

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**September 21, 2005**  
**Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Carnation**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Paulsen	City of Carnation Councilmember
Charles Peterson	City of Snoqualmie Councilmember
Matt Stone	City of Snoqualmie Alternate
Kathy Lambert	King County Councilmember
Ross Loudenback	City of Duvall Councilmember
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stuart Lisk	City of Carnation Councilmember
Heather Page	City of Duvall
Bill Knutsen	Citizen Representative
William Harper	Citizen Representative

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS:**

**Introductions and Announcements**

Matt Stone, Acting Forum Chair, opened the meeting with introductions. He welcomed Ross Loudenback, North Bend Councilmember to his first meeting as the new North Bend representative. Sandy Kilroy, Snoqualmie Watershed Coordinator, announced that the Snohomish Basin Salmon Conservation Plan has been included in the Puget Sound Recovery Plan for chinook salmon. The Plan was transmitted to NOAA Fisheries by the Shared Strategy and will be published in the Federal Register this fall. Public meetings are expected to take place in late November and early December.

Sandy announced that the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum will be developing and installing additional interpretive signage at the Fall City Park. The Forum will also be funding restoration activities at that location. This fall the Forum will be hosting a photo contest for watershed residents. A winning photograph will be used to create a Snoqualmie Watershed educational poster. Finally, the King Conservation District, Sno-Valley Tilth, and the Forum are co-sponsoring a workshop to bring attention to the uses of biodiesel by farmers. The date of the workshop is November 5, 2005.

James Schroeder, Forum staff, announced that the 2005 Salmon Recovery Funding Board process for the Snohomish Basin resulted in a high ranking for several projects in the Snoqualmie Watershed. Of eight projects submitted, four are located in the Snoqualmie Watershed. The Raging River Preston Reach levee setback project was ranked third by the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum. A project to open an off-channel wetland

and side channel along the mainstem of the Snoqualmie River in Tolt MacDonald Park was rated fifth. The Cherry Creek Floodplain restoration project sponsored by Washington Trout was ranked sixth. The Technical Committee and Salmon Recovery Forum agreed that the quality of projects submitted this year was exceptional. If the Snohomish Basin receives similar funding as in years past, the Raging River project would receive \$320,000 while the other two projects would likely not receive funding.

### **Election of new Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Chair and Vice-Chair**

Charles Peterson nominated Bill Paulsen to be chair of the Forum. The nomination was seconded by Kathy Lambert and the nomination was supported unanimously.

Kathy Lambert nominated Matt Stone to be the vice-chair of the Forum. Bill Paulsen seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

### **New Interlocal Agreement (ILA)**

Sandy Kilroy presented several final decision items that required Forum resolution before the new ILA could be approved. The Forum approved all remaining changes to the new Interlocal Agreement. The Forum's decisions included:

- Ex-officio members will remain at 3. This maintains current ILA language in section 4.2. The Forum discussed the benefits of having ex-officio members at the table. The Forum discussed a staff recommendation based on prior Forum discussions, to increase the ex-officio members up to five. The Forum opted to stay with the original three. If in the future the Forum would like to invite a person or group they can do so in an informal way.
- The date required for termination of participation in the ILA will be changed from October 1 to December 1. This date is more consistent with jurisdictions' budget review cycles and allows two additional months to locate cost-share funding if grant funding becomes unavailable.
- The termination section will be reordered into two subsections to clarify termination rights of single parties versus termination of the entire agreement. The Forum approved the edits. The Forum fully discussed the process for termination. There was a question to clarify the termination of the entire agreement and define the "all" used in section 8.2. The approval of the ILA included request for this answer. (Since the meeting staff have consulted the attorney and recommended the language stay at "all." "All" is appropriate in that at any given time in a year, the parties have already obligated to participate for that current year. So in order for the agreement to be terminated immediately to be effective in the current year, all parties need to agree. A more detailed description of the attorney comments was sent to Forum members.
- The Forum agreed that the Snoqualmie Tribe's cost-share will be \$5,000 for 2006, with an annual review as part of the annual work program and budget approval.

The Forum also discussed whether the cities should be taking some sort of council action during each budget cycle to recognize that their cost share is coming from a grant source. Staff will research this and provide guidance on this issue.

### **Flood Hazard Management Planning**

James Schroeder introduced three individuals from King County Flood Hazard Management Services Section to talk about the ongoing Flood Hazard Management Plan Update process. Priscilla Kaufmann, Jennifer Knauer and John Koon presented information pertaining to the County's update of the Flood Plan which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2005 for transmission to King County Council in January 2006. King County Staff provided handouts (available upon request) with names and contact information for Flood Hazard Management staff and information on the Plan update.

Issues that surfaced as most important to the Forum included:

- Information on Flood Mapping that is underway currently;
- Information on effectiveness of Snoqualmie 205 and any changes to the floodway that may result from that project;
- Information pertaining to how forest retention and regrowth are incorporated into mapping efforts;
- Levee maintenance, reconstruction and recertification – costs and issues associated;
- The proposed North Bend 205 project
- Clarification on when gravel removal and dredging could occur in certain areas to mitigate flooding impacts (specifically the South and Middle Forks of the Snoqualmie River and the Tolt River.

The Forum directed staff to follow and coordinate with the county Flood Hazard Management Staff to continue the educational process. The Forum indicated definite interest in being involved with flooding and flood hazard related issues. King County staff offered to return to either the November or January Watershed Forum meetings to continue the dialogue and outreach to the Forum. Forum staff acknowledged that it would be a productive use of time to invite floodplain managers and planners to the Forum meetings that concern flood hazard planning.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on November 16, 2005.