



**Technical Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Summary**
January 17, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Objectives: (1) for the Technical Advisory Group to:

- (1) Discuss salmon recovery priorities
- (2) Discuss standing and emerging topics

Decisions by TAG

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| Approved November draft TAG Meeting Summary |
| Approved 2023 Salmon Recovery Grant Round Schedule |
| Approved Scope Change for Point No Point project |

Action Items

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| Coordination team and co-chairs to discuss approach to Salmon Shared Strategy update at upcoming retreat |
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Welcome and Announcements

Steve Todd, TAG Co-Chair, welcomed the group, invited introductions, reviewed agenda and meeting purpose, and gave opportunity for public comment.

Introductions/Roundtable:

Steve Todd WSPER TAG Co-Chair (Suquamish Tribe).

Lisa Reynolds- Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (filling in for Sarah Hearhartz)- west side project manager.

Brenda Padgham- Bainbridge Island Land Trust.

Sarah Wilson- City of Bremerton, stormwater.

Scott Steltzner- Environmental Program manager at Squaxin Island Tribe. Scott shared: Pierce County made amendment to SMP outlawing new overwater structures for over 90% of their shoreline.

Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy- banner year last year, including community forest projects and restoration at Filucy Bay.

David Tucker- Kitsap County Public Works, Assistant Director Stormwater, Sewer, Solid Water.

Jamie Glasgow- Wild Fish Conservancy Director of Science. WFC just wrapped up 3-year long NTA for water typing and eDNA in West Sound. GIS data is available on website.

Christina Kereki- Kitsap County Natural Resources Planner and lead for Shore Friendly Kitsap. Recent coastal flooding has peaked interest of coastal landowners wanting to know what to do with armored and unarmored shorelines.

Dustin Haydock- Waterman Mitigation Partners. Setting up umbrella mitigation bank around the Kitsap Peninsula, involving estuaries and salt marsh.

Zack Holt- City of Port Orchard Stormwater Watersheds Program Manager. Finished Stormwater Watersheds Comprehensive Plan- going out for SEPA.

Marty Ereth- Pierce County biologist, culvert projects on Key Peninsula and Purdy Creek. 160th project will be applying for permits soon.

Carin Anderson- Kitsap Conservation District.

Julie Steigerwaldt- Great Peninsula Conservancy Conservation Project Manager, Kitsap region.

Eurydice Pentz- Kitsap County Environmental Programs, supporting Shore Friendly.

*Triangle Associates will not be helping with facilitation of the TAG this year and will instead be focusing on updating the Ecosystem Recovery Plan. WSPER coordination team (Renee and Brittany) will be facilitating and taking notes.

Sarah then gave an overview of the meeting agenda and objectives.

Reviewed and approved November draft TAG meeting summary (Motion- Marty, Second- Brenda, no objections)

Opportunity for public comment: No public comments were presented.

Discuss 2023 Project List and Grant Round Work Plan and Schedule

Looked at 2022 WSPER Grant Round projects. Funding cut off below Salmonberry Creek Protection (partially funded, ~\$400k short). 3 Projects fully funded- Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection, Finn Creek Estuary Restoration Design, Rose Point Embayment Restoration.

Fletcher Bay Road Fish Passage Restoration final design funded by City of Bainbridge Island.

Optimism that ESRP will likely receive funding from McNeil Island Estuary Restoration- Bodley Creek & Floyds Cove. South Sound FEG is looking to Nisqually Tribe for some additional funding.

WSPER coordination team will continue checking in with sponsors on funding status for projects so we can continue funding down the list.

Skunk Bay Armor Removal still needs match

Henderson Bay Armor Removal Design project was funded.

GPC's Erik Steffens - sponsor match is from landowner on Salmonberry Creek Protection. No other funding sources. Want to use SRFB money for core salmon habitat work and find private money or other source for protection of the rest of the property (>100 acres of forest adjacent to Port Orchard UGA).

Long Lake Predation Assessment (Jamie- WFC)- considering a few projects for recently announced research funding from PSP (salmon science investigation funding). Looking at engaging with UW on the project. Brittany- consider discussing with Protection Division Manager at WDFW regarding how this study might support policy around overwater structures in lakes and predator prey interactions.

List must be submitted by August 4th. May be getting IJIA funding folded into grant round. Brittany- do we need a contingency for if these projects get funded elsewhere before we have to submit our list? Renee- many of these projects may not qualify for BIL funding and we also do not have a large sum of funding. Renee to discuss with Jeannie.

Approved 2023 Salmon Recovery Grant Round Schedule – Motioned (David Tucker) and second (Zack).

Salmon Recovery Council Meeting Update

Brittany provided an update on the last Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) meeting, held November 17, 2022.

A full summary of SRC meetings are available here: [Puget Sound Partnership - Board Meetings and Agendas \(wa.gov\)](#)

The November meeting included: Reviewing the 2023 meeting schedule, a PSP Director's Report, presentation on the Emergency Projects Policy, briefings on the PSAR 10-year plan and cost analysis, a legislative update, net ecological gain discussion, annual workplan status update, and discussion on legacy projects portfolio.

Update to Salmon Shared Strategy

Renee and Brittany noted that the Salmon Shared Strategy is long overdue for an update and that we will be starting that process soon. Likely to start planning and preparation this year and dive into the update next year.

Brenda- will there be any additional data collected? Such as LIDAR. Evaluating streams and shoreline changes.

Marty- Chinook listing- historically, bottom-up approach. That's why there are so many recovery plans. Kitsap was focused on nearshore, then pulled into the NOAA Fisheries recovery plan and adopted.

Feedback- members like the approach of scoping and laying groundwork this year to do a thorough and effective update next year.

Scott- Been involved in updates in WRIAs 13 and 14. Squaxin Island Tribe found grants, mostly through PSP, to support the work. WRIA 14 was a long and thorough update that included a tool. Scott recommends taking our time and doing it right.

Jamie- supports developing a tool that's helpful for us. It is beneficial for project sponsors, tech leads, policy people to think about what would be useful for us.

Standing and Emerging Topics

Letters of Support- none requested at this time. If WFC will be pursuing funding for the Long Lake Predation Assessment, they will be requesting a letter of support at that time.

Funding Opportunities- funding opportunities- Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, USDOT Culvert grant program, PMEP, Salmon Science Investigation.

PROTECT Funding from FHWA through WSDOT Local Programs- offered to FBRB approved project sponsors (Cities and Counties).

Point No Point Update (Mid-Sound FEG)

Lisa Reynolds- Mid Sound is asking for a scope change. North Beach gets overtopped during King Tide events. Water runs across PNP Road and much drains into the wetland, some drains to existing ditch. Model by Blue Coast showed the low elevations and overtopping of North Beach under current conditions, as well as the stormwater input from the uplands that drain to the wetland. Under restoration scenario, surface water will be conveyed from PNP Road into a functioning stormwater ditch that will no longer be filled with groundwater year-round. Levee would be installed along wetland perimeter to protect homes and roads. Mid Sound is requesting scope increase to explore significantly improving stormwater infrastructure, rather than meeting current conditions. County will identify need for additional stormwater infrastructure. Final surface water model and figures will support conceptual design of north beach. Important to maximize climate resilience.

- MSFEG and Blue Coast have spent more time on outreach for this project than any other due to community engagement and concerns.
- They will likely be running the model with the conditions experienced in the most recent flooding event.

Mid-Sound is asking for:

- 6-month time extension (from June 30 to Dec 31, 2023)
- \$68,083 cost increase of ESRP funds (from \$196,426 to \$264,509 of ESRP funds). SRFB funds will remain unchanged at \$61,337. Match will increase by \$28,692 (from \$22,847 to \$51,539). NOTE that \$10,000 of the cost increase is to complete the requested scope change.
- Scope increase to include conceptual design of the Restoration of the North Beach in their Preliminary Design Report. Below is an excerpt from their request. Please see their full request for more information.

Existing conditions of the North Beach include degraded habitat, and an elevation that has been made artificially low from recreational usage compared to the adjacent stretch of beach. Through surface water modeling, we learned that the North Beach gets overtopped during King Tide events. This water runs across Point No Point Road and much of it drains into the wetland within Point No Point Park. Some overtopping also currently drains into the existing ditch along Point No Point & the existing wetland.

If the overtopping were to continue after restoration, the coastal flooding would have no path to drain into the wetland and would overwhelm the newly designed functioning stormwater ditch and levee. A conceptual design of the North Beach would add complexity currently absent from the back beach and riparian corridor and prevent coastal flooding. The conceptual design would employ vegetation, beach nourishment & large woody debris to raise the beach berm. To minimize the impact of overtopping on both the ditches and the road where overtopping would otherwise continue to create flooding, it serves

the Preliminary Design and the coastal resilience of neighbors adjacent to the project site to include a conceptual design for North Beach restoration strategies that support the strength of the Point No Point Estuary Restoration Preliminary Design. We do not want to create conditions that would increase the impoundment of water on the road. We also want to use the information gathered during this phase to improve upon the success of our Preliminary Design. The additional work required for a North Beach Conceptual Design is minimal, but surface water modeling suggests it will be important to help maximize climate resilience at the project border.

Does the TAG agree with the increase in scope to include conceptual design that would address overtopping of the North Beach, starting with installation of wood and vegetation and exploring other alternatives as well? Moved and seconded.

Approved scope change.

Flooding/Sea Level Rise Vulnerability of Projects

Showed video of flooding at PNP. Community attitude is very challenging toward MSFEG and the County. Negativity toward WDFW boat launch and Tribes as well.

David Tucker added that the elevation of the N Beach is several feet lower than it used to be due to erosion from this event. The County put in supersacks as an emergency measure.

Action Items: Formal approvals of workplan and previous meeting notes, scope change for PNP

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Sarah Heerhartz thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Attendees:

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County
Carin Anderson, Kitsap Conservation District
Christina Kereki, Kitsap County Natural Resources Planner
David Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works
Dustin Haydock, Waterman Mitigation Partners
Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Eurydice Pentz- Kitsap County Environmental Programs
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Lisa Reynolds, Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
Marty Ereth, Pierce County
Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER Coordinator
Sarah Wilson, City of Bainbridge Island
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe
Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard