



**Technical Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Summary**
May 24, 2022 | 9:30am – 11:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Objectives: Discuss SRFB Review Panel and TAG comments for proposed projects, discuss Fish Barrier Removal Board projects, Planned Project Forecast List, other WSPER business, and share updates on EPA/SILs forum, hear updates from members.

Action Items

Action Item	Responsible
Kay Caromile, RCO, to connect with Erik Steffens, GPC, about Cultural Resource funding.	Kay Caromile / Erik Steffens
Share revised project scoring sheet (correction to project list) to the TAG.	Renee Johnson <i>(complete)</i>
Complete project scoring by June 8 and send completed scoring sheet to WSPER Coordination Team. <i>(Note: After the May 24 meeting, deadline was extended by one day from June 7 to June 8)</i>	TAG members

Decisions by TAG

Approve April 12, 2022, WG & TAG meeting notes.

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (MSFEG) and TAG Chair, welcomed the group, led a roll call, and gave an overview of the meeting agenda and objectives.

The TAG approved the April 12 TAG/Working Group meeting notes. No edits were suggested.

Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordination Team, reviewed the WSPER 2022 Grant Round Scoring Packet and highlighted the June 7 deadline for the TAG to submit scores to the WSPER Coordination Team for processing and the July 26 deadline for the TAG to develop the final ranked list at their July meeting. *(Note: The scoring deadline was extended by one day after the May 24 meeting, to June 8.)* Renee noted an updated scoring packet would be sent out with the meeting follow up materials.

Action item: Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordination Team, to share a revised project scoring sheet (correction to project list) with the TAG.

SRFB Review Panel and TAG Comments

Sarah Heerhartz led a review of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Review Panel comments and asked the TAG to provide comments.

Floyds Cove Armor Restoration Effort

Doris Small, WDFW, explained the Floyds Cove armor restoration effort and design information, highlighting the road will be lowered, shoreline will be moved back, and impacted areas will be planted. Corey Morss, WDFW, emphasized the goal of moving the road back is to create a more natural shoreline that is not covered by the road.

- Kay Caromile, RCO, suggested WDFW illustrate the increased area of beach and outline the alternatives considered and why this option was selected in the design report.
- There was a brief discussion long-term forecasting, abandoning the road, and that the Department of Corrections is not willing to give up the road.

Henderson Bay Armor Removal Project

The Henderson Bay Armor Removal Project was cleared with a refined budget and editing of a comment about mountain beavers.

North Creek/Donkey Creek Culvert Replacement at Harborview Dr. Feasibility

Bri Ellis, City of Gig Harbor, noted that the city is working with a local consultant to obtain an estimate and scope for a cultural resources project element. Kay Caromile noted that RCO's staff archaeologist was able to review each project and provided comments related to cultural resources. Marty Erath commented on fish species in the stream. Bri shared they submitted an app for the Brian Abbott grant and will add that information to this request.

Salmonberry Creek Protection

Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy, gave an overview of the Salmonberry Creek Protection work noting the challenges with getting right of way access and permission. Erik explained there is an existing Wetland Preserve Program (WPP) conservation easement on part of the property, and RCO is comfortable with funding an easement held with GPC on the land where the existing easement is located. Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe, and Kay Caromile discussed RCO requirements and how Cultural Resources Assessments are only required in areas ground disturbance is present. Kay agreed to connect offline with Erik.

Long Lake Predation Assessment

Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy, and Sarah Heerhartz, MSFEG, shared they do not have any questions relating to the Long Lake Predation Assessment. There was a discussion between Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, and Jamie about coordination with WDFW fisheries and warm water program staff. It was noted there is an Advisory Group, including WDFW and the Suquamish Tribe, that has been collaborating with WDFW on this effort.

Long Lake Residential Riparian Enhancement

Sarah Heerhartz, MSFEG, explained MSFEG has been working with RCO to make the Long Lake Residential Riparian Enhancement project technically sound. Sarah shared a preference to make

revisions, assess review panel comments, and see if it is cleared in next round. There was a brief discussion about reducing water temperatures.

Cooper Creek Culvert Restoration

Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island, shared that the city is working with landowners on the Cooper Creek Culvert Restoration and welcomed input from the TAG on conducting tidal modeling to see how tides effect the culvert. Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, suggested studying feasibility and how that may answer more questions to inform adjusting the scope. Kay Caromile, RCO, suggested being very clear about other funding and the reasoning behind the project timeline.

Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration

Sarah Heerhartz, MSFEG, and Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island, explained a change in the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) application to request additional design funding and save Bainbridge Island funding for implementation.

Lower Manzanita Creek Restoration Design Project

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, explained the decision from the technical panel that the Lower Manzanita Creek Restoration Design Project may not have as many benefits to fish as hoped given the constraints with the watershed and Peterson Hill Road. There was a discussion about longer-term alternatives that are not constrained and address the road. Brenda shared they will likely withdraw project to continue discussions with the City of Bainbridge Island and see if its worth moving forward on.

Barnabee Final Design and Stream Restoration Project

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, reviewed existing conditions of the site highlighting where the culvert and upstream armor are on the stream. Brenda shared the landowner has been collaborative and supportive of efforts to recontour and raise the bank to create more naturalization and a wider channel. Several TAG members expressed support for their effort to address the landowners' concerns.

Rose Point Embayment Restoration

Sarah Heerhartz, MSFEG, shared they recently met with landowners to agree on the design plans and will soon share with the TAG an updated preliminary design including downstream sources of reed canary grass.

Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection

Erik Steffens, GPC, and Kay Caromile, RCO, discussed how cultural resources surveys are only needed when there are plans for ground disturbance at the site. Erik and Kay agreed to connect offline about potential recreation areas near the Stillwater Environmental Center is near the Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection site. There was a suggestion to allocate \$15,000 for cultural resources surveys.

Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration

Carin Anderson, Kitsap County Conservation District, shared they are doing cultural resource assessments at their two largest sites, but not for the proposed sites (ex. Curley Creek), and welcomed suggestions from the TAG for additional cultural resources assessments.

Kay Caromile, RCO, explained the initial review is to make sure people are considering cultural resources costs, and a more thorough review on the need can occur over the next 6 months.

Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Project

Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy, shared the restoration design is being updated to accommodate the grade at the site and capture the full tidal influence of a tidal lagoon. They will be reducing their grant request to just under \$250,000 if the design is not ready by the end of July. There was a brief discussion about the historical functions of the lagoon as a salt marsh with fresh water feeding into it from Finn Creek and addressing head cutting. Marty Ereth requested cross sections of what the lagoon may look like in different time series.

Action item: Jaimie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy, to share time series of Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Project with Marty Ereth, Pierce County.

Renee Johnson invited the TAG to share any updates with her via email if there are changes to projects budgets or information needs to be updated.

Action item: TAG members to contact Renee Johnson (rkjohnso@kitsap.gov) with any changes to project budgets or information.

Discussion Items and Updates

Planned Project Forecast List due June 16

Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordination Team, explained the list of 40 items will be available June 15 when it needs to be uploaded, and shared she will be contacting TAG members about budget updates, phasing, funding programs, etc. Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe, appreciated the FBRB asking Lead Entity's for this list and noted more advance of this request in the future would be appreciated.

Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) grants

Renee Johnson gave an overview of the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) spreadsheet highlighting the required questions for the Planned Project Forecast List (PPFL). Renee emphasized the importance of adding TAG projects to the PPFL to get the required points for scoring and how a prioritized list of fish barriers can help with future efforts. There was a brief discussion about a letter of support for the Schoolhouse at 108th from Lead Entities. It was noted the prioritized list of fish barriers is a large undertaking.

Waterman Mitigation Partners

Renee Johnson shared she invited Waterman Mitigation Partners to join a future meeting.

EPA/SILS/PSP \$500,000 subaward

Renee Johnson shared this will be coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the expectation is LIO's will help that funding to plan and queue additional funding in the future.

Ecosystem Recovery Plan Approach

Annalise Ritter, WSPER Coordination Team, shared Triangle is working to schedule an initial meeting of TAG sub-group members to discuss continuation of the ERP update. If interested in participating, WSPER members can contact the WSPER Coordination Team.

Action item: Contact Annalise Ritter (aritter@triangleassociates.com) or Olivia Smith (osmith@triangleassociates.com) if interested in participating in the Ecosystem Recovery Plan Sub-Group of the TAG.

Roundtable Updates

Julie Steigerwaldt, GPC, shared she will be joining WSPER and focusing on projects in Northern Kitsap County.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Renee Johnson reviewed the action items and next steps noting the deadline to submit project scoring is June 7 (*note: later extended to June 8*) for WSPER Coordination Team to distribute to the TAG.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Alexia Henderson, WDFW	Kay Caromile, Recreation and Conservation Office
Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust	Rebecca Hollander, Puget Sound Partnership
Bri Ellis, City of Gig Harbor	Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER Coordinator
Carin Anderson, Kitsap County Conservation District	Marty Ereth, Pierce County
Christina Kereki, Kitsap County	Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District
Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island	Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
Corey Morss, WDFW	Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy	Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe
Dave Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works	Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe
Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy	Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard
Deb Rudnick, Bainbridge Island Watershed Council	
Doris Small, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy	Olivia Smith, Triangle Associates
Kathy Peters, Kitsap County	