

WRIA 8 Technical Committee Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

The WRIA 8 Technical Committee is an inter-jurisdictional, multi-stakeholder group with scientific and technical expertise in salmon recovery (e.g. fish biology, watershed habitat, engineering, hydrology, water quality, monitoring design). The purpose of the WRIA 8 Technical Committee is to provide technical input and science-based recommendations to inform the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan (a.k.a. the WRIA 8 Plan) and broader regional salmon recovery initiatives.

Long term interest of WRIA 8 partners in salmon conservation, the immediate gravity of the salmon recovery challenge, and inherent social and ecological uncertainties - including which actions offer the most benefit towards meeting WRIA 8 Plan goals and objectives - foster an urgent need to learn from implemented actions and turn new knowledge into more effective actions. The Technical Committee serves as a hub for maintaining and improving the scientific basis for these actions in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish watershed.

Objectives

1. Track and guide implementation of the WRIA 8 Plan using principles of adaptive management; monitor and evaluate salmon recovery strategies and habitat goals; document and report on monitoring results and lessons learned.
 - Recommend and guide implementation of the WRIA 8 Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP).
 - Manage data describing progress and effectiveness of actions to implement the WRIA 8 Plan.
 - Synthesize and communicate monitoring and research results for jurisdictions, partner agencies, land managers, elected officials, and the public.
 - Advise the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council on adjustments to the WRIA 8 Plan strategy and priorities.
2. Identify information gaps and advance inquiry on emerging and high priority issues affecting salmon recovery in the WRIA 8 watershed.
3. Provide technical review of priority projects based on expected benefits for meeting WRIA 8 Plan goals.
4. Serve as a forum to share and distribute technical information among jurisdictions, partner agencies, tribes, and regional entities that inform decisions impacting salmon fisheries and habitats.
5. Establish WRIA 8 Technical Committee operating procedures and work programs.
6. Encourage broad, active participation in the WRIA 8 Technical Committee and other WRIA 8 initiatives.