



In – Person Executive Committee
 Kitsap Golf and Country Club
 Business Meeting & Field Visit Agenda
 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | August 9, 2022 Draft 8.8.2022

WSPER is the lead entity for salmon recovery in eastern WRIA 15 and the Local Integrating Organization for Puget Sound ecosystem recovery in the North Central Action Area.

Meeting Purpose: For the Executive Committee to (1) approve the list of WSPER 2022 Salmon Recovery Grant Round projects and (2) hear regional and WSPER business updates (3) visit Chico Creek project sites.

WSPER Executive Committee Business Meeting			
Location: Kitsap Golf and Country Club meeting room (next to the ballroom upstairs) 3885 NW Golf Club Hill Road, Bremerton, Washington 98312			
Time	Topic	Lead	Materials/Resources
9:30 (5 min)	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review meeting purpose and agenda – Establish Quorum – Decision needed: Accept March meeting summary – Public comment 	Chairman Leonard Forsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda - March meeting summary
9:35 (20 min)	Regional & WSPER Business Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$500,000 BIL capacity funding to remain at PSP – Ecosystem Coordination Board updates – Overview of LIO Contracts 	Laura Blackmore, Executive Director, PSP Commissioner Charlotte Garrido Kirvie Mesebeluu- Yobech	

9:55 (10 min)	Decisions and Recommendations – Review 2022 Salmon Habitat Project List <i>Decision needed: Consider approving 2022 salmon Recovery Grant Round project list</i>	Zack Holt	- 2022 Salmon Habitat Project Memo & List
10:05 (20 min)	Project Highlight: Chico Creek Restoration Presentation	Tom Ostrom	
10:25 (5 min)	Wrap-up & Public Comment	Chairman Forsman	
10:30	Adjourn & head to Chico Salmon Viewing Park		

Project Highlight: Chico Field Visits		
10:30 – 10:40 (10 min)	Travel to Chico Salmon Viewing Park, 3121 Chico Way NW	
10:40 – 11:00 (20 min)	Site 1 – Chico Creek Fish Passage at Golf Club Hill Road and Salmon Park Habitat Restoration	Tom Ostrom (Suquamish Tribe) Tina Nelson (Kitsap County)
11:00 – 11:10 (10 min)	Travel to Kittyhawk Drive (park near 4264 Kitty Hawk Drive NW)	
11:10 – 11:30 (20 min)	Site 2 – Kitty Hawk Road Culvert Removal (Chico Estuary Restoration) – SR3 project update	Tom Ostrom (Suquamish Tribe) Ben Ford (WSDOT)



Executive Committee Web Meeting
 March 3, 2022 | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
 Meeting Summary DRAFT v. 3/8/22

Action Item	Responsible Party
Facilitate coordination among jurisdictions interested in vessel pump out programs.	WSPER Coordination Team

Executive Committee Members in Attendance

- Becky Erickson, City of Poulsbo, Mayor
- Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County, Commissioner
- Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton, Mayor
- Roger Henderson, City of Gig Harbor, Councilmember
- Joe Deets, City of Bainbridge Island, Mayor
- Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe, Chairman
- Mark Dorsey, City of Port Orchard, Public Works Director

Executive Committee Members Not in Attendance

- Derek Young, Pierce County, Councilmember
- Jeromy Sullivan, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, Chairman

Welcome and Introduction

Executive Committee Chair, Chairman Forsman, opened the meeting and led a round of introductions. The group welcomed Councilmember Roger Henderson, City of Gig Harbor, as the WSPER Executive Committee’s newest member. Renee Johnson, Kitsap County/WSPER Coordinator, reviewed the agenda and meeting purpose.

The group established a quorum and approved the November 4, 2021, Executive Committee meeting notes via a motion.

Decision: Accept November 4, 2021, Meeting Summary.

Regional Updates

Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) Meeting Updates

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido and Kathy Peters, Kitsap County, shared a letter from the ECB to the WSPER Executive Committee thanking them for hosting the West Sound Local Forum in October 2021. The letter affirms what the ECB learned about local priorities in the West Sound Local Integrating Organization (LIO) and what follow up actions the ECB plans to take in the legislative session. Kathy

noted that WSPER's recommendations were well received, and jurisdictions are being encouraged to incorporate salmon recovery plans into their comprehensive plans moving forward.

2022 Legislative Updates

Don Gourlie, Legislative Policy Director for the Puget Sound Partnership, reviewed a list of bills the Partnership is tracking closely that are aligned salmon and habitat conservation work. A written update can be viewed online [here](#). Don also shared the Partnership's [interactive budget breakdown webpage](#). Participants can contact Don with questions at don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov. Highlights from the group's discussion are listed below.

- Don clarified that House Bill 1117 focuses on watershed level planning for net ecological gain.
- Don clarified that the intent of the changes to proposed legislation on climate change is to focus on adaptation rather than mitigation. He noted a perceived tension between affordable housing and environmental concerns.
- Director Mark Dorsey, City of Port Orchard, shared that a robust meeting was held between several agencies and local jurisdictions on the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone for vessels. At this meeting the Department of Natural Resources noted that while increased federal funding for the Derelict Vessel Program is being discussed, DNR will likely still need to rely on assistance from local jurisdictions to manage on-water living practices.

Decisions and Recommendations

Recommendation for use of National Estuary Program (NEP) Geographic Funds

Renee Johnson explained the change in the funding model of NEP money between 2021 and 2022. In the past, WSPER received \$100,000 annually from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the NEP to fund Near Term Actions (NTAs). Beginning in 2022, NTAs will no longer be used and LIOs will receive a lump sum of \$500,000 to spend over the 2022-2026 period.

In this transition, LIOs were given an option to use \$100,000 of the anticipated \$500,000 subaward for a 2018 NTA, or to keep the \$500,000 new NEP Funding Model subaward whole. After reviewing available funding guidance and doing outreach with the WSPER Working Group and NTA owners, the WSPER Coordination Team recommends keeping the \$500,000 whole.

The Executive Committee discussed the recommendation. Highlights of the discussion are listed below.

- It was clarified that EPA provides guidance for the funding in fiscal year 2021-2025 to Strategic Initiative Leads (SILs). The guidance is then passed to LIOs.
- The 2022-2026 Action Agenda is focused on high-level watershed planning rather than on development of local NTAs.
- The \$500,000 sum is not competitive.
- On March 16, 2022, WSPER will participate in a forum with EPA, the SILs, the Puget Sound Partnership, and other LIOs to discuss a multi-year strategy on how best to use the \$500,000.
- The two NTA projects that were put forward for the possible \$100,000 were the Parish Creek Fish Barrier Removal (City of Bremerton) and the Sediments in Puget Sound study (Department of Ecology). Mayor Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton, confirmed that despite having put forward a project for the \$100,000 option, Bremerton supports keeping the \$500,000 whole. Mayor Becky Erickson, City of Poulsbo, expressed that \$100,000 is too small of an amount to make effective progress on a project.
- Available funding guidance suggests LIOs use NEP Geographic Funds for non-capital needs.

Mayor Becky Erickson, City of Poulsbo, made a motion to approve the recommendation to keep the \$500,000 NEP Geographic Funds whole for 2022-2026. The motion was seconded by Mayor Joe Deets, City of Bainbridge Island. All members present voted in favor. There were no objections.

Decision: Approve recommendation by WSPER Coordination Team to keep \$500,000 NEP Geographic funds whole.

WSPER Work Plan for 2022

Renee Johnson provided an overview of the 2022 Work Plan, noting how it is divided into Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery and Local Integration Organization (LIO) by task, timeline, and outreach plans. The draft work plan follows contract deliverables. The plan was approved by the other two committees and is brought forward for approval by the Executive Committee. The group briefly discussed the Work Plan, noting an edit could be made to more clearly show ongoing work items.

Mayor Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton, made a motion to approve the 2022 WSPER Work Plan. The motion was seconded by Director Mark Dorsey, City of Port Orchard. All members present voted in favor. There were no objections.

Decision: Approve the WSPER 2022 Work Plan.

Round Table Updates

Kitsap County: Kitsap County Commissioners are waiting on the final report for the Conversation Futures Pilot Program, which was initiated by the Salmon Recovery Subcommittee and is set to conclude in March.

Pierce County: In addition to Washington State Parks' mobile pump out boat, Pierce County has a mobile pump out boat that can reach areas not served on a regular basis during busier boating periods. The County is considering whether to expand services north with a second boat. Pierce County is also working on a coastal flooding management plan.

Port Orchard: Port Orchard is also interested in solutions to control water quality via pump out options and participated in a discussion with state and local agencies about no-discharge zones. Port Orchard noted a safety concern for operators of pump out boats and a desire for the Coast Guard to assist. The city is working with the State on two injunction listings on Ross and Johnson Creeks to improve estuaries. Port Orchard is also working on stormwater comprehensive planning, including storm drainage capital facility charges and purchasing a large parcel for stormwater drainage.

City of Bremerton: On Ostrich Creek, Bremerton is installing 14 stormwater vaults to control runoff and working to remove fish barriers. The Oyster Bay sewer project is underway, working with residents in the effort to move the sewer system further upland. Bremerton is also updating its Stormwater Comprehensive Plan to identify stormwater treatment retrofits in high priority areas that have been degraded the most. The city is also working in Kitsap Lake to help improve shellfish beds in Chico Creek.

City of Poulsbo: Poulsbo is working to replace culverts on Lemolo Drive and Johnson Road/Roundabout on State Route 305. The city hopes to fix two additional culverts to allow salmon to spawn by Poulsbo Elementary School. As land prices rise, Poulsbo seeks opportunities to add recreation uses on top of stormwater vaults and to develop stormwater parks. Rachel Bowen was introduced as the new stormwater manager.

City of Bainbridge Island: Bainbridge Island is beginning to work with a design consultant for Springbrook Creek. Additional projects include applying to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board for funding for Cooper Creek and conducting a watershed assessment of Little Manzanita.

City of Gig Harbor: Public Works seeks a contractor to conduct a feasibility study for the North Creek culvert replacement at Donkey Park. The city hopes to buy three undeveloped parcels along North Creek to put under conservation easements. The new City Council membership is adding climate change to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Suquamish Tribe: The Suquamish Tribe is working with the Department of Health on upgrading a portion of Ostrich Bay Creek shellfish beds for harvest and consumption. The Tribe hopes to initiate a similar project in Liberty Bay. The City of Poulsbo request to be included in updates on the Tribe's work on Liberty Bay.

Local Updates

2022 WSPER Salmon Recovery Grant Round

Renee Johnson shared that WSPER is in the middle of the 2022 Salmon Recovery Grant Round which will allocate \$1.2 million to local planning, assessment, construction, and acquisition projects that benefit salmon habitat. The current list of proposed projects totals \$4.5 million in grant requests. WSPER received 24 letters of intent and the list has since narrowed to 18 projects (see Attachment A). Site visits with project sponsors, TAG members, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) review panelists will take place on March 17-18, 2022.

Project Highlight

2021 State of the Sound Report

Nathalie Hamel and Jon Bridgeman, Puget Sound Partnership, shared a [video](#) on the State of the Sound 2021 Report and gave an overview of some vital signs that are improving, holding steady, or declining ([slides here](#)). Participants can contact Nathalie and Jon with questions at nathalie.hamel@psp.wa.gov and jon.bridgman@psp.wa.gov.

Public Comment(s): None

Wrap-Up

Chairman Forsman closed the meeting and thanked participants. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 5, 2022.

The meeting ran late and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Staff and Other Attendees

- Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County
- Chance Berthiaume, City of Bremerton
- Don Gourlie, Puget Sound Partnership

- Kathy Peters, Kitsap County
- Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County
- Mark Dorsey, City of Port Orchard
- Rachel Bowen, City of Poulsbo
- Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER Coordinator
- Mary Ereth, Pierce County
- Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe
- Nathalie Hamel, Puget Sound Partnership
- Jon Bridgman, Puget Sound Partnership
- Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton
- Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates / WSPER Support
- Olivia Smith, Triangle Associates / WSPER Support

Appendix
Attachment A:

Project	Sponsor	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
McNeil Island Estuary Restoration - Bodley Creek & Floyds Cove	WDFW	495,250.00	1,204,750.00	\$1,700,000.00
Henderson Bay Armor Removal Design	Pierce Conservation District	178,000.00	0.00	\$178,000.00
North Creek/Donkey Creek Culvert Replacement at Harborview Dr. Feasibility	City of Gig Harbor	25,000.00	50,000.00	\$75,000.00
Salmonberry Creek Protection	GPC	467,000.00	283,000.00	\$750,000.00
Long Lake Predation Assessment	MSFEG, Wild Fish Conservancy	75,000.00	13,500.00	\$88,500.00
Long Lake Residential Riparian Enhancement	MSFEG	65,000.00	12,000.00	\$77,000.00
Cooper Creek Culvert Restoration	City of Bainbridge Island	793,224.23	139,980.77	\$933,205.00
Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	500,000.00	1,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Lower Manzanita Creek Restoration Design Project	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	35,000.00	10,000.00	\$45,000.00
Barnabee Final Design and Stream Restoration Project	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	200,000.00	175,109.00	\$375,109.00
Rose Point Embayment Restoration	MSFEG	418,375.00	81,625.00	\$500,000.00
Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection	GPC	482,000.00	1,500,000.00	\$1,982,000.00

Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration	Kitsap Conservation District	200,000.00	30,000.00	\$230,000.00
Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Project	Wild Fish Conservancy	453,000.00	97,000.00	\$550,000.00
Skunk Bay Armor Removal	MSFEG	42,500.00	7,500.00	\$50,000.00
		\$4,429,349.23	\$4,604,464.77	\$9,033,814.00



Memo for the WSPER Executive Committee

August 9, 2022

Agenda Topic

2022 Draft Salmon Habitat Recovery Project List

WSPER Executive Committee Action Request

- Decision
- None – information and discussion
- None – written briefing only

Decision Needed

The Executive Committee is asked to review and accept the prioritized list of salmon habitat projects (see page 3) recommended by the Working Group with the understanding the projects will be funded in priority order.

Background and Context

One of a Lead Entity's responsibility is to develop and submit a prioritized list of habitat projects to the salmon recovery funding board for funding. In 2022, WSPER is developing a list of projects eligible for \$295,932 of Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) funds, an estimated \$991,000 in Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds, and an additional allocation of \$347,946 from Washington State's supplemental budget (as part of a special appropriation of \$25 million spread across the state). Approximately \$1.63 million in salmon recovery funding is available for WSPER projects. The \$295,932 SRFB funds and \$347,946 from the supplemental budget will be available in September 2022. The \$991,000 PSAR funds may be available in July 2023 depending on budget decisions made by the state legislature and governor in the 2023 legislative and budget session.

The prioritized salmon habitat project list must be approved by a committee that consists of representative interests of counties, cities, conservation districts, tribes, environmental groups, business interests, landowners, citizens, volunteer groups, regional fish enhancement groups, and other habitat interests (RCW 77.85.050).

Prioritization Process

All projects were screened to ensure alignments with local strategies and priorities. The projects are prioritized based on the following scoring criteria: scope and cost of the project (10 points), benefits to fish (20 points), and certainty of success (15 points). Project scores have been normalized to help remove scorer bias. The project ranking is developed by the salmon habitat Technical Advisory Group and reviewed by the WSPER Working Group. The ranked project list represents a staff and community-based



recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approval is the final action of our community/citizen based process of developing and submitting a list of projects.

Organizations Represented on the Working Group and a subset* on the Salmon Habitat Technical Advisory Group

- City of Bainbridge Island
- Bainbridge Island Land Trust*
- Bainbridge Island Watershed Council*
- City of Bremerton*
- City of Gig Harbor*
- Kitsap Conservation District*
- Kitsap County Department of Community Development*
- Kitsap County Public Works*
- Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group*
- Pierce Conservation District*
- Pierce County Public Works*
- City of Port Orchard*
- Squaxin Island Tribe*
- Suquamish Tribe*
- WA Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- Wild Fish Conservancy*
- WSU Extension
- Great Peninsula Conservancy*
- Stillwaters Environmental Learning Center
- Illahee Preserve

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Recommended Prioritized 2020 Salmon Habitat Recovery Project List

The red dotted line shows the funding cut-off at \$1,634,882.

Rank	Project Name	PRISM #	Project Category	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Funding Request	SRFB/PSAR Award
1	Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection	22-1131	Acquisition	GPC	\$ 1,534,120	\$ 1,042,200.00	\$ 491,920	\$ 491,920
2	Finn Creek Estuary Final Design & Permit	22-1098	Planning - Final Design	WFC	\$ 188,000.00	\$ -	\$ 188,000	\$ 188,000
3	Rose Point Embayment Restoration	22-1100	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 1,220,598	\$ 251,000	\$ 909,598	\$ 909,595
4	Salmonberry Creek Protection	22-1110	Acquisition	GPC	\$ 808,100	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 488,100	\$ 45,367
5	Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration	22-1121	Planning - Design (final)	MSFEG, City of BI	\$ 134,300.00	\$ 23,700.00	\$ 158,000	
6	Barnabee Final Design and Stream Restoration Project	22-1319	Planning & Restoration	BILT	\$ 375,109	\$ 175,109.00	\$ 200,000	
7	McNeil Island Estuary Restoration - Bodley Creek & Floyds Cove	22-1345	Planning & Restoration	WDFW	\$ 1,136,75	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 502,750	
8	Skunk Bay Armor Removal	22-1120	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 35,000	
9	Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration	22-1111	Restoration	KCD	\$ 284,756	\$ 42,756.00	\$ 242,000	
10	Henderson Bay Armor Removal Design	22-1126	Planning (preliminary)	PCD	\$ 118,270.00	\$ -	\$ 118,270	
11	Long Lake Predation Assessment	22-1112	Planning (assessment)	MSFEG	\$ 88,500	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 75,000	
					\$ 5,523,351.00	\$ 2,427,265.00	\$ 3,408,638	\$ 1,634,882