



Technical Advisory Group & Working Group Meeting
 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | April 12, 2022 | Remote Meeting

Meeting Summary DRAFT v. April 21, 2022

Action Item	Responsible Party
Revise 2022 WSPER meetings/Salmon Recovery Grant Round schedule, send to the Working Group and TAG.	Renee Johnson & TAG Chair
Consider whether legacy projects fit into Planned Project Forecast List and add any to the list that fit the criteria.	Renee Johnson
Follow up with Tom Ostrom and Erik Steffens re mitigation in West Sound.	Renee Johnson
Send Renee your questions for Waterman Mitigation Partners to help them prepare for a future presentation to WSPER.	Working Group & Technical Advisory Group members
Invite Hood Canal, GPC, and Waterman Mitigation Partners to joint meeting centered around local restoration/mitigation work.	Renee Johnson & WSPER Coordination Team
Contact Renee Johnson by mid-May about the Planned Projects Forecast List (PPFL) 2023-2024 if planning to apply for salmon recovery funding in 2023-2024 for projects to be completed in the next 4-6 years. PPFL due June 13.	WG & TAG members

Introduction and WSPER Business

Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard/Working Group Chair, welcomed meeting participants (see page 5 for participant list) and gave an overview of the meeting agenda and objectives.

Sarah Heerhartz, Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (MSFEG), introduced Lisa Reynolds, a new project manager with MSFEG.

The group reviewed the February 8 Working Group meeting notes and March 22 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting notes. No edits were suggested.

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County/WSPER Coordinator, proposed changes to the 2022 WSPER Salmon Recovery Grant Round schedule/meeting schedule to give project sponsors more time to respond to comments from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Review Panel. After a brief discussion a better sequencing was requested to give project sponsors more time to address review panel comments and to facilitate TAG support, advice, and scoring activities.

Brenda Padgham suggested WSPER meetings be shorter and more concise.

Action item: Renee will work with others outside of the meeting to further revise the schedule and send it to the Working Group and TAG.

City of Port Orchard Project Request for Support

Zack Holt gave an overview of a City of Port Orchard Engineering Department's proposed project application for a US Department of Transportation RAISE Grant. The Bethel Corridor project, which crosses the Blackjack Creek basin, would employ some novel filtration and monitoring techniques to address particle and chemical runoff from tires. Zack requested a letter of support from WSPER. The group discussed the project and requested more information, including a map and written description to help inform whether WSPER would provide a letter of support.

Action item: Zack Holt to share a written description and map of the Bethel Corridor infiltration project. Renee Johnson to share information and collect responses to determine whether WSPER will provide letter of support.

Lead Entity (LE)

Proposed Project List and Scoring Criteria

Sarah Heerhartz, TAG Chair, shared the total grant request for this round of SRFB/PSAR funds is just under \$4 million and the expected funding is \$1.2 million. WSPER's 15 proposed projects were reviewed by the SRFB review panel and four are currently classified as *cleared*, two are *projects of concern*, and eight *need more information*. The TAG will rank and score projects and provide a list to the Working Group (per revised schedule).

There were no questions on the project list or scoring criteria.

PSAR Large Cap & Request from PSP PSAR Manager

Kathy Peters, Kitsap County, explained there were very few PSAR Large Cap applications throughout the region (only six preapplications submitted to date). The group discussed whether any WSPER projects could apply with a justification that they cannot be funded through the regular grant round. There was robust discussion regarding how requests should have regional significance. Kay Caromile noted a request must be at least \$1 million OR total more than the Lead Entity's allocation for that grant cycle.

Wild Fish Conservancy shared they are developing a budget for an estuary restoration design. They will share their request for additional funding with WSPER for review before submitting it to PSAR.

Legacy Projects

Kathy Peters suggested adding Legacy Projects to the [Salmon Recovery Portal](#) and potentially tagging them for inclusion on our Planned Project Forecast list so legislators and others can see all potential priority projects in our Lead Entity.

Action item: WSPER Coordination team to consider whether legacy projects should be added to the Salmon Recovery and/or tagged for the 2023-2024 Planned Project Forecast List.

Planned Projects Forecast List (PPFL) 2023-2024

Renee Johnson shared that this list is a tool RCO uses to communicate funding needs with legislators. The PPFL is due June 1st (due date changed to June 13). Contact Renee Johnson at rkjohnso@kitsap.gov to add a project.

Action item: Project sponsors contact Renee Johnson by mid-May if planning to apply for funding in 2023-2024 for projects that are reasonably expected to be complete within the next 4-6 years.

Additional comments from WSPER members:

- Brenda Padgham suggested WSPER begin a collaborative discussion to advocate for increased funding allocation to the WSPER LE.
- Christian Berg asked about the current allotment of funds for the LIO and LE.

Local Integrating Organization (LIO)

Action Agenda

The Puget Sound Partnership 2022-2026 Draft Action Agenda is accepting public comments from March 15 through 5:00pm on April 15, 2022.

Local Forum Report-Out, LIO Capacity Funding, & \$500k EPA

Renee explained EPA, PSP, and Strategic Initiative Leads (SILs) are working concurrently on three different levels of funding, including: 1) LIO WSPER operating/capacity funds of \$125,000/year for 4 years, 2) LIO \$500,000 capacity subawards designed to be used for local priorities and/or shared priorities with other LIOs, and 3) the larger EPA/National Estuary Program Funding. LIO coordinators will learn more at another upcoming forum. More information about operating and capacity funds is expected in June and more on the larger NEP funding, which will likely include RFP(s) and a standardized application process, is expected in October.

Partnering with Neighboring LIOs

Kathy Peters shared the importance of county-wide initiatives and partnering with other local LIOs like South Sound and Hood Canal on shared priorities like derelict vessels, fish barriers, and septic systems. Some other ideas were mentioned, including extending coastal catchment analysis work into West Sound, partnering on mobile marine pump out services (South Sound/Pierce), and to continuing Shore Friendly work.

Ecosystem Recovery Plan

Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates, shared the 2016 Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP) is being updated. The coordination team is working to produce an updated ERP Plan, which is to include measurable goals, by late summer/early fall 2022. Contact Annalise aritter@triangleassociates.com if interested in working on the ERP update.

Waterman Mitigation Partners (WMP) Discussion & Request for Questions

Renee Johnson shared she recently attended a WMP meeting and had the opportunity to ask questions and invite them to present to WSPER. WMP offered to present to WSPER, though they want to tailor a presentation for WSPER. Renee invited WSPER members to share questions they have for WMP. Highlights of the discussion are listed below.

- Members are interested in how mitigation banks and wetland credits work, WMPs geographic reach, who decides the dollar amount to level of restoration, who manages land after mitigation is complete, and how mitigation fits into the context of salmon and ecosystem recovery.
- There was a brief dialogue about an environmental report for the basin including timberland, nearshore, and freshwater habitats.
- The group discussed how Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is planning to do work on Ross Creek near the WMP office and land.

Renee Johnson emphasized the importance of setting up a productive and collaborative dynamic. Suggestions were made to invite Hood Canal colleagues to a WSPER meeting to share about in-lieu fee programs and to have more discussion with others in the group who were not present at today's meeting.

Action item: Renee Johnson to follow up with Tom Ostrom and Erik Steffens.

Action item: Continue WSPER conversation about mitigation, invite representatives from Hood Canal, GPC, and Waterman Mitigation Partners to a later meeting.

Roundtable Updates

Renee Johnson shared that several WSPER members are speaking at the upcoming Salish Sea Conference, noted that job announcements relating to WSPER will be shared via King County EcoNet, and invited the group to share ideas about a WSPER Newsletter. Renee is planning to attend Chehalis aquatic species symposium and will share relevant updates.

WSPER members and guests provided the following updates.

- The City of Port Orchard is accepting public comments for a Stormwater Management Update and watershed-scale DES permits is through May 10th.
- Pierce County is working on 9 different fish passage projects in the area including culvert and barrier replacements.
- MSFEG recently hired Lisa Reynolds for a West Sound project manager position. WSPER members can contact Sarah Heerhartz if interested in joining the Point No Point email list.
- Wild Fish Conservancy is coordinating with private landowners, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Pierce County, and several jurisdictions to prepare and submit water type modification forms to the Washington Department of Natural Resources with results of stream surveys to incorporate into official GIS data. Contact Jamie Glasgow with specific questions about streams and properties.
- Kitsap Conservation District shared a video compilation of restoration projects.
- The City of Bainbridge Island shared that \$236,000 of NEP funding was recently awarded to a Manzanita project and draft plans for rain garden designs are in progress.
- Chris Waldbillig with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, shared he will stay involved with the WSPER despite moving to a coastal-focused position.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Zack Holt thanked all for participating in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees (alphabetical by first name)

Alexia Henderson, WDFW

Ali Querin, Great Peninsula Conservancy

Aislin Gallagher, Kitsap County Public Works Stormwater

Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County

Becky Hollender, Puget Sound Partnership

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Bri Ellis, City of Gig Harbor

Carin Anderson, Kitsap County Conservation District

Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island

Chris Waldbillig, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

David Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works

Jamie Glasco, Wild Fish Conservancy

Kathy Peters, Kitsap County

Kay Caromile, Washington Recreation and Conservation Office

Lisa Reynolds, Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District

Marty Ereth, Pierce County

Matthew Medina, Kitsap County

Melissa Fleming, Stillwater Environmental Center

Rachel Bowen, City of Poulsbo

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County/WSPER Coordinator

Renee Scherdnik, Kitsap County

Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton

Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe

Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard and Working Group Chair

Annalise Ritter, Facilitator, Triangle Associates

Olivia Smith, Notetaker, Triangle Associates