

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**May 21, 2008**  
**Meeting 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**  
**Preston Community Center – Preston, WA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles Peterson	Councilmember City of Snoqualmie
Elizabeth Walker	City of Duvall Councilmember
Mike Flowers	Mayor, City of Carnation
Ross Loudenback	City of North Bend Councilmember
Pat Barker	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Councilmember
Gary Roberts	Citizen Representative

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

**Introductions and Minutes**

- The Forum approved the meeting summary for the March 19, 2008 meeting.

**Announcements**

Yvette and Janne provided the following announcements:

- Yvette provided preliminary 2009 ILA budget and cost-share projections. The budget assumes consistent operating costs and staffing levels, with cost of living adjustments.
- Forum member Bill Knutsen has been appointed Chair of the King Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Bob Vos was appointed Vice-chair.
- The Puget Sound Partnership is preparing a characterization – or profile – of the Whidbey Action Area which includes the Snoqualmie Watershed. Forum staff provided quick input on a rough draft through involvement in the ‘Whidbey Core Team’. The turnaround was very short so we were unable to review it in any detail. Staff strongly encourage jurisdiction staff to review the document once it is released for public comment to ensure that the Snoqualmie Watershed and local priorities are accurately captured. Forum staff will inform Forum members and jurisdiction staff when the documents are available for comment.
- The Puget Sound Partnership is also working on a ‘synthesis’ document integrating the Topic Forum papers prepared earlier in spring. These documents are meant to capture the status and threats related to key topic areas at the Sound-wide scale, rather than at the individual basin scale. It is not yet clear how the topic papers and action area characterizations will be combined to inform the Action Agenda which must be completed by year end.

- Janne provided brief updates on the issue of tree removal on levees (as required by the Army Corps of Engineers) and the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) process (see handout).
- Action: Staff agreed to provide an updated FCZD capital project list for 2008-2009 as soon as it is available.

## 2008 KCD “Regular Round” Grant Recommendations

- Perry Falcone summarized the available funding for the KCD ‘Regular Round’, totaling approximately \$556,000 (see handout). An additional \$33,000 (approximate) will be added to the round via returned funds from prior grants.
- KCD will likely review and make decisions on the Opportunity Fund projects in June, and the Regular Round projects in July.
- Perry summarized each of the projects in the Regular Round (see handout). The following comments highlight key points of discussion
  - Regarding the “Tolt River San Souci Reach Conservation” project, Mary Maier (King County) explained that while the Conservation Futures matching funds are in-hand, these funds will likely be pulled from the project if matching funds are not identified soon. The ranking committee recommended providing \$40,000 of the \$50,000 request.
  - Regarding the “2009 Snoqualmie River Juvenile Salmon Outmigrant Monitoring” project, the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish Forum are working hard to identify secure long-term funding at the State and Federal level. This 2009 grant request is not intended to be an annual application. Due to a gap in funding, the request is vital to maintaining the data collection effort for the short term.
  - Gary Roberts requested follow up on Forum-funded efforts to utilize crews from Monroe Corrections for riparian project maintenance. He would like to know how well it has worked in the past and whether groups, such as Stewardship Partners and the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force, continue to use these crews which seemed cost effective.
  - Regarding “Depot Park Improvements”, Perry explained that the ranking committee reached a part of the list where funding begins to run out to support full funding. The committee recommended partial funding (roughly 50%) to cover highest priority activities (see handout).
  - Regarding “Traditional Ecological Education Project – Phase 3”, the committee faced a similar problem and recommended funding for highest priority educational component.
  - “Weiss Creek Barrier Removal Project” did not rate as high as it might have otherwise since the collapsed culvert is only a partial fish passage barrier.
- Councilmember Walker asked how effective projects can be if only partially funded.
  - Wild Fish Conservancy (“Snoqualmie Valley Stream Mapping and Project Identification”) replied that even though the project is scalable to a degree, the costs per mile (of stream mapping and reconnaissance) increase due to mobilization costs.

- For the Tolt San Souci project, any decrease in funding is doubled by the effect on the one-for-one Conservation Futures match.
- Regarding the “Monitoring the Effectiveness of Snoqualmie River Restoration Projects”, Councilmember Loudenback expressed concern that a local entity (the Forum) is being asked to fund monitoring for a suite of projects that have regional significance for an important salmon population. Josh Latterell (King County) agreed that regional funding would be appropriate, but such funding is not easily available. Funders have asked for this type of monitoring to occur to better understand the cumulative effects of several pending projects in the reach. Janne Kaje explained that WRIA 7 staff have raised this issue repeatedly with the Snohomish Forum, and that pressure from local watershed groups and elected representatives could be helpful in getting the State and federal agencies to support monitoring.
- Lara Thomas (Senior Planner, Duvall) noted that the same concern applies to the smolt trapping project.
- Steven Mullen (Snoqualmie Tribe Alternate) questioned the difference in recommended funding between the City of Duvall project and the Snoqualmie Tribe project, both of which were recommended for partial funding despite similar goals. Though the amounts were different for the projects, each project was recommended for the same proportion of funding. Staff also explained that due to differences in location, the KCD ranking criteria for regular round grants would generally favor projects near the mainstem below the falls (e.g. Duvall) over projects located on tributaries above the falls.
- Councilmember Walker asked the Snoqualmie Tribe what they can accomplish with \$12,000 (recommended by committee) instead of the full amount requested in their application (\$19,979). Karen Suyama (Environmental Planning Manager, Snoqualmie Tribe) responded that the shortfall would seriously compromise visual education materials and plant purchases.
- Gary Roberts asked for staff’s recommendation for using the \$33,000 that will be returned to the fund from prior rounds. Staff’s first recommendation would be to top off the high ranked partially funded projects in the Regular Round.
- Recommendation: Councilmember Walker recommended using the extra \$33,000 to fully fund Tolt San Souci (\$10,000 additional) and the Snoqualmie Stream Mapping project (\$20,000 additional), and to increase the proposed funding for the Snoqualmie Tribe grant from \$12,000 to \$15,000 (\$3,000 additional).
- Decision: Funding proposal suggested by Councilmember Walker endorsed by consensus. See the table in **Attachment A** for the final regular round grant recommendations.

### **KCD Opportunity Fund**

- Perry described the Opportunity Fund ranking process and reviewed the ranking results (see handout). He recommends that projects ranked “High” by the Project Review Committee be forwarded to KCD as the Forum recommendation. Some of these projects were not ranked high by the KCD Grant Subcommittee in their internal ranking process.

- The Morgan Property project was ranked high by the Forum committee but low by KCD. This may be explained by the fact that the project – which also received funding last year – has failed to locate outside match dollars as expected. Thus, the sponsors are requesting full funding from the Forum/KCD. Councilmember Walker asked whether the \$20,000 would in fact ensure completion of the project. Perry replied that this is his understanding of the situation as explained in the application.
- Councilmember Loudenback supports staff recommendation to forward projects ranked “High” and then negotiate with KCD following their response.
- Gary Roberts inquired about the fate of projects that do not receive funding. Perry explained that through negotiations with KCD, some “Medium” projects may end up back on list, and that other high-quality projects will be encouraged to reapply next year.
- Chair Peterson emphasized the need for a well-worded letter of appreciation for those applicants who do not get funded.
- Yvette Lizée-Smith expressed concern that Nature Vision’s “2008-2009 Snoqualmie Valley Water Education and Stewardship Project” (which was ranked high for partial funding by the Forum, but currently low by KCD) might not get the partial funding needed to continue its program if not approved by KCD. She explained that the Forum helped pilot and launch this education program in the Snoqualmie Valley in 2007 by connecting Nature Vision with local schools and providing \$2,500 in seed money for 30 trial sessions. We also encouraged Nature Vision’s original KCD grant submission last year so they could continue and expand the program – which has been very well received in the schools. The Forum should not be the sole source of long-term funding for this program, but we should help ensure its short-term continuity while working with Nature Vision to explore and secure alternative funds. Councilmember Loudenback asked whether Nature Vision had been in touch with the PTA and suggested this as a possible source of other funding. He offered to help connect Nature Vision with the North Bend PTA if they desired.
- Decision: The Forum agreed by consensus to forward the list of “high” ranked projects highlighted green in the list. See the table in **Attachment B** for the Forum’s opportunity fund recommendations.

### **Public Comment**

- Ryan Bartelheimer (Drainage District #7), in reference to the “Cherry Creek Pump Station Fish Friendliness Enhancements”, shared information on the data collected to date regarding fish survival during the pump testing experiments. The proposed, new pump configuration looks promising, but the data is preliminary. Mr. Bartelheimer may ask to return in July to provide more information. The proposed project was ranked “Low” by the rating committee.

### **Next Meeting**

The annual project tour will take place on Wednesday, July 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., with dinner provided. The meeting will follow the tour at Meadowbrook Farm from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## ATTACHMENT A

### 2008 Forum KCD Regular Round Grant Recommendations

Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Project Review Comm. Recomm.	Forum Decision
1	South Fork Snoqualmie Invasive Knotweed Control Project - Phase 1	King County DNRP	\$25,000	<b>\$25,000</b>
2	Monitoring the Effectiveness of Snoqualmie River Restoration Projects	King County DNRP	\$60,000	<b>\$60,000</b>
3	Tolt River San Souci Reach Conservation	King County DNRP	\$40,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
3	2009 Snoqualmie River Juvenile Salmon Outmigrant Monitoring	Tulalip Tribes	\$50,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
5	Stillwater Wildlife Area Floodplain Restoration - Design Phase	Wild Fish Conservancy	\$50,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
6	Riparian Ag Grant IV: Long Term Survival/Habitat Function for Snoqualmie Ag Plantings	King County DNRP	\$42,300	<b>\$42,300</b>
7	Three Forks Natural Area Meadowbrook Slough Restoration - Phase 1	City of Snoqualmie	\$48,175	<b>\$48,175</b>
8	Snoqualmie Valley Stream Mapping and Project Identification	Wild Fish Conservancy	\$30,000	<b>\$50,000</b>
9	Snoqualmie Restoration Maintenance Crew 2009	Stewardship Partners	\$25,000	<b>\$25,000</b>
10	North Bend Riverfront Park Ivy Removal and Pla	City of North Bend	\$45,500	<b>\$45,500</b>
11	Depot Park Improvements	City of Duvall	\$43,500	<b>\$43,500</b>
12	Traditional Ecological Knowledge Education Project - Phase 3	Snoqualmie Tribe	\$12,000	<b>\$15,000</b>
13	Weiss Creek Barrier Removal Project	Wild Fish Conservancy		
N/A	2009 Staff Support to the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum	King County on behalf of the Cities	\$85,000	<b>\$85,000</b>

**Cumulative Total**

**\$556,475**

<b>\$589,475</b>
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**KCD funds remaining**

**(\$42)**

<b>(\$33,042)</b>
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**ATTACHMENT B**

**Snoqualmie Watershed Forum - 2008 Opportunity Fund Recommendations**

Project Name	Applicant	KCD Grant Request	Forum Ranking as of 5-21-08	FORUM DECISION	Forum Comments
Upper Snoqualmie River Willow Staking & Knotweed Control	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$28,500	High	\$28,500	Strongly Recommend Funding. Project includes important on-the-ground actions in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River building on past successful knotweed control on both private and public lands.
Knotweed Removal/Restoration at Joe Mullen's	Snoqualmie Tribe	\$10,000	High	\$10,000	Strongly Recommend Funding
Albro Alluvial Fan Remediation	King County DNRP	\$21,000	High	\$21,000	Strongly Recommend Funding
Lake Marcel Community Education and Native Revegetation	King County DNRP	\$22,421	High	\$22,421	Strongly Recommend Funding. Project includes important community-based education and restoration efforts entirely on private land. Lake Marcel Community Club is key partner with King County.
Anthracite Creek Enhancement and Awareness	Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force	\$29,500	High	\$29,500	Strongly Recommend Funding
Treehouse Point Ecology Plan	PRKC / Pete and Judy Nelson	\$12,575	High	\$12,575	Strongly Recommend Funding
Morgan Property Restoration at Clough Creek - Phase 2	King County DNRP	\$20,000	High	\$20,000	Recommend Funding. Applicant was funded in 2007 and is seeking additional funding since matching funds were not secured. The Forum understands the KCD subcommittee's concern on this project and would be willing to encourage King County to continue to seek other matching funds in 2008. The Forum recognized that if the project is unsuccessful in securing funds in 2008, the restoration on private land may be compromised.
Sierra Property Wetland Buffer Enhancement Project	Restoration Logistics	\$5,505	High	\$5,505	Strongly Recommend Funding
Indian Creek / Dolder Farm Fish Passage Project	Wild Fish Conservancy	\$29,085	High	\$29,085	Strongly Recommend Funding
2008-2009 Snoqualmie Valley Water Education and Stewardship Project	Nature Vision	\$25,000	High	\$15,000	The Forum recommends partial funding to continue important established Snoqualmie-specific school education program. The Forum recommended a revised grant application at the \$15,000 level to be forwarded directly to the KCD Board.
Raging River Knotweed Control	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$30,000	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable.
Wallace Acres Habitat Restoration and Preservation	Stewardship Partners	\$30,000	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable. CREP funding partially covers the project area.
South Fork Snoqualmie Riparian Restoration at 424th Ave. SE, Phase 1	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$9,700	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable.
2008 Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Festival	Nature Vision	\$7,108	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable.
Changing Seasons Farm Snoqualmie River Buffer Enhancement	King County DNRP	\$30,000	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable. Some work beginning on site with other funding.
South Fork Snoqualmie Riparian Restoration at SE 162nd Street	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	\$29,800	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable.
Coe Clemmons Creek Fish Barrier Removal Opportunity Fund Grant	City of Duvall	\$30,000	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable. Detailed review of design options is underway.
Tolt Riparian Enhancement	Seattle City Light	\$30,000	Medium		Strong project but funding unavailable.
Olsby Property Riparian Area Enhancement Phase 2	Restoration Logistics	\$12,375	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Project may need to coordinate with adjacent landowners and King County levee maintenance operations.
Wetland Restoration at Oxbow Farm	Stewardship Partners	\$30,000	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Project funded in 2007 but cost of removing wetland fill was underestimated at the time.
Urban/Rural Connections: Profiles Project	Partnership for Rural King County	\$500	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. This project focuses too much on King County decision makers. Projects seems more like lobbying rather than education and outreach.
Sno Valley Tilth Hedgrows Project	Sno-Valley Tilth	\$30,000	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Project locations not clear, some of the restoration does not occur in aquatic areas and 12 foot hedgerows are quite small.
Preston Mill/Raging River Restoration Planning and Weed Control	Preston Community Club	\$25,000	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Planning does not seem urgent, King County Parks does not seem to be as involved as necessary. This project was outcompeted by on-the-ground projects.
Cherry Creek Pump Station Fish Friendliness Enhancements	Drainage District #7	\$30,000	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Project does not seem urgent and committee wanted an update on previous monitoring work funded by KCD on site.
WRIA 7 Lakes Fecal Coliform Assessment and Citizen Education	King County DNRP	\$29,979	Low		Good project but funding unavailable. Assessment component ranked lower since improvement actions were not part of grant. Project should incorporate source identification.
Siddens Pond Baseline Conditions Report	Pamela Lewis	\$22,000	Project of Concern		Project of concern. Measuring potential degradation rather than an identified problem and no on-the-ground action involved in proposal.
Wallace Creek Restoration	Stewardship Partners	\$16,600	Project of Concern		Project of concern. Project has limited fish benefit including creek dredging component and design of sediment trap may not be able to handle sediment loads. The project better fits in KCD's alluvial fan program.
<b>Total Opportunity Fund Requests</b>		<b>\$596,648</b>		<b>\$193,586</b>	