

WRIA 8 10-Year Plan Update Technical Forum Draft Agenda

Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
Tuesday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Workshop Objectives: Bring Chinook salmon recovery technical experts together to:

- Share information on the state of the science regarding recovery
 - Discuss emerging issues / bottlenecks / biggest threats to recovery in WRIA 8
 - Identify (and begin to prioritize) limiting factors and information gaps
 - Consider possible approaches to address threats and fill knowledge gaps that could inform the WRIA 8 10-Year Plan update
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9:00 a.m. Welcome – Sarah Brandt, facilitator

9:05 a.m. Introductions – All

- What is your name, field of expertise, organization, and one hope for today's forum

9:15 a.m. Ground rules for our time together – All

9:20 a.m. Review agenda and workshop objectives

9:30 a.m. Framing the day – Scott Stolnack, WRIA 8 Technical Committee

Goal: Set expectations for participants about the forum's objectives.

- How will today's work support the WRIA 8 10-Year Plan update?
- What do we know (that we don't plan to discuss today)?
- Why are we focusing on "bottlenecks" to recovery?
- Why are we focusing on predation, light, and juvenile survival / life history diversity?

9:45 a.m. Bottlenecks to recovery: What are the most pressing limiting factors?

Goal: Learn the latest about key obstacles to Chinook salmon recovery; set the stage for the afternoon's discussion.

- What's new that this group should know, and what are the key take-aways?
- How could this information shape the WRIA 8 10-Year Plan update?
- What do we still need to know to improve our Chinook recovery strategy?

9:50 a.m. Predation – Dave Beauchamp, UW/USGS

10:25 a.m. Artificial light – Mark Celedonia, USFWS

11:00 a.m. Juvenile survival and life history diversity – Joe Anderson, WDFW

- 11:35 a.m. Group discussion: Other limiting factors to discuss?**
Goal: Quickly capture ideas, questions, and considerations prompted by morning presentations to jumpstart afternoon conversations.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. Options to identify biggest threats (limiting factors) and knowledge gaps**
Goal: Brainstorm resources and options to identify the biggest threats (limiting factors) and knowledge gaps to Chinook salmon survival and recovery. Begin to prioritize, as time allows.
- In small groups:
 - o List additional data, experts, or resources to consult regarding the most serious threats to Chinook salmon recovery.
 - o Brainstorm options that could help WRIA 8 advance understanding or improve the approach to addressing key threats. Consider research, monitoring, pilot projects, adaptive management, etc.
 - o What are the highest priority technical activities WRIA 8 should pursue to accelerate Chinook salmon recovery? (*Identify 3 or 4 top priorities per table – and minority positions, if needed.*)
 - Share small-group findings with the larger group.
- 2:00 p.m. Break**
- 2:10 p.m. Pulling it all together – Sarah Brandt, all**
Goal: Synthesize information from the day’s discussion to support next steps.
- Review list of potential highest-priority limiting factors.
 - Review list of high-priority information gaps, options to address, and assumptions / lingering questions.
 - Are there cross-cutting approaches that could address more than one threat or bottleneck?
 - What is needed next to select and implement options discussed today?
 - What do technicians need from other partners to be most effective (e.g., approval, coordination, more funding, political will, etc.)?
- 3:30 p.m. How will the forum’s results be used? – Scott Stolnack**
Goal: Confirm how the Technical Committee (and, if appropriate, forum participants) will use results to inform next steps in WRIA 8 Plan update.
- 3:50 p.m. Review action items/next steps – Sarah Brandt**
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn**