

WRIA 8 Leadership

Management Committee Recommendation

Background: In 2014, WRIA 8 anticipates a significant loss of existing leadership. The WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) Operating Guidelines state that: “The Council will be led by a Chair and Vice Chair elected by the membership of the Council. The Chair must be an elected official representing a party to the ILA. The Vice Chair can be an elected official representing a party to the ILA or a Stakeholder member of the Council.”

The following WRIA 8 SRC members are expected to no longer be in local elected office in 2014, and therefore either will no longer serve on the SRC or, if they remain on the SRC in another capacity, they will no longer be eligible to be Chair:

- Dr. Don Davidson, City of Bellevue Councilmember and current Chair
- Joan McBride, City of Kirkland Mayor and current Vice Chair
- Don Fiene, City of Lake Forest Park Councilmember
- Ava Frisinger, City of Issaquah Mayor
- Bart Masterson, City of Mill Creek Councilmember

Leadership Recommendation:

The Management Committee met on September 23 to discuss future WRIA 8 leadership and develop a recommendation for filling the Chair and Vice Chair positions, which would begin in January 2014, for SRC consideration at the November 21 meeting. The Management Committee felt strongly that, if possible, the Chair and Vice Chair positions should be held by elected officials.

In addition to recommending SRC leadership positions, the SRC also has a representative on two regional salmon recovery forums, including the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council and the South Central Action Area Caucus Group. These representative roles may be filled by any SRC member as approved by the larger group. Currently, Dr. Davidson, as WRIA 8 SRC Chair, sits on the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council and Don Fiene sits on the South Central Action Area Caucus Group.

For WRIA 8 SRC decision, the Management Committee recommends the following for WRIA 8 leadership and representation beginning in 2014:

Position / Role	WRIA 8 SRC Member
Chair	Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember
Vice Chair	Andy Rheame, City of Bothell Councilmember
Representative to Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council	Andy Rheame, City of Bothell Councilmember
Representative to South Central Action Area Caucus Group	Don Fiene, Friends of the Cedar River Watershed