce County
6	Cowling Creek Culverts Replacement Design	15-1074	<b>\$68,000</b>	Mid Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
7	Evergreen Park Nearshore Restoration Design	14-1949	<b>Partial at \$116,267</b>	City of Bremerton Public Works and Utilities

All projects were cleared, except Cowling Creek, which was flagged as a Project of Concern because it was out of sequence and review panel anticipated issues with implementation of project. It was mentioned that this project was ranked as a barrier project, not a nearshore project. Discussion followed about the consequences of Cowling Creek proceeding and possibility of appeal to review panel. After the regional meeting, Marian will send out information to CAG and TAG to vote on next steps. It was agreed that if Cowling gets pulled from the list, the money would be diverted to Evergreen project.

- 3. Puget Sound Partnership Update-** Tristan Peter-Contesse could not attend, but provided the following update: At its November meeting, the Salmon Recovery Council will discuss a proposal to instruct watersheds to run the 2016 grant rounds for both their 2016 PCSRF/SRFB allocation and their projected 2015-17 PSAR allocation (based on the assumption of a \$30 million PSAR regular project round). For WSWC, this would be a total grant round in the range of \$1 million.
- This means that project sponsors would need to go through the entire application process in advance of knowing the 2015-17 PSAR amount, and also in advance of those funds being available.
  - The advantage of this approach is that – with a complete project list that’s been through local and regional review processes – PSP can more effectively advocate to the legislature on the need for PSAR funds. Without a project list, our effectiveness in these venues is compromised.
  - **Monitoring & Adaptive Management Phase II and Chinook chapter updates:** At its September meeting, the Salmon Recovery Council approved a proposal to allocate \$400K in 2015-17 state funding to support complete Chinook recovery chapter updates (including monitoring plans) in 3-5 watershed chapter areas. An RFP outlining expectations for this work, proposal requirements, and evaluation criteria was distributed via email on October 13.
    - All watershed chapter areas are eligible to apply for these funds, but must be able to demonstrate that they have the ability to complete a full Chinook chapter update (and monitoring plan) by no later than December 2016.
    - Regional technical resources and guidance for all aspects of this work will be provided.
  - **2016 Action Agenda and NTA solicitation:** A request for 2016 NTAs was released on September 22. The solicitation describes priority areas of focus underneath the broad categories of stormwater, shellfish, and habitat, and lays out a timeline and process for those who wish to submit NTAs for consideration in the 2016 Action Agenda.
    - The LIOs are the go-to forums through which local NTAs will be developed, and each one is establishing its own process and timeline for soliciting local NTAs that will be reviewed and evaluated alongside NTAs from all other parts of Puget Sound.
    - The West Central LIO discussed its process and associated timelines on October 14; as in 2014, WSWC and the TAG are expected to play key roles in developing NTAs under the Habitat Strategic Initiative.
    - More to come – there will be many opportunities to engage between now and December 31, when all NTAs are due.

Kathy explained to group that sponsors would need to get in their projects one year ahead of time (PSAR projects for 2017 will have to go through SRFB review in 2016). In PRISM, sponsors will be able to select the “alternate box” for the grant round, which means if it is approved for funding it can go under contract as soon as the legislature finishes their session in 2017, assuming PSAR is funded. This change will eliminate the six to nine month waiting period for contracts to be signed after being approved for funding. The WSWC will need to have discussion on proposals for Near Term Actions, SRFB and PSAR projects – to be more coordinated. Floodplains by design and ESRP are working to coordinate timing and requests for funding with the SRFB.

- 4. Monitoring and Adaptive Management Phase 2** – Puget Sound Partnership has Request for Proposals (RFP) out to Lead Entities to finish Phase 2 of M&AM – updating their watershed chapters. The chapters of WSWC:

- Nearshore
- East Kitsap
- South Sound

Kathy explained that WSWC is not ready to submit a RFP at this time because it does not allow for freshwater areas – being focused on Chinook. Given that Chinook are found in our nearshore, we should concentrate on nearshore areas - and this is hard to monitor.

Puget Sound Partnership also asked for a needs assessment for those Lead Entities who chose not to submit an RFP.

**5. Near Term Action (NTA)** – Claire and Rachel reported on the progress being made on solicitation of NTAs. There are nine Local Integrating Organizations (LIO) in Puget Sound; all are going through this process. Each LIO has three subgroups proposing NTAs:

- Habitat (WSWC) is leading this effort
- Stormwater
- Shellfish

A new two year Action Agenda will be out for public review in March 2016. The WSWC currently owns two NTA items on the list. The West Central LIO will be taking NTAs until November 29 (check out their website for more information). The WSWC will work on habitat NTAs. Any proposal that WSWC submits should stick to the habitat sub strategy and format. Gig Harbor will submit an NTA for Donkey Creek and Crescent Creek. If a current NTA is not carried over onto the new list, it will sunset on June 30, 2016. Some NTAs may not be eligible for direct funding. We do not yet know the process. Projects (on 4 year work plan) will be adopted by reference if project is going through SRFB and PSAR process to avoid duplicate review. Water quality projects cannot be funded through SRFB but it does impact salmon. Tom brought up that Keta Park project may not rank well in PSAR and asked if he had to go through SITT ranking. Claire will clarify this with PSP. It was mentioned that no project would get funding without SITT review. Have to be strategic on how we apply. Question - If NTA is adopted by reference, does this weaken proposal? Claire will clarify with PSP.

Michael asked if a sponsor could combine funding (NTA and SRFB). Carve out Scopes of Work to fit this, use items in salmon recovery plan to tease projects out for NTA.

**6. West Sound Nearshore and Integration and Synthesis project** – Christina Kereki presented her progress on this project. The goal is to bring projects into one database and prioritize to produce a ranked list. Advisory Group (with a broad interest) has been working since January with Confluence and Coastal Geologic consultants. They are looking at sediment analysis, BI, etc. Prioritization method will have metrics and will be formula based. Consultants will be developing prioritization method over the new few months. A report should be drafted by October 2016. Consultants went through SMP restoration plans, capital facilities plans, and Habitat Work Schedule for projects. Coastal Geologic is looking for parcels in GIS and has identified 1700 parcels. Considering potential fill removal and road re-alignment. Assessment will be fed into prioritization method. Degradation information will come in later; which will look at entire shoreline. Question – Does it include military? Not sure, Christina will confirm.

**7. Munter Bulkhead Removal** – Christina also reported on a project in Kingston on Jefferson Point Road. A 165 foot bulkhead of rock was removed. Part of the EPA funded Shoreline Restoration Grant program.

**8. Shore Friendly Project** Average cost of bulkhead removal = \$80,000 for removal, \$35,000 for design and permitting is extra. Barriers to home owners removing their bulkheads include the risk of erosion and difficulty to obtain permits. Kirvie is documenting how permitting process works at county, to identify areas that could be improved. Shore Friendly hosted a boat tour to see shorelines with and without bulkheads, and included the Powel restoration site. There will be two more boat tours next year and Christopher Dunagan is writing a series on this topic. Last year, PSP requested \$800,000 for bulkhead removal in the state capital budget. The money was not appropriated. They will ask for funding again in 2016.

Michael mentioned that an owner he has spoken with also wants to remove her bulkhead. Kathy asked for Michael to send her Laura's contact information.

**9. Comprehensive Plan Update** – Katrina Knutson and Kathlene Barnhart with Kitsap County informed the group about the County’s Comprehensive Plan update. The plan will direct how the county grows and how it provides services as well as how it will fund services, answering to both Dept. of Commerce and the Puget Sound Regional Council’s guidance. Kitsap County has 250,000 people at present with growth slowing compared to the last several decades. The expected growth is 80,000 people in the next 20 years. The plan is due to the Department of Commerce in June 2016 for review. The update of the old plan went from 1300 down to 500 polices (at the start) for achievability and to measure progress.

Three alternative scenarios are being considered, which include Urban Growth Area (UGA) expansion and reduction. The Environmental Impact Statement considers climate change and sea level rise. King, Pierce, and Snohomish County have done this. Question – Can Chico Watershed sub plan be adopted into Comp plan process? Planning by watersheds looking at Little Anderson, Gorst Creek. Bremerton wants to expand its UGA.

**Open houses scheduled for:**

Nov 10, 2015 – Commissioner Chambers from 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov 12, 2015 - Poulsbo City Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov 16, 2015 – Silverdale Beach House Hotel from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Environmental Chapter is different from past Comp plans, and takes the place of the previous “Natural Systems” and “Shoreline” chapters. Environmental Chapter has four goals now:

- Stewardship and education
- Life safety
- External and internal communication
- Managing natural systems as an asset

On November 5, the County will release draft EIS and Supplemental Best Available Science Review for the Critical Areas Ordinance. Review it and provide feedback. Given the poor quality of DNR maps, is there a way to formally adopt Wild Fish Conservancy maps as a database of record? Could use it now, does not have to be adopted. Some jurisdictions might not want to use them. Shorelines are covered in Title 22. Changes also coming in Floodplain regulations (Title 15). Changes are expected to be minimal (mostly legislatively-driven edits and minor updates based on state guidance documents; no buffer changes anticipated).

**10. Information Sharing** – Conservation District Seven Backyard Habitat Projects were funded, with an additional eight projects funded through other sources. Delay in sponsorship created a delay in project approval. Black Jack Creek and Kitsap Creek took out fill and removed invasive plants. Removed two barriers on Salmonberry Creek and armoring at Scandia farm on Scandia Creek. Installed 20 pieces of LWD and removed 2 acres of ivy and planted native plants. Next year, District can fund five priority projects with Clean Water Kitsap funds, but they need more funding from other sources for the larger projects they have been attracting.

Suquamish Tribe – Tom reported that they have spawning fish training coming up on November 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. This will train volunteers for forage fish surveys in the future. Future sampling with the volunteers will be from boats.. Looking for species and larval stages. Let him know if you are interested. Paul asked group if they wanted a report from PSEMP subcommittee that he has served on.

Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group – Antonia discussed Cowling Creek, Project of Concern. Her time will be spent responding to Review Panel’s comments.

Kitsap County – Kathy reported on the Shore Friendly Program. Ambassadors are being trained and they are half way through process. They have been trained soon to go out and meet with property owners by themselves. A professional mediator (current steward) will conduct post site visits to see what motivates people to remove shoreline armoring.

WDFW – Brittany mentioned they have 30% design for Gorst Creek project (near landfill). Originally, the plan was to push for rerouting creek, instead they will remove fill within one to two years. Soils are contaminated and EPA funds will be used.

WSU – Renee reported on upcoming Septic workshop on October 27 at the Givens Community Center. She also reported on past week Salmon Docent Training and upcoming Salmon Tours (Nov 7 at Poulsbo Fish Park and Nov 14 at Chico and Mountaineers from 10 am to 2 pm). They anticipate about 750 people will attend these events.

KEEP/ECONET – Spring reported that Kitsap Audubon and Wild Society have been added to the group and feels like they will help with power connections during legislative session. Earthwise Media, an outdoor videography company is working with ECONET. Question from ECONET – What is our place and what do we do? They have 100 education and outreach members with potential to reach 1000. How can they work with WSWC and LIO to fit in? How many people are we reaching? What are our metrics? How can we follow up on behavior change and see if it worked? Starting in June, ECONET will not be funded by PSP. Do they seek funding for education and outreach? Would they be the owner of an NTA that requests this funding?

**11. Future Meeting Items** – November 18 will be a tour of Chico Creek and other nearby restoration sites.

**12. Adjourn** – The Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.