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WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

## **AGENDA**

West Sound Watersheds Council (WSWC)

April 21, 2010 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Commissioners Chambers, Kitsap Admin. Bldg., Port Orchard

- 9:00 Introductions, review agenda
- 9:15 Nearshore project entry and update
- 9:40 Break (earthquake drill 9:45)
- 10:00 Project updates in HWS
  - \*webinar refresher course
  - \*computer lab session – date in May?
- 11:00 Information sharing and reports
- 12:00 Adjourn

Meeting dates for 2010: May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15,  
Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

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 Meeting Sign in Sheet  
 April 21, 2010  
 Kitsap Administration Building, Port Orchard

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### **Introduction and overview**

#### **Nearshore project updates-Kathy-**

-Major river estuary restoration is a high priority for Nearshore protection, but they are also wanting to bring together many of the smaller projects.

-On May 24, at 5pm Curtis Tanner is going to present on the change analysis for Kitsap County. It is scheduled for this day because it is the same day as the Commissioners' meeting and we want to try to have as many elected officials, planning committees and shoreline task forces attend.

-We need the basic details regarding nearshore restoration projects in order to get them on the list. I am committed to getting these in by May 1<sup>st</sup> for initial entry, and then we have all summer to add more details. They just need to be available for viewing by WDFW. Nearshore projects are not limited to salmon. They can include shellfish, stormwater runoff, kelp restoration, etc. I would love to have some strategy on how to enter projects, but I am not sure how to do that in such a short timeframe. I am planning on including all the HWS projects and the 2007 list of projects. We have all summer to make sure the list is complete, but need to have them place-marked by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Comments-**

- Doris- Large scale, cooperation from landowners, and match tend to get more recognition. We need to make sure all these projects get on the list.
- Paul- We need to identify and try to preserve nearshore habitats that are undisturbed. A strategy would be to look at relatively pristine or undeveloped habitat first.
- Kathy- If project sponsors want to put something in HWS we need to have a refresher course. We should have every project in there. They are not going to take any action until next year, but they want to make sure that we have everything in there. I am happy to keep people included, but it is just a matter of going into HWS.
- John- We need to make sure that we have a broad representation of projects with bare minimum information so we can go back this summer to see how we would like to bundle them and prioritize them. We should just make sure that all projects get in by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- Kathy- If they are not salmon related projects they need to be updated in an excel sheet. I want to make sure we don't overlook important projects like bull kelp.
- Paul- Do the projects have to have funding or willing landowners?
- Kathy- No, but they need to be more than conceptual.
- Linda- We have a road eroding with sewer and water along shoreline that can't really be moved.
- Kathy- Shoreline roads are an issue especially with sea level rise. Identifying the problems without assuming solutions is a good first step. These projects will be a big group of projects and we shouldn't be a gatekeeper on projects in order to include the wide breadth of projects.

The projects on three year work plan have already been discussed and are now coming down the pipe. These projects are on the list because we discussed them in situations like this. If you know someone who wants to put a project on the list/HWS have them contact me.

- Doris- I want to strategize what we want the HWS to be and how we are going to use it.
- Kathy- That is a big topic of our Lead Entities retreat next week. HWS will be a place to look at the projects and prism will serve as a place to manage grants.
- John- Big projects need to be highlighted. Because of the short timeline, we make sure they are on the list. There is so much information on projects like Chico Creek.
- Paul- Chico deserves a focus but Curley Creek is the largest local system that still has steelhead and also deserves some attention to protect habitat. Projects like these need to be folded into the plans along with the larger projects like Chico.

### **HWS-Kathy-**

Colin Spikes from Paladin is helping us administer HWS. I am purposing that when we do our training in May, we all sit down in the Poulsbo Lab and work on it. We need to go back in and reorganize how we put projects in. Many were inserted from Prism. We are required to have any project funded by or applying for SRFB funds be visible by the public. We want to make sure that we have any pertinent documents in the project folders.

### **Comments-**

- Paul- We just received \$380,000 from the Navy for the Beaver Creek project. This goes to show that putting projects in the HWS does really help.
- Doris- I talked to Sarah about developing a little business card to hand out to the public that can lead them to the HWS to find out more information about these projects.
- Peg- Do you want to put a link to the HWS/WSWC website on the WSU sight? I would need a sentence or two explaining what it is.
- Paul- Keith, could some of your water documents be posted here?
- Keith- There was an effort to put them up on the County's website, but not sure where that went. I presume it could be put up on WSWC or HWS.
- Paul- That information is critical and can help us rank projects and secure more funding for projects.
- Doris- It is up to the lead entities on how they want to use the HWS, so it seems like we need to have a planning session on how we want to use it and populate it.
- Paul- It should also be a history of what has been done in the watershed. It is good to know who has done what on the landscape.
- Keith- The Navy has just been given permission to go off base to do restoration, and I pointed them to HWS.
- Kathy- This year SRFB is using HWS to look at projects.
- Paul- We need to figure out how to get over holding on to our data and share it with others.
- Kathy- People are starting to figure out that this is a great tool to showcase projects. We can put anything we want in here. There is going to be a webinar refresher course for those of us who know how to use HWS. Also, at the upcoming Lead Entity retreat, we are going to talk more about how we can apply HWS. There are also going to be webinars that will be about an hour and a half. We need to use this as a common tool.

- Paul- It would be interesting to show the mismatch between the ecosystems and the jurisdictions and how complicated it is. This would show how we need to work together across the landscape.
- Doris- The Miller Bay exercise that we did can also fold into HWS.
- John- We could use the Miller Bay exercise to help us start to prioritize projects.
- Paul- We have the fecal coliform data from the Heath District, which is an actual environmental trend that statistically declines each month. I was looking for trends that each citizen has an impact on and how we contribute to the health of the bay.
- John- If we can shape this by watersheds and look at the common themes we want to focus on, we can articulate our direction and how others can tie into our priorities.
- Paul- Also we need to include schools and the public and engage them in these projects.
- Kathy- One thing we need to look at it how we can prioritize projects across jurisdictions.
- John- People are starting to make connections in habitat restoration in the nearshore, especially with the Shoreline Master Program Updates.
- Paul- Perhaps we should have our shellfish beds on the HWS, where they are open and where they are closed to help tell the story.
- John- Using salmon as a backstop while keeping everything else in mind is a good idea because people care about salmon and there is money for salmon recovery.

## Updates-

- Kathy- Again, May 24, 5pm Curtis Tanner is going to give a presentation Change Analysis for all of Kitsap County in this room. This is the second place in Puget Sound where they are going to give such presentation. They used the historical T-shirts to look at this analysis. I was thinking that WSWC should host this meeting. How it works is elected officials ask questions first, then the task force, then public. We are having it on this night because it is the evening of the BOCC meeting, and we would like them to attend. We need to find out what the geographic scope is of the presentation before we figure out who to invite.
  - Community Salmon Fund applications are due April 29<sup>th</sup> and there are currently no applications submitted yet. There is no minimum requirement for funds, and there is \$179,000 available.
  - If people have a project to put in the HWS, please have them get in touch with me.
  - If anyone has Nearshore projects, please let me know ASAP. I just need minimal information like project name, type, contact, description, project cost. It just needs to be enough information to serve as a place holder. I think that most of the projects are already on the list. I will probably just go down the shoreline to make sure that everything is in there.
  - In the grant round for the WSWC, we had \$250,000. The Dutcher Cove acquisition project is not going to occur because the landowner was unwilling to negotiate on price. This frees up \$230,000 that can be used on other projects. After the 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a formal TAC meeting to look at where we can use this money.
- John- Carpenter Creek got funded for the full amount!
  - An LID project is going to be funded in Bremerton as part of a larger package of money to address stormwater runoff. Bremerton is really moving on LID. They are trying to connect a road from downtown to the waterfront park by finishing the last block.
  - Money has been secured for a wastewater treatment plant in Hood Canal.
  - There have been several other Puget Sound wide projects that got funded as well.
- Kathy- I got an announcement from the Conservation Corps that for \$100,000, you can apply for a six person crew with truck to help implement projects.

- Doris- It is possible for us to combine efforts and money to put together a good plan and apply for this if we are interested in.
- Kathy- I want to share this report with you- "Management Measures for Protecting and Restoring Puget Sound Nearshore." It can be found on the PSNERP website. It is a great resource especially for grant writing.
- Peg- We have 120 people involved in the Beach Watchers program, and 50 in the new cohort.
- Jim- We are looking for funding for phase two in the Illahee preserve. This involves getting another 20 some acres in the preserve. We have hired a grant writer to help secure funding. The DOE grant is looking at the aquifer and water balance and how to share that information with the public. We are a small watershed but a major polluter to the sound in terms of sediment. Parametrix has made some recommendations including taking out a small dam and adding beavers.
- Linda- We are looking at Dogfish Creek in terms of habitat and flood control. We are also looking at some properties to acquire for restoration along the shoreline.
  - We did get a grant to address stormwater runoff from the waterfront parking lot.
  - We have a pet waste problem that we need to address in Poulsbo and Kitsap County. We need to address the public. We might have a bigger impact if we change people's habits and get them to pick up their pet waste than we would restoring habitat lost from road damage.
- Paul- Thanks Kathy for getting the Wild Fish Conservancy over to our area. Molly is going to be assisting Kathy with some data entry.
  - We are doing a pilot project restoring bull kelp. It is a complicated situation, but there have been some documentation of major kelp forests.
  - Bainbridge Island beach seining, we are seeing lots of pink salmon on the east side of the island, not so many of them on the west side. This indicates salmon from the large rivers where they spawned like the Snohomish and the Puyallup are using this part of the island.
- Karin- We received a grant to put rain gardens, and impervious pavement at the fairgrounds to treat stormwater runoff.
- Keith- Chico creek project is moving along with money being contributed from many different sources. It is exciting to see this coming together, but we are having trouble funding project management. We need to have a compelling storyline with many different elements and community involvement to attract money to do the bridge.