

WSPER Executive Committee  
1:30 – 3:00 | Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81849263251?pwd=YW0xeW9VdlpCSTg2ejJjNWNVZmhzZz09>

**Meeting Purpose:**

- Hear regional and local updates (legislative, Ecosystem Coordination Board, roundtable)
- Learn about South Sound’s mobile marine pump-out program and decide on pilot project
- Learn about salmon recovery history, policy, funding & share ideas for communicating with constituents

Time	Topic	Lead
1:30	<b>Welcome, Introductions, Housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions and one quick update from each jurisdiction</li> <li>• Welcome new member Councilmember Robyn Denson, Pierce Co</li> <li>• Establish Quorum</li> <li>• Public comment before decisions</li> <li>• Consent Agenda Items (Dec Meeting Summary, March agenda)</li> </ul> <i>Decision needed: approve consent items</i>	Chairman Forsman
1:45	<b>Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile Pump-out pilot (See memo)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul> <i>Decision needed: support Working Group’s recommendation for pump-out pilot</i>	Jeff Barney, South Sound Mobile Pump-out Program & Renee Johnson
2:15	<b>Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salmon Recovery 101 – history, policy, funding</li> <li>• Communicating with constituents about salmon recovery</li> </ul>	Eli Asher, Governor’s Salmon Recovery office All
2:30	<b>Regional Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Updates (tentative based on legislative schedule)</li> <li>• Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting Updates</li> </ul>	Don Gourlie, PSP Commissioner Garrido
2:50	<b>Local Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystem Recovery Plan update (timeline, progress, team members)</li> </ul>	Renee Johnson
3:00	<b>Wrap-up, Public Comment, Adjourn</b>	Chairman Forsman

Upcoming meetings

- Tentative June 23: Gig Harbor Meeting and Field Trip
- August 24: Bainbridge Island Meeting and Field Trip
- December 7: Approve officers and annual workplan, adopt Ecosystem Recovery Plan, check back on progress/success of projects and initiatives



**Executive Committee Meeting**

December 8 2022, | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Meeting Summary DRAFT

**Executive Committee Members in Attendance**

Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County (alternate)  
Becky Erickson, Mayor, City of Poulsbo  
K. Chris Hammer, City of Port Orchard  
Greg Wheeler, Mayor, City of Bremerton  
Joe Deets, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island  
Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe  
Roger Henderson, Councilmember, City of Gig Harbor

**Staff in and Other Attendees**

Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County  
Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County  
Chance Berthiaume, City of Bremerton  
Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island  
Juliana Tadano, Puget Sound Partnership  
Olivia Smith, Triangle Associates / WSPER Support  
Matthew Medina, Kitsap County  
Rachael Bowen, City of Poulsbo  
Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordinator  
Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton  
Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe  
Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard

**Executive Committee Members Not in Attendance**

Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County, Commissioner  
Derek Young, Pierce County  
Jeromy Sullivan, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, Chairman

**Welcome & Introductions**

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Leonard Forsman, WSPER Chair and Suquamish Tribe Chairman, opened the meeting and led a round of introductions. Chairman Forsman reviewed the agenda and meeting purpose. The Executive Committee established a quorum.

The Executive Committee reviewed the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes. Chairman Forsman made a motion to approve the August 9 meeting minutes.

Suggested edits included corrections to titles for Chris Hammer, Roger Henderson, and Joe Deets. Following those edits, all members present voted in favor.

**Decision:** Approve the August 9, 2022, meeting minutes.

## 2023 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

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Chairman Forsman gave an overview of the proposed 2023 meeting schedule and asked the group if they were interested in meeting in person and where they would like to meet. A suggestion was made to hold two virtual and two in person meetings in 2023.

City of Bainbridge offered to host an in-person meeting.

City of Gig Harbor shared they would like to host but will confirm.

**Decision:** The Executive Committee agreed to meet twice in person and twice virtually in 2023.

## Updates

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### **Legislative**

Don Gourlie, Puget Sound Partnership, gave legislative updates. He reviewed updates to ongoing studies and policy discussions related to 6PPD tire dust, Net Ecological Gain, riparian, and housing policy. Don explained budget and revenue forecasts for the 2021-2023 biennium, noting increased revenue, adjusted trends due to inflation and maintenance, and capital budget adjustments.

### **Questions and Comments:**

Mayor Joe Deets, Bainbridge, confirmed the GMA, riparian, fish passage, nearshore, and capital grant programs are priority programs to fund.

Don added toxic pollution from stormwater and developing a plan to respond to salmon emergencies were also elevated.

Roger Henderson, Gig Harbor, asked about initiatives, action plans, or studies related to the 6PPD issue the city should know about. Don emphasized the importance of knowing where and how big the problem is to inform a management program. Other states are to find alternative chemicals for use in tires. Washington State Department of Ecology is working on prioritizing where this is an issue and is planning to update state guidelines in the next four years.

There was a discussion about RFPs for federal money and how legislative priorities align with the action agenda.

Don shared he has a weekly call in and newsletter with legislative updates and can be contacted at [don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov](mailto:don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov).

Mayor Joe Deets ([jdeets@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:jdeets@bainbridgewa.gov)) and Mayor Becky Erickson ([berickson@cityofpoulsbo.com](mailto:berickson@cityofpoulsbo.com)) requested to be added to the legislative updates newsletter.

**Action item:** Contact Don Gourlie (PSP) at [don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov](mailto:don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov) if interested in receiving legislative updates.

### **Ecosystem Coordination Board**

Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County, shared that the Puyallup While River (PWR) Local Integrating Organization (LIO) hosted the Ecosystem Coordination Board's (ECB) local forum. The LIO highlighted success with the City Forest Credits carbon market program, which raised funds for ongoing maintenance and stewardship of South Prairie Creek site. ECB was intrigued by this idea and the possibility of a carbon market program scaled up regionally in Puget Sound.

The PWR LIO explained how recovery projects supported by local, state, and federal grant programs are long-term and can take 5-10 years. Because grant cycles and usually run two years, project sponsors must apply for piecemeal funds to complete one project. The PWR LIO recommends the ECB work with the Leadership Council to encourage funders to extend grant timelines for projects that take more than two years.

### ***Salmon Recovery Grant Round 2023***

Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordinator, gave an overview of WSPER's 2022 Salmon Habitat project list. Eleven local projects were cleared for funding by the state's Salmon Recovery Funding Board, but only a few were funded with WSPER's 2022 allocation. The WSPER Technical Advisory Group recommends applying WSPER's 2023 allocation to the current list of cleared projects rather than hold another competitive grant round in 2023.

Barbara Ann-Smolko, Pierce County, and Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe, discussed how Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funding would work as a match if required by a federal grant since it is 100% state funds.

### ***Roundtable Updates***

Executive Committee members shared the following updates:

#### ***City of Bainbridge***

Mayor Joe Deets shared the City of Bainbridge has approved funding for the Fletcher Bay/Springbrook Creek preliminary design. Deets explained how plans for the Manzanita Watershed will restore Manzanita Creek and treat 18 acres of residential properties. The city is in the process of hiring a consultant to finish thier Groundwater Management Plan.

#### ***City of Bremerton***

Mayor Greer Wheeler shared the City of Bremerton has completed designs for 4 stormwater treatment systems for city owned discharge locations to prevent algae blooms around Kitsap Lake, has replaced culvert barriers with bridges at Brentwood Drive and Price Road, and is working to select a design consultant for a dam removal project near Anderson Creek with expected completion in 2024. Sewer upgrades were also completed near Oyster Bay. Chance Berthiaume, City of Bremerton, shared he is leading a team on the Salmon Recovery Council for legacy projects.

Several members expressed interest in a tour of the Anderson Creek and Oyster Bay projects.

#### ***City of Gig Harbor***

Roger Henderson gave an overview of conservation easements in Gig Harbor: phase 1 included 11.5 acres, phase 2 included 23.9 acres, and phase 3 included 5.15 acres. The city recently acquired property around North Creek that features contains forested land and a stream that flows through the city. The city is working with the Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) on a conservation easement and with Pierce County on funding. The city is buying chargers for the electric vehicle fleet, recently completed their Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP), is drafting Climate Action Plan and Forest Protection plans, and is working to remove fish barriers.

#### ***Kitsap County***

Matt Medina shared Kitsap County has been working on two Near-Term Actions (NTA). One is the Natural Resource Asset Management project in collaboration with the Washington Environmental Council, Suquamish Tribe, and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. The other is a regulatory effectiveness monitoring effort to establish methodology for assessing the effectiveness and implementation of Kitsap County's ordinance and master shoreline program.

Brittany Gordon added Kitsap County recently submitted two funding applications under the Habitat Strategic Initiative. One was for a derelict and abandoned vessel program and the other was for the Kitsap Natural Resource Asset Management Program.

***Pierce County***

Barbara Ann-Smolko, Pierce County, gave an overview of a map outlining project sites along Purdy Creek. Marty Ereth added work at Purdy and 160<sup>th</sup> St NW is ready for permits and work is underway at Little Minter Creek and Huge Creek to restore salmon migration habitat. Marty shared they are working with the Wild Fish Conservancy on water typing and to review stream maps. Pierce County has compiled a bundle of culvert projects to NOAA. Contact Barbara Ann Smolko with questions (253)-798-6156 or [barbaraann.smolko@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:barbaraann.smolko@piercecounitywa.gov).

***Port Orchard***

Chris Hammer, City of Port Orchard, announced there are updates underway to the Port Orchard City Hall HVAC system which will include converting from gas to electric and will go to bid in April 2023. Zack Holt added the city is working on a Stormwater Management Plan and have prioritized drainages. A restoration is planned at Ruby Creek to include walking trails and potential stream improvement. WSDOT is working on the Ross Creek culvert preliminary design for the Sinclair Inlet and Johnson Creek crossings. Road construction is also planned near Blackjack Creek. The city’s Stormwater and Watersheds Comprehensive Plan is expected to be completed this month. It will be available for review, and public comment in early 2023.

***City of Poulsbo***

Rachel Bowen, City of Poulsbo, shared the City of Poulsbo submitted an application to the Washington Department of Ecology for the West Poulsbo Storm Retrofit project in Nelson Park which feeds into Liberty Bay. The city submitted a grant application for design in the last phase for construction for two bio-retention swales in Nelson Park and west Poulsbo which has high fecal concentration.

***Suquamish Tribe***

Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe, shared recent successes for the Tribe in meeting escapement goals with the high number of spawners in major streams like Chico Creek which resulted in successful Chum harvests. Tom explained how delayed rain and created low flow challenges with passing fish into the upper watershed areas, and the Tribe worked with WDFW and Kitsap County to place sandbags in the stream to help fish get upstream.

**Decisions & Recommendations**

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***Review 2022-2023 Work Plan***

Renee Johnson reviewed and made a motion to approve the 2023 work plan.

There was a brief discussion about interpretive signs for Salmon Tours. Templates are available for reprint and use in other streamside locations.

Mayor Joe Deets motioned to approve the 2022-2023 workplan, Roger Henderson second. Motioned carried.

***Decision:*** Approved the 2022-2023 Workplan.

***2023 Executive Committee Officers***

Renee reviewed the roles and confirmed the 2023 Executive Committee officers.

Mayor Joe Deets, City of Bainbridge, motioned to confirm Chairman Forsman as Chair and Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County, Commissioner as the Co-Chair, Barbara Ann-Smolko second. Motion carried.

**Decision:** Nominated and confirmed 2023 officers.

***Salmon Recovery Council Representatives***

Renee reviewed the roles and confirmed the Salmon Recovery Council representatives.

Roger Henderson motioned to confirm Tom Ostrom and Brittany Gordon as the Salmon Recovery Council representatives, Mayor Joe Deets second. Motion carried.

**Decision:** Nominated and confirmed the Salmon Recovery Council representatives.

**WSPER 2023 Successes Overview**

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Renee Johnson then gave an overview of WSPERS successes in 2023 including work with the Kitsap County Conservation District to plant willow stakes along Chico Creek, the August site visit to Chico Creek, eleven projects cleared for funding, the Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection for 50 acres, and the Salmon Tours event to connect with the community.

**Wrap-up**

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Chairman Forsman closed the meeting and thanked the Executive Committee for their participation.

**Public Comment(s):** None

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



## Memo for Executive Committee

March 22, 2023

**Agenda Topic:** West Sound Mobile Marine Pump-out Services

### Executive Committee Action Request

**Decision**

None – information and discussion

None – written briefing only

### Question for Consideration

**Consider allocating \$10,000 of Local Integrating Organization capacity funds for a pilot West Sound mobile pump-out service in summer 2023.**

### Background

West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery supports the implementation of priority public engagement, awareness raising, behavior change, and compliance programs. Addressing water quality issues related to the release of human waste and the introduction and spread of pathogens is a priority for WSPER as reflected in the 2023 Workplan, Puget Sound Action Agenda, and Local Integration Organization Ecosystem Recovery Plan.

West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery has an opportunity to address a gap in managing boater sewage waste by leveraging efforts led by Pierce County’s South Puget Sound Mobile Pump-out Program. The WSPER Working Group recommends a pilot mobile pump-out service for West Sound in summer 2023. The mobile pump-out vessel may service docking facilities, anchorages, and yacht club outstations; providing recreational boaters a convenient way to dispose of sewage.

The Working Group recommends allocating approximately \$10,000 Local Integrating Organization funds to support a pilot mobile pump-out service in West Sound.

### Proposed locations, route, and timing:

- Blake Island, Liberty Bay, and Eagle Harbor during weekends June through August 2023
- Holidays and special events may be considered (e.g., Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Whaling Days, Tribal Canoe Journey, Viking Fest)

### Cost:

- Cost for operation is \$120/per hour
- Estimated days of operation are 10-13
- Budget is approximately \$10,000

### Memo Contacts

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**Proposed Focus Areas for West Sound Mobile Pump-out Pilot**

