

Technical Advisory Group Agenda & Meeting Materials
November 15, 2022 | 9:30 - 11:00

[Zoom Link*](#)

Meeting Purpose:

- Decide upon method for developing a 2023 prioritized list (anticipated SRFB \$295,932 Sept 2023)
- Nominate/confirm 2023 TAG Chair and Salmon Recovery Council officers
- Discuss 2023 proposed meeting schedule
- Discuss emerging and standing topics
- Learn about new Salmon Recovery Portal features

Time	Topic	Lead	Materials
9:30	Welcome, introductions, and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions and round table - Review agenda and meeting purpose - Review & approve draft meeting summary - Opportunity for public comment 	Sarah Heerhartz	Agenda Meeting summary (pages 3 through 8 below)
9:45	2023 Nomination/confirmation of officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TAG Chair - Salmon Recovery Council Representatives 	Renee Johnson	
9:50	2023 Salmon recovery priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of current needs - Review 2022 ranked list - Grant round discussion/options/Letters of Intent - Discuss 2023 meeting schedule 	Sarah Heerhartz	2022 Ranked list (page 2 below)
10:20	Standing and emerging topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salmon Recovery Council report-out - Letters of support (requested or needed) - Discuss National Estuary Program RFPs - No Child Left Inside grant 	Sarah Heerhartz Tom Ostrom	
10:35	Salmon Recovery Portal presentation (RCO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn about changes to Salmon Recovery Portal, new features, alignment with PRISM 	Chantel Krider Jessica Fish	
10:55	Wrap-up and adjourn	Sarah Heerhartz	

*Additional Zoom info:

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2022 Ranked List (for review when developing 2023 priorities)

Rank	Project Name	PRISM #	Project Category	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Funding Request	Recommended Award
1	Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection	22-1131	Acquisition	GPC	\$ 1,534,120	\$ 1,042,200	\$ 491,920	\$ 491,920
2	Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Design	22-1098	Planning - Design	WFC	\$ 1,220,598	\$ -	\$ 188,000	\$ 188,000
3	Rose Point Embayment Restoration	22-1100	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 909,598	\$ 161,000	\$ 909,598	\$ 909,595
4	Salmonberry Creek Protection	22-1110	Planning - Design	GPC	\$ 808,100	\$ 320,000	\$ 488,100	\$ 45,367.00
5	Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration	22-1121	Planning - Design (final)	MSFEG, City of BI	\$ 134,300	\$ 23,700	\$ 158,000	
6	Barnabee Final Design and Stream Restoration Project	22-1319	Planning - Design (final)	BILT	\$ 375,109	\$ 175,109	\$ 200,000	
7	McNeil Island Estuary Restoration - Bodley Creek & Floyds Cove	22-1345	Planning & Restoration	WDFW	\$ 1,136,75	\$ 634,000	\$ 502,750	
8	Skunk Bay Armor Removal	22-1120	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 35,000	
9	Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration	22-1111	Restoration	KCD	\$ 284,756	\$ 42,756	\$ 242,000	
10	Henderson Bay Armor Removal Design	22-1126	Planning (preliminary)	PCD	\$ 118,270	\$ -	\$ 118,270	
11	Long Lake Predation Assessment	22-1112	Planning (assessment)	MSFEG	\$ 88,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 75,000	
					\$ 5,523,351	\$ 2,427,265	\$ 3,408,638	\$ 1,634,882



Technical Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Summary
 July 26, 2022 | 9:30am – 12:00pm
 Zoom Meeting

Meeting Objectives: (1) for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to review a prioritized list of salmon habitat projects and discuss strategic use of funding available, (2) for the TAG to review the 4-year workplan.

Intended Outcome: For the TAG to develop a ranked list of salmon habitat projects to recommend to the WSPER Working Group for prioritizing salmon recovery funding.

Action Items

Action Item	Responsible
Renee to send out the draft 4-Year Work Plan for TAG review via email.	Renee Johnson
TAG to review the draft 4-Year Work Plan and send Renee any comments via email.	TAG members
Project sponsors to provide updated cost estimate/funding request to WSPER Coordinator.	Sarah Heerhartz Jamie Glasgow Erik Steffens
Kitsap County to connect with the Suquamish Tribe and others to regarding an effort to reach out to the Navy about replacing the last remaining railroad culvert on Dickerson Creek.	Carin Anderson Steve Todd
WSPER Coordination Team to draft a memo for the Executive Committee presenting the project ranking and describing the project scoring process undertaken by the TAG.	WSPER Coordination Team

Decisions by TAG

Approve May 24, 2022, TAG meeting notes.
Approve the draft Salmon Recovery Grant Round 2022 list for proposal to the Working Group.

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. Sean Goldsmith, Pierce County, and Naomi Gebo, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), introduced themselves as new attendees.

The TAG approved the May 24 TAG meeting notes. No edits were made.

Opportunity for public comment: No public comments were presented.

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County and WSPER Coordinator, shared that she is working in Salmon Recovery Portal to add the 4-Year Workplan tag to all projects on the 2022 Ranked Salmon Habitat Recovery Project list and the Planned Project Forecast List. This is one step in updating WSPER's 4-year Workplan, which currently has about 140 active, dormant, and complete projects. Completed projects will retain their 4-Year Workplan tag as a historical record. Feedback is requested by August 5. See the list [here](#).

Action item: Renee will send out a draft 4-Year Work Plan for the TAG to review via email.

Grant Round Overview & Updates

Renee Johnson reviewed the WSPER 2022 Grant Round preliminary ranking, which was done in June. The final ranking was delayed to today to allow time for Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Review Panel comments and status to be received. Scores were normalized to remove scorer bias. The WSPER Coordination Team acknowledged TAG feedback regarding scoring process (using normalized scores vs raw scores and whether or not to share a scorer's name). Renee suggested the TAG discuss and agree upon the method to be used for the next grant round to honor the needs of the WSPER TAG and our process, while also protecting the anonymity of those expecting it this year. Renee mentioned she corrected a small error in the scoring table for Benefits to Fish (for Barnabee and Rose Point), which did not change the rankings. See Attachment A for the preliminary project resulting from the TAG scoring process. Renee reminded the group that a consensus decision for the ranked list is preferred; if needed, the group would move to a majority vote in which each organization would receive one vote. The WSPER Working Group is scheduled to review and consider the project list on August 2, and the Executive Committee will review and consider the list for approval on August 9.

Brenda Padgham suggested the normalized scoring process be explained to the Executive Committee or that the proposed list be presented with a rank instead of a score since some normalized scores are negative values.

Action Item: Renee will draft a memo for Executive Committee presenting the project ranking and describing the project scoring process undertaken by the TAG.

Opportunities for Project Sponsors to Discuss Scope/Budget Changes and Conditioned Status

This section summarizes the TAG's discussion about specific projects that submitted changes to their budgets after scores were submitted.

Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Budget Changes

Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC), explained that WFC is removing the construction funding from the project funding request due to updated hydraulic analysis that identified potential for erosion during storm events. The Salmon Recovery Grant requires design to be completed. By removing construction funding and adding more design funding to its request, WFC is reducing its funding request

from \$300,000 to \$180,000. Jamie noted that community support for the project is strong and WFC is working to address concerns about parking and park access. Preliminary designs are expected to be complete in December 2022, and WC will continue to final design depending on available funding. WFC may apply for construction funding in the 2023 grant round, or it may wait another year due to the size of the request. Jamie also noted that WFC received a cost increase of about \$6,000 not reflected in the budget as scored by the TAG, which WFC is prepared to find other funding for unless other grant round projects end up needing less money in their budgets.

McNeil Island Estuary Restoration:

Renee shared an update provided by the project sponsor regarding the SRFB conditions. The project sponsor will accept all conditions.

Rose Point Embayment Restoration

Sara Heerhartz, MSFEG, shared that MSFEG received the preliminary basis of design report on June 5. This included an increased cost estimate. Sarah is working to update the budget to reflect the cost increase as well as remove the bridge construction work from the budget as that will be paid for by the Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP), which cannot be used as match funding. There was discussion of whether the reduction in Rose Point's budget request could be directed toward the Finn Creek Estuary Restoration project budget request.

Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration

Sarah Heerhartz clarified that there was a mistake in the PRISM system and the correct funding request for this project is \$136,000. The project team also revised their budget estimate to include outreach resources and to be able to leverage city funding. The team submitted the same proposal for Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) funding.

Long Lake Predation Assessment

Sarah Heerhartz stated that MSFEG accepted the SRFB conditions on this project. MSFEG is working to secure a letter of support from WDFW's Warm Water Fish Program. MSFEG modified the proposal to include information that WDFW identified as important and is seeking alternate funding to start the project. Zack Holt commented that this study would be helpful in tightening regulations on structures in warm water systems (referring to a lack of regulations relating to over-water structures in freshwater bodies as compared to saltwater (e.g., docks, bulkheads, etc.) saltwater has specific regulations whereas freshwater does not currently).

Discussion of Project List

The TAG Chair asked how TAG members were feeling about the preliminary project list as currently proposed. The TAG discussed timing of funding needs for the three projects above the funding line.

- **Crabapple/Carpenter Creek:** This project could wait until 2023 since an ESRP funding match is needed.
- **Finn Creek:** WFC has an immediate need to use the funding; \$55,000 is needed most critically. Sooner would be better than later for the full funding.
- **Rose Point:** MSFEG aims to go to construction in August 2023, and there is some work that needs to happen ahead in order to be ready to construct within the fish window. Sarah estimated a minimum of \$10,000 is needed for contractor solicitation and administration.

After some further discussion, Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District, made a motion to approve the current Salmon recovery Grant Round project list for proposal to the Working Group. Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe, seconded the motion. In discussion of the motion, a request was made for more clarity about how changes in project scopes could reshape the funding allocations later on and how WSPER can identify opportunities for other projects to use funding.

A vote was called on the motion to approve the project list. Seven TAG members voted yes; there were no abstentions or objections. The motion passed.

Decision: Approve the draft Salmon Recovery Grant Round 2022 list for proposal to the Working Group.

Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County, and Kathy Peters recognized Renee Johnson for her coordination of the 2022 Salmon Recovery Grant Round scoring process.

Opportunities to Improve the Process Next Year

TAG members made the following comments about the overall grant round process and things to consider the following year.

- Brenda Padgham suggested project sponsors and TAG members help each other conduct reality checks on project plans and budgets earlier on in the process in an attempt to avoid budget adjustments after the scoring is complete.
- Anticipate that project costs are a moving target and WSPER should be positioned to flexibly to reallocate funds as conditions change (costs increase or decrease, projects win other funding, etc.).

Roundtable Updates

- Kitsap County received an update from the FBRB that five Kitsap County culvert projects were selected by the FBRB to apply for NOAA funding as a bundle. This is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding.
- Steve Todd stated Suquamish Tribe will begin an assessment of fish passage barriers, mostly on private crossings, with the goal of developing a prioritization in 2023.
- Erik Steffans noted Great Peninsula Conservancy closed on several land acquisitions at Minter Creek, Filucy Bay, and Rocky Creek.
- Sean Goldsmith and Marty Ereth of Pierce County will give a presentation at the August 2 Working Group meeting on a project the County is submitting for a NOAA fish passage barrier removal grant. The County bundled several projects together to be competitive on a nation-wide scale.
- Carin Anderson, Kitsap Conservation District, expressed interest in a collective effort with WSPER members to coordinate with the Navy on removal of fish passage barriers/railroad culverts.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Sarah Heerhartz thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Attendees:

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Carin Anderson, Kitsap Conservation District
Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island
Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Dave Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works
Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Deb Rudnick, Bainbridge Island Watershed
Council
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
Kathy Peters, Kitsap County
Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County
Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District
Melissa Erkel, WDFW

Naomi Gebo, WDFW
Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER
Coordinator
Sean Goldsmith, Pierce County
Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries
Enhancement Group
Sarah Wilson, City of Bainbridge Island
Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe
Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard

Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates
Olivia Smith, Triangle Associates

Attachment A: 2022 Salmon Recovery Grant Round WSPER Project List v.7-25-2022

Below is the project list that the TAG approved, knowing that some numbers will be updated due to changes in project budgets and expected costs.



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2022 WSPER Preliminary Ranked Salmon Habitat List

SRFB Status	Norm Score	PRISM Number & Project Name	Project Category	Project Sponsor	Funding Request	Match	Total Cost	Total Funding	Accrued Total
Cleared	1.46	22-1131 Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection	Acquisition	GPC	\$ 491,920	\$ 1,042,200.00	\$ 1,534,120.00	\$ 491,920	\$ 491,920.00
Conditioned	0.32	22-1098 Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Project	Planning - Design	WFC	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000	\$ 671,920.00
Cleared	0.26	22-1100 Rose Point Embayment Restoration	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 969,898	\$ 251,000.00	\$ 1,220,898.00	\$ 962,962	\$ 1,634,882.00
Cleared	0.19	22-1110 Salmonberry Creek Protection	Planning - Design	GPC	\$ 488,100	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 808,100.00		
Cleared	0.04	22-1121 Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration	Planning - Design (final)	MSFEG, City of BI	\$ 134,300	\$ 23,700.00	\$ 158,000.00		
Cleared	-0.05	22-1319 Barnabee Final Design and Stream Restoration Project	Planning - Design (final) & Construct	BILT	\$ 200,000	\$ 175,109.00	\$ 375,109.00		
Conditioned	-0.28	22-1345 McNeil Island Estuary Restoration - Bodley Creek & Floyds Cove	Planning & Restoration	WDFW	\$ 502,750	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 1,136,750.00		
Cleared	-0.35	22-1120 Skunk Bay Armor Removal	Restoration	MSFEG	\$ 35,000	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		
Cleared	-0.39	22-1126 Henderson Bay Armor Removal Design	Planning (preliminary)	PCD	\$ 118,270	\$ -	\$ 118,270.00		
Cleared	-0.50	22-1111 Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration	Restoration	KCD	\$ 242,000	\$ 42,756.00	\$ 284,756.00		
Conditioned	-0.84	22-1112 Long Lake Predation Assessment	Planning (assessment)	MSFEG	\$ 75,000	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 88,500.00		
					\$ 3,437,238	\$ 2,517,265.00	\$ 5,954,503.00	\$ 1,634,882	