



Technical Advisory Group & Working Group Meeting
 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | June 14, 2022 | Remote Meeting

Meeting Summary DRAFT v. 6/27/22

Action Item	Responsible Party
Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordination Team, uploaded the 2022 Planned Project Forecast List [linked here] . Thank you to all who contributed to our list of 60 projects. Renee sent the Grant Round tallied scores to the TAG Friday afternoon 6/17.	Renee Johnson (<i>complete</i>)
Renee to follow up with Erik Steffens regarding Hood Canal’s mitigation program and possible presentation at August 2 Working Group meeting.	Renee Johnson/Initiated & Invited (<i>complete</i>)
Renee to check on ESRP and FBRB funding timelines to inform project funding requests for the TAG.	Renee Johnson/Initiated (<i>complete</i>)
WSPER Coordination Team to share updated May 24 TAG meeting summary [linked here] .	Triangle Associates
Renee to share informational slides about Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) from EPA/SILS meetings with the Working Group.	Renee Johnson (<i>complete</i>)
WSPER Coordination Team to finalize and distribute WSPER needs survey.	Triangle Associates/Renee (<i>Complete, survey in progress</i>)
Working Group members to share suggestions for the needs survey with the WSPER Coordination Team.	Working Group members

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordination Team, welcomed the group, led a roll call, and gave an overview of the meeting agenda and objectives.

The TAG had two edits to the May 24 TAG summary.

Preliminary Project Ranking

Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group, and Renee Johnson gave an overview of the timeline and process for normalizing scores for project ranking. Renee then walked through the Preliminary Project Ranking Table with raw scores, mean, project name, grant request, PRISM number, and running total.

It was confirmed the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) funding allocation will be made available in September 2022.

TAG members requested additional time to review the WSPER 2022 Grant Round Scoring Packet and discuss at a future meeting. TAG members will see the final status of the SRFB review panel ahead of the final review period.

David Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works, shared Hood Canal had a dedicated staff member who reviewed the data and statistics to differentiate projects with similar scores.

Renee shared the next TAG meeting will be dedicated to developing the final ranked list and agreed to share the updated list with the TAG via email.

Kathy Peters, WSPER Coordination Team, suggested the TAG focus the review discussions on sequencing and strategizing ways to adjust current budget requests (ex. All projects cut \$25,000), rather than process, noting more funding will become available in September and will focus on cost increases and active projects.

The TAG was asked to consider at the August TAG meeting which projects are waiting to hear from other funding sources (ex. Fletcher Bay Culvert applied for FBRB funding) and discuss which projects were denied. It was noted the ESRP and FBRB should have preliminary ranking in August, and the ranked project list is a SRFB deadline for final ranking in September.

Renee Johnson commented on the Planned Project Forecast List (PPFL) list, noting a few legacy projects of the 57 will be removed. It was reiterated the PPFL is a tool for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to communicate funding needs with legislature and is a contract deliverable. There was a brief discussion between Marty Ereth, Kathy Peters, and Renee Johnson about including Purdy Creek.

TAG members are encouraged to review the project descriptions of the PPFL list ([linked here](#)).

There was a brief discussion on how the PSAR Large Cap projects have a scoring category for targeted watersheds.

Action item: Renee Johnson will send the WSPER 2022 Grant Round Scoring Packet with tallied scores to the TAG to review.

Action item: Renee will check on ESRP and FBRB funding timelines to inform project funding requests.

Working Group

Welcome & Housekeeping

Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard and Working Group Chair, welcomed those who joined after the TAG meeting, led an overview of the meeting agenda, and announced Kathy Peters' retirement on June 30, 2022.

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

Renee Johnson explained an upcoming WSPER needs survey that will be shared with the Working Group to gather feedback on the current meeting structure, participation, and interest in in person meetings. Zack Holt suggested revisiting the symposium concept for public involvement.

Action item: Working Group members to share suggestions for the needs survey with the WSPER Coordination Team.

Lead Entity

Preliminary Project List Proposed by TAG and update on \$75 million for salmon projects

Renee Johnson noted the allocation was increased this year as the state received an additional \$75 million (\$25 million for projects under \$5 million and \$50 million for projects over \$5 million). It was noted there were no WSPER projects over \$5 million. Renee gave an overview of the preliminary project ranking list and shared the TAG is working on normalizing ranking the list. The TAG will be doing a final ranking in July and for the Working Group to review, before going to the Executive Committee to be submitted August 11th.

Legacy Projects

The Salmon Recovery Council is continuing to review legacy projects, which are longstanding large projects not in the queue for salmon recovery (ex. Hood Canal Bridge).

Planned Project Forecast List due June 15

Renee Johnson explained the PPFL ([linked here](#)) is a comprehensive list of over 50 projects from Bainbridge Island to Pierce County that are seeking funding. The list was submitted to the RCO on June 15.

FBRB Grant Applications

Renee Johnson suggested Working Group projects be on the PPFL list if applying for FBRB funding, for additional discussion and potential letters of support in future grant rounds.

Local Integrating Organization (LIO)

New funding model for LIOs collaborating with SILS, PSP, EPA on operationalization of local recovery work

Renee Johnson shared various Strategic Initiative Leads (SILS) forums have been discussing how to allocate the \$500,000, noting it will be a standardized RFP application process to be available in October 2022. Renee then gave an overview of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding in Washington (\$8.6 billion) within Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) over a five-year period.

WSPER members made the following suggestions and comments regarding funding and local recovery work.

- Project sponsors could help prioritize and facilitate projects on the PPFL at the appropriate times.
- Creating a universal database and improving existing technology would help to communicate efforts underway for improving the health of Puget Sound.
- Pierce County and the City of Port Orchard do not have the staffing capacity to handle significant funding and are focusing on work in the next five years. A participant suggested a green jobs focused approach in anticipation of additional staffing needs.

Marty Ereth shared Sean Goldsmith, Pierce County, was contact by professors at the University of Washington regarding a salmon culvert presentation on Wednesday June 22.

Ecosystem Recovery Plan

Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates/WSPER Coordination Team, shared the Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP) Sub-Group Kick-Off meeting will be held on June 15 from 4:00-5:00pm. The meeting will focus on context setting and laying the groundwork for creating a functional updated 2022-2026 ERP.

Tentative August Site Visit

The WSPER Coordination Team is working with the Executive Committee to shift their August 11 meeting to August 9 and to occur before an in-person site visit near Golf Club Hill Road.

Waterman Mitigation Partners August 2

Waterman Mitigation Partners have been invited to participate in the August 2 Working Group meeting. Working Group members are encouraged to share if others should be invited to this meeting or have suggestions on the approach to working with them.

Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge, shared a preference to hear from multiple mitigation entities and collect as much information as possible.

Erik Steffans, GPC, explained GPC is not an expert but is happy to participate in discussions. GPC experience relates to receiving and holding properties purchased by the HCCC.

Marty Ereth and Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech discussed aligning the Transportation Improvement Program with fish barrier efforts. A concern was expressed about using Pierce County as a model for this as the plan focuses on roadwork over fish passage related items.

Erik Steffans and Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech discussed the timing and process of the Conservation Futures bond (\$1.3-1.4M) which expires in 2024.

Roundtable Updates

Pierce County is working on their 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update and invited several watershed councils to a recent webinar that included how to engage in the public comment process.

A suggestion was made to invite Erik Baker, the Kitsap County Planning Lead, to a future Working Group meeting if Working Group members would like.

Kitsap County Department of Community Development is hiring a Natural Resources 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

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Bri Ellis, City of Gig Harbor

Carin Anderson, Kitsap County Conservation District

Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island
Christina Kereki, Kitsap County
David Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works
Deb Rudnick, Bainbridge Island Watershed Council
Erik Steffans, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
Jim Aho, Ilahee Forest Preserve
Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Kathy Peters, Kitsap County
Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County
Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District
Marty Ereth, Pierce County
Matthew Medina, Kitsap County
Melissa Fleming, Stillwater Environmental Center
Paul Williams, Suquamish Tribe
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
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe
Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard and Working Group Chair
Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates
Olivia Smith, Triangle Associates