

# WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Meeting Notes

Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office

May 19, 2016 3:04-5:15 p.m.

<b>Members/Jurisdictional Staff Alternates Present</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1.	Mayor Andy Rheaume, Chair	City of Bothell
2.	Mayor John Stokes, Vice-Chair	City of Bellevue
3.	Eric Adman	Sno-King Watershed Council
4.	Councilmember (CM) Eileen Barber	City of Issaquah
5.	Judy Blanco	Forterra
6.	CM Diane Buckshnis	City of Edmonds
7.	Alex Chen	City of Seattle
8.	CM Allen Dauterman	City of Newcastle
9.	Don Davidson	Long Live the Kings
10.	CM Bruce Dodds	City of Clyde Hill
11.	Nancy Eklund	The Boeing Company
12.	CM Ted Frantz	Town of Hunts Point
13.	Robert Knoll	Snohomish County
14.	CM Shelley Kloba	City of Kirkland
15.	Terry Lavender	Water Tenders
16.	CM Ryan McIrvine	City of Renton
17.	CM Hank Myers	City of Redmond
18.	Joan Nolan	WA Dept. of Ecology (Ecology)
19.	CM Tom Odell	City of Sammamish
20.	Deputy Mayor Dana Parnello	City of Maple Valley
21.	CM Mark Phillips	City of Lake Forest Park
22.	Stewart Reinbold	WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
23.	Richard Sowa	Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
24.	Frank Urabeck	At Large
25.	Deputy Mayor Allan Van Ness	City of Kenmore
26.	CM Paula Waters	City of Woodinville
<b>Additional Alternates Present</b>		
27.	Dave Garland	Ecology
28.	Angela Gallardo	City of Newcastle
29.	Kathy Minsch	City of Seattle
<b>Others Present</b>		
30.	David Bain	One Bothell
31.	Garrett Holbrook	King County
32.	Josh Latterell	King County
33.	Kit Paulsen	City of Bellevue
34.	Larry Reymann	Environmental Science Center
35.	Jerallyn Roetemeyer	City of Redmond
36.	Stacey Rush	City of Kirkland
37.	Ron Straka	City of Renton
38.	Linda Grob	WRIA 8 Team
39.	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8 Team
40.	Scott Stolnack	WRIA 8 Team
41.	Jason Wilkinson	WRIA 8 Team

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Chair Andy Rheume opened the Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) meeting, inviting all attendees to introduce themselves.

## 1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Notes for March 17, 2016

*The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the meeting notes for the March 17, 2016 meeting.*

## 3. Updates & Announcements

### General Announcements:

Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (Jason MK), Salmon Recovery Manager, requested folks review the Updates & Announcements handout, and highlighted the following:

- **2016 Legislative Update:** In terms of federal legislative priorities, the Obama Administration's 2017 budget includes \$65 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF), the same amount as 2016. This is the federal portion of the funding for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's (SRFB) grants. The SRC approved sending a letter at the March 17 meeting thanking the Washington Congressional delegation for their continuing support of the \$65 million. We then learned that governors from five western states, including Washington, sent a letter requesting \$80 million, and the WRIA 8 Management Committee (MC) approved revising our letter to reflect support for the \$80 million request. A copy of the revised letter is in the meeting packet.
- **2015 WRIA 8 Service Provider Client Satisfaction Survey:** This annual survey of WRIA 8 partners looks at how well King County (KC), as WRIA 8 service provider, is doing at delivering services. Generally the scores were "excellent" and "good", but one "fair" rating was received for "working with project sponsors to identify projects and funding". As part of the 2017 work plan, we intend to host a grant application workshop to help project sponsors better navigate our grant round schedule and process. Client comments highlight WRIA 8's ability to share a lot of information and reach many partners, serving as the voice for salmon recovery in the watershed, and helping project sponsors get through grant application processes. Survey responses indicate that fact sheets and progress reports are popular, and there was a recommendation to develop additional fact sheets on a variety of best available science topics. Survey responses primarily came from elected officials and jurisdictional partner staff.

### Discussion:

- Diane Buckshnis noted that 21 folks filled out the survey, and she asked if that is more than last year. Jason MK said there were only 14 survey responses last year.
- John Stokes noted the comment that "Jason is doing a really great job".
- **WRIA 8 Chinook Conservation Plan (Plan) Update Status:** As of March the WRIA 8 Technical Committee (TC) and interested parties have started working on the foundational components of the Plan update, including: a Chinook salmon lifecycle-based conceptual model to reflect salmon recovery pressures and strategies according to when and where they affect Chinook in WRIA 8; an assessment of the pressures affecting salmon recovery; and reviewing the salmon population goals in the WRIA 8 Plan. The SRC can expect to be updated on and review these three elements in July.
- **Cedar River Corridor Planning Process Update:** In early 2015 at the start of the Cedar River Corridor Plan development process, the vision was to look at river management in a holistic way and integrate multiple river management objectives (flood risk reduction, habitat protection and restoration, recreation). The KC Flood Control District (FCD) convened an Advisory Committee for

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approximately four meeting, but stopped convening the Advisory Committee in late 2015. We understand that the FCD has refocused the corridor planning work on only flood risk reduction. We anticipate a Corridor Plan status update from the FCD soon and will keep the SRC informed. John Stokes commented that this direction is disappointing because we were making progress on getting the FCD to consider salmon habitat as a primary objective in river management.

## 4. 2017 WRIA 8 Budget and Work Plan – Management Committee Recommendation

Jason MK reviewed the Management Committee's 2017 WRIA 8 budget and work plan recommendation. He reminded the SRC that as part of the 2015 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) renewals, the SRC approved an annual rate increase to ILA partner cost shares to cover projected annual staff and operating cost increases, not to exceed the estimated increase in the Consumer Price Index for Wages (CPI-W) for inflation. The cost shares were updated last year, and the proposed 2017 budget reflects an ILA cost share increase of 2.42%, the 2017 CPI-W.

Jason MK reviewed the 2017 work plan and budget, highlighting several components. A staffing column was included to reflect the anticipated staffing for each work plan topic. The work plan lists all the outside meetings staff currently attend, and we plan to reduce that number in 2017 based on the grant funding level received from the state. Jason Wilkinson (Jason W), WRIA 8 Actions and Funding Coordinator, is working on a new interactive project mapping tool using King County's iMap platform as a project implementation/communication tool. The 0.30 FTE temporary Communications Specialist position will continue in 2017, coordinating the Salmon SEEson program, WRIA 8 E-news, and developing a communications strategy for the Plan update. The Plan update is planned to be complete by July 2017, so the level of effort and staffing for this work is reduced in 2017 compared to 2016.

Jason MK explained that we have additional revenues from carryover funds and funds leveraged by securing grants. These funds will be used to pay for continued communications and outreach support and priorities that emerge through the Plan update, which will be brought to the SRC for consideration. Additional revenues received in 2016 include the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) capacity grant, Puget Sound Partnership planning grant, and Salmon SEEson program sponsorships.

Jason MK also highlighted the 2017 cost share table in the meeting packet, and went over how cost shares are calculated.

### Discussion:

- Hank Myers said he sits on the Local Hazard Waste Management Committee, and we heard King County was using a 3% inflation increase. Jason MK explained that we committed to the CPI-W rate last year, and at this point King County's 3% rate is a planning estimate. Per the renewed ILA/MOU, if the CPI-W rate does not cover staffing costs, King County will bring the issue back to the SRC for a decision for how to address the shortfall.
- Diane Buckshnis noted there is no Salmon Summit in the 2017 budget, and she asked if that is because organizing one is a lot of work. Jason MK said the Salmon Summit is a lot of work, and having one about every five years seems appropriate since these events are intended to bring partners together when there is implementation information to share.
- Tom Odell announced that on January 1 the City of Sammamish annexed 10,000 people, which isn't reflected in the cost shares. Jason MK explained that we update the cost shares every three

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years, so Sammamish will likely see a bump in 2018.

***The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the 2017 WRIA 8 budget and work plan.***

## 5. Cooperative Watershed Management & Salmon Recovery Funding Board/Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Funds – Project Subcommittee 2016 Grant Recommendations

Jason W recognized and thanked members of the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee (PSC), which reviews and ranks the grant proposals. He went over the different pots of money available this year:

- Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) funds: Local funds provided by FCD; total amount available for 2016 (includes 2016 allocation and returned funds) is \$1,952,509.
- SRFB/PSAR funds: State and federal funds with more limits on what can be funded than CWM (no outreach, monitoring); amounts available are targets given to us before being approved by state legislature; projected total available is \$1,848,088 (\$315,146 SRFB, \$1,457,542 PSAR, \$75,400 PSAR carryover).
- PSAR Large Capital Project funds: Doesn't involve WRIA 8 allocation; competes regionally and requires WRIA 8 approval.

Jason W listed the PSC grant recommendations for 2016 CWM and SRFB/PSAR and 2017-2019 PSAR Large Capital funding:

### **Habitat Restoration & Protection Project Funding Recommendations:**

Project Name (Sponsor)		CWM Request	SRFB/PSAR Request	Recommended
1.	Lower Taylor Creek Restoration Final Design (Seattle Public Utilities [SPU])	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$650,000
2.	Wayne Sammamish Community Project (Forterra/City of Bothell)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 - PSAR \$600,000 - CWM
3.	Willow Creek Daylighting Final Design (City of Edmonds)	\$0	\$266,500	\$266,500
4.	Bear Creek Reach 6 Restoration, Phase II (Adopt A Stream Foundation)	\$0	\$170,000	\$170,000
5.	Luther Burbank South Shoreline Restoration (City of Mercer Island)	\$325,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,625,000</b>	<b>\$1,786,500</b>	<b>\$2,686,500</b>

Jason W provided information on several of these projects:

- The Lower Taylor Creek project site is the final juvenile Chinook “rest stop” that SPU is implementing along Lake Washington, and also is the closest site to the mouth of the Cedar.
- The Wayne Sammamish Community Project request is specifically focused on the Back Nine of the Wayne Golf Course, which contains 1,000 linear feet of Sammamish River shoreline. Project sponsors have three years to pay back the acquisition loan and allow for the transfer of property to public ownership, and asked for \$1 million in SRFB/PSAR and \$1 million in CWM funding. The PSC decided there was some time for the planning process to play out, and recommended fully funding the PSAR request, given the timing of the PSAR cycle, but a little less on CWM (\$600,000), which is an annual project process.
- Mercer Island wants to excavate the Luther Bank South Shoreline Restoration site to make the bank a gentler slope. The PSC visited the site and noticed it offers function for salmon as is. The subcommittee decided not to fund the project, and asked the sponsor to come meet with the Technical Committee to rethink actions here and potentially come back with another proposal.

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## Riparian Habitat/Stewardship Project Funding Recommendations (CWM-Only Funding):

Project Name (Sponsor)		Request	Recommend
1.	Cedar River Stewardship-in-Action (SPU)	\$174,627	\$174,627
2.	Issaquah Tributary Restoration at Hope Creek (Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust)	\$46,250	\$46,250
3.	Willows Run Golf Course Restoration (Stewardship Partners)	\$41,556	\$0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$262,433</b>	<b>\$220,877</b>

Jason W explained that funding was not recommended for the Willows Run Golf Course project because the three streams are not Chinook bearing, will not have an influence on Sammamish River temperatures, and the cost for planting is high.

Monitoring Funding Recommendations (Sponsor)		Request	Recommend
1.	Effects of Artificial Nighttime Lighting (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)*	\$14,795	\$14,795
2.	Adult Chinook (Fish In) Monitoring (King County)*	\$57,540	\$57,540
3.	Juvenile Salmon (Fish Out) Monitoring (WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife [WDFW])	\$242,460	\$242,460
4.	Predator Abundance and Impacts (University of Washington/WDFW)	\$42,572	\$42,572
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$357,367</b>	<b>\$357,367</b>

\*First time submittals

Outreach & Education Funding Recommendations (Sponsor)		Request	Recommend
1.	Citizen Action Training School (Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group)*	\$15,000	\$15,000
2.	Beach Naturalists (Seattle Aquarium)	\$13,200	\$13,200
3.	Cedar River Salmon Journey (Seattle Aquarium)	\$38,500	\$38,500
4.	Issaquah Hatchery Education and Outreach (Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery)*	\$14,997	\$14,997
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$78,528</b>	<b>\$78,528</b>

\*First time submittals

## Funding Totals:

2016 CFM Funding Recommendation Summary		
Total Funding Available	Total Funding Recommended	Requested Carryover to 2017
\$1,952,509	<b>\$1,556,772</b>	<b>\$395,737</b>

2016 SRFB/PSAR Funding Recommendation Summary		
Projected Total Funding Available	Total Funding Recommended	Requested Carryover to 2017
\$1,848,088	<b>\$1,786,500</b>	<b>\$61,588</b>

## PSAR Large Capital Funding:

Submittal for Regional Consideration (Sponsor)	Request
Wayne Sammamish Community Project (Forterra/ City of Bothell)	\$2,000,000

Jason W said PSAR Large Capital projects go on a regional list that is ranked by PSP. The Wayne Sammamish project was the only project that fits their criteria of projects ready to go as soon as funding is available, and that cost more than what could be funded through a typical PSAR process.

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## Discussion:

- Tom Odell inquired if there is any plan to add gravel to the Luther Burbank project. Jason W said there was some idea of nourishing the beach. Diane Buckshnis noted that this is a three-phase project.
- Judy Blanco asked if Bear Creek Reach 6 is City of Redmond property. Jason W clarified it is private property.
- Ted Frantz asked if the Wayne Sammamish project will come back to WRIA 8 for more funding, or will the City of Bothell be looking for other money. Jason W said it's possible we will see it again. The total cost for the Back 9 is \$7 million and the Front 9 is \$4 million. Forterra and Bothell are looking for grants. Jason MK added that this request is for acquisition, and when it gets to restoration we expect to see restoration project proposals.
- Terry Lavender said when the King County WaterWorks Grants Program started in 1995 we had a kick-off event at Bear Creek Reach 6. For the event the property owners were careful to mow the lawn right to the water. She said it's nice to see what they are doing there now, and it shows we are being successful with our grant awards.
- Frank Urabeck said he was involved with getting funding for the proposed predation study from the state. He supported the funding for the predation study.
- Mark Phillips thanked Jason W for making it easy for him to participate in the reviewing process as a member of the PSC. The grant process was very well organized, and it was really interesting to see the involvement of the Technical Committee in reviewing proposals.
- Andy Rheume commented on the Wayne Sammamish project's 90 acres, which will help the Sammamish River. The river is in desperate straits, and it's great to see WRIA 8 honing in on it.
- John Stokes said the Wayne Sammamish project is a great project. He said this shows all of us WRIA 8 cities that you can win with these projects.

***The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the 2016 CWM Project Subcommittee grant recommendations. The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the 2016 SRFB/PSAR Project Subcommittee grant recommendations, with one abstention.***

## 6. Conservation Futures Tax Update

Terry Lavender, Chair of the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) Citizens Committee, reported that WRIA 8 did very well in this grant round. She said CFT money comes back for any projects that are not completed and don't look like they will be completed. Some returned funds went to Dorre Don on the Cedar River. Highlights of awards for this year's rounds include \$1 million for the Wayne Golf Course, \$600,000 for the Lower Cedar River mouth of Taylor Creek, and \$600,000 for Paradise Valley. Jason MK said the capital funding graph on page 38 of the meeting packet shows how much CFT money projects in WRIA 8 have received.

## 7. Success Story: Rainbow Bend Monitoring Update

Josh Latterell, King County (KC), reported that the Rainbow Bend Maintenance and Monitoring Report is online at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/flooding/capital-projects/rainbow-bend/rainbow-bend-monitoring-rpt-may-2016.pdf>, and he encouraged people to read it. He manages the monitoring program at KC, and Rainbow Bend is one of the biggest of 20 projects currently being monitoring. Rainbow Bend regularly flooded and was not a great place for people or fish. Between 2003 and 2012 KC purchased the mobile home park and single family homes at the site and relocated residents. The Rainbow Bend levee removal was completed in 2013.

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Josh said when we take out levees the channel moves around, causing bars to form and logs to fall in the river, and creating slow water edge habitat. After we took out the levee, we planted trees, put in wood, and created new flow pathways in the floodplain. He said we received a \$25,000 KCD grant through WRIA 8 to support our monitoring. Large wood and gravel are now collecting at the planted wood sites. He said what we really wanted to know is if we are getting more habitat and getting more fish. KC snorkeling crews monitored fish presence at the site, and we estimate that habitat capacity at Rainbow Bend has increased by about 500-1,000 Chinook salmon.

Josh said WDFW is doing some great fish monitoring work on the Cedar River. About 25,000 parr are coming out of the Cedar, and we learned we need ~10 acres of backwater to double that number. Adult salmon have started using the site. Karl Burton, Seattle Public Utilities, performs red counts on the Cedar, and in the year after the project was complete 19 of 204 redds on the river were located at this site. Josh said WRIA 8 has helped us take monitoring data one step further.

Discussion:

- Tom Odell asked how long parr stay in the river. Scott Stolnack explained that fry (smaller) migrate from around January to April. Fry that remain in the river become parr (larger) and start going out in April through about July.

## 8. Member Announcements/Updates:

Allan Van Ness reported that the City of Kenmore is in litigation with KMG, contractor for demolishing the old State Route 520 bridge pontoons, over their plans to perform demolition on lakeshore property in Kenmore. He said Kenmore heard about this work in March and had KMG come to the city council to explain the process. He said the city council voted 7-0 to stop the work from happening in Kenmore over concerns about potential pollution and noise from demolition, and now KMG is suing the city. He questioned why KGM can't haul the pontoons out through the Locks the same way the new ones came in and destroy them in Puget Sound. He suggested the SRC may want to consider sending a letter to express concerns about potential impacts to Chinook salmon.

Discussion:

- Jason MK said we would need to have a nexus with Chinook and really understand it to draft a letter from the SRC.
- Joan Nolan mentioned that she's not personally involved in the bridge replacement work, but she could look into it at Ecology.
- Dave Garland said we can look at who at Ecology is in charge of working on the water quality permit for the work. When you break old concrete you can get high pH, and we can bring back information on the permit to the SRC.
- Stewart Reinbold commented that to bust up pontoons on a barge would require revisiting permits.
- Tom Odell said he thinks the SRC should consider weighing in on this issue. He expressed concern about what washes into the water from breaking up the concrete, and the effect of the demolition noise on salmon migration.
- Don Davison remarked that NOAA is likely involved to make sure KMG is protecting salmon.
- John Stokes asked about the time frame. Allan Van Ness reported that KMG wants to do it next week, and claims they are losing money. Mayor Stokes cautioned to avoid getting WRIA 8 involved in an issue that could have legal consequences. He thinks we can we make a statement about concerns regarding impacts to salmon, but timing could be a problem.

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- Don Davidson said a judge could file a cease and desist order. John Stokes commented that someone besides WRIA 8 would have to ask for it.
- Stewart Reinbold said WDFW can take a close look at the demolition. We have responded to issues with the 520 Bridge project work on a regular basis, but he wasn't sure how we can stop it.
- Ted Frantz proposed giving Mike Grady at NOAA a call.

Andy Rheume inquired if everyone is okay with Jason MK looking into the proposed demolition and potential impacts on Chinook salmon, and, if appropriate, drafting a letter from the SRC to regulatory agencies. There was no objection.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next SRC meeting is July 21, 2016, 3:00 – 5:15 p.m., Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue.