



**WEST SOUND**  
WATERSHEDS COUNCIL

**West Sound Watersheds Council (WSWC) Technical  
Advisory Group Meeting  
June 3, 2010**

**Attendees and affiliations**

Kathy Peters	WSWC Coordinator/Kitsap County
Chris Tatara	NOAA Fisheries, Manchester
Tom Kantz	Pierce County
Doris Small	Wash. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Jo Myers	Kitsap Dept. of Community Development (DCD)/ note taker
Patty Charnas	Kitsap DCD
Scott Gallacher	Key Peninsula Park District
Brenda Padgham	Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Danielle DeVoe	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (MSFEG)
Troy Fields	MSFEG
Kristin Williamson	South Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
Michael Yadrick	Great Peninsula Conservancy
Jamie Glasgow	Wild Fish Conservancy
Martha Droge	Kitsap Parks
John Meyer	Puget Sound Partnership

**Review of Agenda**

Want to stick to agenda, take notes, and be clear about our process because I have had a request for disclosure and the public should be able to access this information.

**Comments-**

- Doris- I would like to hear about the newest Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants that you may have been awarded or know about.

**Round Table with Updates from Project Sponsor-All**

- Water Typing Presentation-Kathy showed Paul Dorn's presentation on the water typing conducted by Wild Fish Conservancy. The PowerPoint shows the

existing water typing and the new water typing data. This information is preliminary and is not intended for full disclosure. Extensive new fish habitat has been found that was not previously mapped. They found coho in Cowling Creek and particularly at the mouth. They also found some culturally significant trees. They found culverts that they were unaware of. Paul said he has been working in the area since 1977 and didn't know that many of these culverts and trees existed. Paul is finalizing the beach seining project and completing the grant requirements and writing a technical report.

- Brenda- Did Paul mention if they would look for money to replace the culverts they have identified?
- Kathy- Yes, the premise of this project is to be able to make funding decisions based on this information. Paul's letter suggests that we use some of this years' Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) money to fund water typing projects in other watersheds.
- Tom - What is the possibility that this project can be done in South Sound?
- Kathy- I think that is where we are looking to extend this project
- John- I don't have the list of EPA grants for FYI 09 money for projects announced a while back. Kitsap received some, the Tribes, and King County as well. I can check to see if I can send that out electronically.
- Doris- It would be nice to know what is happening in the watersheds, even just a draft list.
- Kathy- Kitsap health district received EPA money for the PIC program and Bremerton received some funding for restoration in the Gorst Watershed.
- Patty- Chico creek restoration phase two is well underway- in the process of contractors bidding on the construction. We are finally moving these legacy projects into completion.
  - The Carpenter Creek project is moving along. We utilized expiring SRFB money to finish the design in 2009 and construction funding has been allocated through the 2010 legislative session.
  - Kitty Hawk culvert project- working with Navy and Tribes using navy mitigation funds to decommission the culvert and build new road. We are putting pressure on WDOT to work with us on this project.
  - EPA Grants: Shoreline Alternative Futures awarded in 2009 is underway. We look forward to giving you more updates as we move forward with that project. Shoreline Restoration Grant is was recently awarded to the County to assist private landowners and others to remove shoreline armoring 2010-2013
- County is very actively working on the Shoreline Master Program Update

**Comments-**

- Brenda-Is that something that you are working on now (the EPA grant to work with property owners to remove bulkheads)?
- Patty- Lisa Lewis is our primary contact for this project. We can send out the abstract if that is something you are interested in.
- Doris- Could you do a social experiment on this as well to see what tactics work to bring landowners to the table?
- Patty- That is part of the project.

- Brenda- Powel Restoration Design -SRFB project- Working on shoreline restoration on private property on North Madison. We are getting ready to sign a contract with an engineer and complete a cultural resource survey. Our goal is to have final design by next June that would inform us of implementation cost and then moving onto phase two to find funding. It is about 1500 feet of shoreline.

  - The other project from last year's SRFB grant round was the Trick Property- Murden Cove one of the last intact estuarine environment on the Island. It went through a foreclosure and auction and did sell. We are currently trying to work with the new land owner, but not sure we are going to re-submit this to the next grant round.
  - We have a small grant through the city of Bainbridge to target some of the highest priority properties.
  - New projects- Just yesterday we received permission from the landowner to work with them on two undeveloped lots about 7 acres on Agate Pass, one of the last longest intact lengths of shoreline on the island. Properties to the south are categorized as tier one properties meaning they rank highest for having intact shoreline. Property owner has had these properties on and off the market for the past couple years. They are now willing to work with us over about probably 18 months to try to find funds to secure this property. We are taking this project to our board this month to see if we can get an appraisal. We are hoping to get a bargain sale and pull in some other funding. It is not great property for recreation, but has great habitat. It is a great opportunity because it is a rare piece of property. We have been working with them for over two years, but just got the green light yesterday. It may be possible to phase it and finance part of the land. We are looking for ideas and suggestions about how to go about this. I would like to get some feedback from you all.
- Danielle- We were able to acquire the funds needed to get going on Gorst Creek and just contracted an engineer. We are trying to work on a specific spot that is very flashy so we are trying to put in some more woody debris and complex structures. This is funded by so far by a Community Salmon Fund (CSF) grant. An application was submitted for another CSF grant last month to help complete this project.
- Strawberry Creek- We are seeking funding to replace a perched culvert in Silverdale.
- Troy- We have had a couple of SRFB projects move forward.

  - Indianola project- the county got money from the tribe (oil spill fine); we did the design and now are out of the loop because we are not managing the project.
  - The Harper Creek- Hard to find funding for this project because of the expense, about \$1 million. We wanted to put in two new culverts, but are just trying to get one funded.
  - Beaver Creek- The Navy is giving MSFEG enough money to move forward on this project including construction design. They have extended the permit to allow us to complete this project in 2011. We are hoping to get this going end of summer or early fall.

- Martha- I can give you an update on Indianola, they are looking to start construction late summer or early fall. I defer all questions to Tina Nelson from Kitsap Public Works.
  - Harper Park- We need to send the design to Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The recreation and the salmon sides of that department don't communicate very well
  - Parks is looking to acquire some Pope property at the headwater of Carpenter Creek and Grover's Creek through four different grants. This is called phase two of the north Kitsap Heritage Park. We are looking to fund this through SRFB money matched by RCO. This is a couple hundred acres.
- Kathy- What about the Anna Smith Park bulkhead project?
- Martha – the County will fund this work through the DCD EPA grant.
- Patty- Looking at using the bulkhead removal project on Anna Smith property to demonstrate on County property how the EPA grant project will work. We are looking to let the shoreline rebuild itself and not complete a restoration project
- Kristin – We are working with landowners to remove bulkheads in Filucy Bay and Von Geldron cove. These projects won't be ready for the next grant round.
  - Penrose Point State Park -We have completed conceptual plans for a full bulkhead removal and received \$30, 000 for permits, etc. but we are looking for about another \$90,000. The beach is full of creosote wood, large rip rap, etc.
  - We have several other projects that we are working with landowners to do bulkhead removal.
  - We have also been approached by Tacoma Public Utilities to help them complete a culvert replacement project. They have the money needed for design, but need about another \$13,500 to complete the project, possible SRFB project.
- Scott- The Taylor Bay project that was funded in 2008 has been completed.
  - Dutcher Cove was a tideland property funded with SRFB in 2009. We approached SRFB to acquire the upland property, but landowner was unwilling to sell at appraisal price that was lowered when the economy fell. Dutcher Cove was not signed into contract; Key Peninsula Parks didn't have another project fitted for this money so it was returned to Lead Entity to decide what to do with it. I am working with engineers to provide water access on the tideland property. Construction window for this will be next year.
- Doris-WDFW will not be submitting projects this year.
  - Keyport Lagoon- 26 acres of estuary will be restored to full tidal influence. We have been beach seining and coming across more forage fish than we thought we would find and also juvenile salmon. We have

also found a giant knotweed problem and poison hemlock at the head of the estuary. But the logistics of getting crew on US Navy property could be tricky, but we want to address this issue.

- Tom – Pierce County’s Shoreline Master Program Update is still moving forward. Inventory and Characterization has been completed, draft policy and regulations have been completed. It got hung up on some shellfish harvesting issues, but has started to move forward again. I am starting to work on the restoration plan this coming week. I want to pull together the all work that has already been done to complete this package.
- Michael- We are Looking to do some shoreline restoration work at the mouth of Gilberton Creek. This is going to happen this summer under the CSF grant. We are looking at a conservation easement for the 5 acre estuary acquisition, but they have increased the price outside of our price range. We now are withdrawing a grant application because of that. We think it will have a better chance for funding if it is part of a suite of projects.
- Jamie - You saw the map on the water typing update project. Things are going well. We have found 4,000 feet of unmapped stream on Cowling Creek. There may be more of a need here in this part of the Sound than in other parts. It is exciting to see juvenile coho in these places. Our aim is to map the entire Miller Bay watershed. We probably will not get to finish Miller Bay this season because of so much unmapped stream and willing landowners. But we need to talk about where to expand this project so we can begin to make the necessary steps for next year. We have two teams actively working on this project. Thanks to Paul and his team helping us stretch the funding.
- Kathy- I think that as we move forward with these projects, we need to really need to use the local connections.
- Jamie- I know that next grant round is highly competitive, so I would like to discuss some of the possibilities for funding. We do have some funds that will carry over into next field season.

#### **Comments/Discussion-**

- Kathy- I was optimistic about following the agenda, but I hope we can complete our discussions. I want to make sure that we discuss additional dates for summer meetings.  
-I want to share this request- The San Juan lead entity’s Skagit System Coop’s juvenile salmon project looking at how juvenile salmon use the islands is \$37,000 over budget and is asking all lead entities if they have unallocated money they would be willing to contribute.

- John- My recommendation is to see what the other lead entities say. If we have some money left over we can then look at sending it their way
- Patty- The projects that we have on the table are too expensive! Chico Creek final phase is a culvert replacement is 1.3 million, but we have not been successful in securing funding for this project so far.  
-Carpenter Creek- We would like to complete the restoration of Carpenter Creek by replacing the West Kingston culvert, but currently do not have funding for this yet.
- John- The Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) is looking how to fund these big projects. There is a realization that SFRB and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds are not able to address the large scale Chinook recovery projects. They want to identify these big projects and then fund them in the context that they are going to require millions of dollars. We want to be able to pull information from the different regions in the Sound to see what it will take to restore Chinook. By putting forward these big projects it might bring new and different allies to the table and open up new opportunities for funding.
- Doris- Could the Golf Club access road design on be a separate project?
- Kathy- We currently do not have a SRC member to represent WSWC. It doesn't have to be an elected official, but we do need to have someone represent us.
- Doris- John, it would be nice to have some help from Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT) identifying these big projects and how much they will cost.
- John- This is on people's radar screen. This list is a very rough draft of projects that is meant to give a ballpark idea of how much this will all cost.
- Tom- This list is to demonstrate need, and how do we create this funding system.
- Kathy- The SRC had a presentation about the planning for Puget Sound steelhead recovery – they want to have connection between policy and the development of this plan. They are looking at where the gaps are between the Chinook recovery plans and habitat needs for steelhead. For instance, our freshwater systems are not part of the Chinook plan.  
  
-The SFRB requires all projects that are to be considered for funding to have a site visit – ours is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> and all pre-visit materials need to be in prism by June 26. They want to be able to have enough information to review projects in advance. Final completed applications must be submitted by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

-What to you all think the next steps should be?

- Brenda- Are there other people that are not here that might be submitting projects?
- Kathy- None of the other cities have submitted or contacted me with any projects.  
-Should we have another meeting soon?
- Doris- Could we have a spreadsheet with the proposals so we can look them over. We need to give project sponsors a little more time to pull this together.
- Tom - It would be nice to know how much funding people are asking for and how much we have.
- Jamie- I would like to put a placeholder for \$50,000, but can be flexible.
- Doris- When we put these projects in a spreadsheet, it would be nice to see what are PSAR and SRFB eligible.
- Brenda- I would like to see who is applying for ESRP grants.
- Kathy- I have a hard time keeping track of the ESRP and PSNERP funding. They are currently trying to work that out internally.  
-When you get an email from me about the grant round, please reply.  
-Please update projects in HWS- It is required to receive funding.
- Chris- It seems like there are several large scale projects, but we have a difficult amount of money to work with.
- Brenda - Can we take a look at the funds that can be used for projects prior to November? Can we use PSAR money as option funds for a piece of property? I am looking for funds that can help me get an appraisal and requirements done in order to put on PRISM by June 26.
- Kathy- I would advise you, Brenda, to put the minimal information on PRISM so they can make a site visit. Then they can give you recommendation and you have until August 25<sup>th</sup> to make the necessary adjustments. The SFRB review panel will give you feedback as to whether or not your project will qualify.

**Tasks for Kathy- Create Project Spreadsheet**