



Working Group Agenda (Hybrid Meeting)

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:30 – 12:00

Port Blakely Room in Kitsap County Admin Building at 619 Division Street or [ZOOM LINK HERE*](#)

Objectives:

- Hear regional and local updates.
- Approve 2023 Salmon Habitat List for recommendation to WSPER Executive Committee.
- Hear guest presentations and program highlights.
- Discuss ongoing WSPER work, 2023 field trips, events, and meeting topics.

Time	Topic	Lead
9:30	Welcome & Housekeeping Introductions (everyone to share a highlight for quick roundtable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • <i>Decision needed – approve the Consent Agenda</i> 	Zack Holt or Sarah Wilson
10:00	WSPER Business: 2023 Salmon Recovery Habitat List Discuss funding recommendations from the TAG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSPER is funding the 2022 list and deciding how to allocated return funds • <i>Decision needed – does the Working Group approve the TAG’s recommended funding approach for the list? (funding recommendation pending TBD 6.13.2023)</i> Salmon Recovery Council Representative Discussion of who will represent WSPER at the Salmon Recovery Council	Zack Holt or Sarah Wilson Brittany Gordon
10:10	Guest Presentation: Sea Level Rise	Dr. Ian Miller, UW Sea Grant
11:00	Break	
11:10	Program Highlight: ShoreLoan Program Learn about the ShoreLoan program concept and have an opportunity to give input and ask questions about this developing program.	Kelly McCaffrey, WDFW
11:35	Ongoing WSPER Work & Standing Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity, equity, and inclusion • Ecosystem Recovery Plan • Letter to PSP, Letters of support • NEP projects, stormwater updates • Presentation topics & field trips 	Renee Johnson
11:55	Wrap-up and adjourn Additional opportunity for public comment	Zack Holt Annalise Ritter

Upcoming 2023 Meetings

- August 8 – meeting/Anderson Creek Dam Removal Field Trip/ERP
- October 10 – meeting/Stormwater Park Field Trip/NTA update on forage fish project
- November 2—approve Ecosystem Recovery Plan and Workplan (Joint Working Group and TAG)



WSPER Salmon Habitat Ranked List*

Project Name	PRISM #	Project Category	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Sponsor Match	Funding Request	Notes
Crabapple/Carpenter Creek Estuary Protection	22-1131	Acquisition	GPC	\$1,534,120	\$1,042,200	\$	Awaiting ESRP award update
Salmonberry Creek Protection	22-1110	Acquisition	GPC	\$808,100	\$ 320,000	\$ 488,100	
Barnabee Farms Springbrook Creek Restoration	23-1175	Planning - Design (final)	BILT	\$375,109	\$ 175,109	\$ 200,000	
Washington Conservation Corps Crew for Riparian Restoration	23-1201	Restoration	KCD	\$284,756	\$ 42,756	\$ 242,000	

***Funding Recommendation Pending**

Anticipated 2023 SRFB Grant Round
Estimate \$295,932

PSAR Funds Available due to returned funds & funding swaps:
\$369,646.27 of 23-25 PSAR funds



West Sound Partners
for Ecosystem Recovery

Working Group Meeting

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | April 11, 2023 | Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Summary DRAFT v. 4/19/23

Action Item	Responsible Party
Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordinator, to share PSP slide presentation with the WSPER Working Group	Renee Johnson
WSPER Working Group members to reach out to Renee Johnson if they have any ideas or questions about the mobile pump out or 2023 WSPER Working Group field trips.	WSPER Working Group
Rebecca Brown, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), will forward any feedback from WSPER members to the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Leads (SILs). Rebecca.brown@dnr.wa.gov	Rebecca Brown
WSPER Working Group members to share input on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities and notify Renee Johnson if interested in participating in a training session on Tribal Engagement or in a DEI sub-committee.	WSPER Working Group
WSPER members to reach out to the WSPER Coordination Team if interested in serving on a subcommittee or have an idea for a topic.	WSPER Working Group
WSPER Coordination Team to include a section on future agendas related to NEP, stormwater, etc.	WSPER Coordination Team
Renee will pass Sarah’s inquiry about whether the PSP Strategic Funding Team would help project sponsors identify possible sources of match to the PSP Strategic Funding Team.	Renee Johnson

Decisions

The WSPER Working Group approved the February 14, 2023 meeting notes.

Welcome & Housekeeping

Zack Holt, Working Group Chair - City of Port Orchard, opened the meeting by leading introductions and updates from WSPER Working Group members. Zack then reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives.

Announcements:

- Olivia Smith, WSPER Coordination Team, is no longer at Triangle Associates.
- Tom Ostrom, Suquamish Tribe, is retiring.
- Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (MSFEG), is resigning as Executive Director of the Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group. Her last day is April 25. Tracy Banaszynski and Antonia Jindrich are stepping up as co-directors of MSFEG.
 - Sarah offered to set up individual introductory meetings with new directors and WSPER Working Group members.

There were no public comments.

The Working Group approved the February 14 Working Group meeting notes and the April 11, 2023 meeting agenda. Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe, motioned and Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County seconded.

Decision: The WSPER Working Group approved the February 14, 2022, meeting notes and April 11, 2023 meeting agenda.

Guest Presentation: Using the new Action Agenda Explorer

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County, shared an online form for request for letter of acknowledgment and Kaitlin Harris, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), provided an overview of the 2022-2026 Action Agenda Explorer, linked [here](#).

Action Agenda 101:

Kaitlin reviewed what is new in the Action Agenda, including a better description of goals, accountability measures, and a multi-benefit approach. The new Action Agenda begins to integrate environmental justice, Tribal treaty rights, and mitigation of climate change. Additionally, it sets eleven short-term program targets and collaboratively informed strategies.

Kaitlin explained that the Comprehensive Plan and Appendices provide a long-term vision and framework for recovery.

Kaitlin described the Implementation Plan and how to advance it toward desired outcomes. There are twenty-six strategies that seek to make measurable improvements in biophysical, climate change, and human wellbeing outcomes. Additionally, there are five institutional strategies that address foundational aspects of Puget Sound recovery.

The intention of the Action Agenda is to support adaptive management of Action Agenda content and to improve searchability. PSP plans to continually revise the Explorer tool as a usual resource as long as funding is available, and the goal is to complete this update by June of 2023. The Action Agenda landing page is [linked here](#) and includes:

- An Explorer companion tool for implementation content 200-page PDF of the full plan and an Excel spreadsheet download of strategies.
- Descriptions of the Comprehensive Plan, and more visuals and storytelling.
- A dashboard for different resources/databases of Puget Sound information ([linked here](#)).

- A Strategy search tool with description keyword, vital sign, and outcome filters.
- Strategy profiles which include related vital signs, outcomes, actions, and key opportunities.

Q&A:

In response to a question about funding sources that WSPERs sponsors could apply for that might ask for linkages to the Action Agenda, Kaitlin indicated that she does not know of any that require linkage to the Action Agenda that PSPs sponsors, but there might be some out there. Kaitlin also mentioned a federal tool level that helps sort through funding opportunities.

In response to a question about whether the Action Agenda would help determine fundamental and priority actions, Kaitlin indicated that the Action Agenda would likely help identify all the connections and that the most it would do for now is answer whether a strategy is related to an outcome. However, PSP is working on a methodology for how to rate strength of match.

WSPER members can send questions and comments to kaitlin.harris@psp.wa.gov and the presentation is [linked here](#).

Project Highlight: Kitsap Lake Algae Control and Aquatic Vegetation Management

Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton, presented on the Kitsap Lake Algae Control Project, an effort that Bremerton has been working on for several years. Kitsap Lake has high retention and low turnover. Additionally, there have been large problems with phosphorous and the lake has been closed due to potential toxins and algae blooms. The City of Bremerton has various control plans for algae, vegetation removal, and phosphorous control and uses a compound that sequesters phosphorous in the water. They have had success in reducing phosphorous and reducing closures from algal blooms. The City of Bremerton has finished 30% design for a large stormwater treatment vault to help with water quality.

Sarah shared a video about the project which is [linked here](#). WSPER members may reach out to Sarah with any questions: sarah.wilson@ci.bremerton.wa.us

Q&A

In response to a question about how the City determines where to remove algae, Sarah specified that the algae removal effort is not a “clearcut” approach, but seeks to ensure that public boat docks and swimming areas are safe for use. Personal waterfront areas are not included.

In response to a question about what the City of Bremerton would do with the cleared biomass, Sarah indicated that although this is difficult, they are attempting to compost the material.

In response to a question about how the management plan communicates the benefits of native plants to shoreline landowners, Sarah indicated that the lakefront property owner education is done mostly through the West Sound Outreach Group as part of a natural yard campaign. The City of Bremerton targets their campaigns to people close to the lake and Chance Berthiaume, City of Bremerton, coordinates with local groups. Sarah indicated that the City of Bremerton is considering a lake management district and that currently they are fine-tuning the best timing for phosphorous treatment and vegetation removal in local lakes.

There was some discussion about the possibility of learning lessons from organized groups working on lowland lakes. Marty Ereth, Pierce County, indicated that the Washington State Department of Ecology created a program in the 1990s that created less toxic management plans for lakes.

Ongoing Work

Letters of Support

No requests were made.

Mobile Pump-Out Pilot Update

Renee Johnson indicated that about \$10,000.00 of the WSPER capacity money will be used to fund a mobile pump out in summer 2023. It will operate on a route which covers Liberty Bay and Eagle Harbor. Renee stated that she will be meeting with the South Sound program to develop a scope of work and contract. She estimated that the mobile pump out service would cost approximately \$120.00 per hour and would spend 10-13 days on the water. Service would occur on weekends from June until August of 2023, potentially including holidays. A website will be available for people to sign up for the service. Renee added that Executive Committee approved this at their last meeting.

Renee then asked for input on the outreach program and suggestions for how to get the word out about this program to make it the most successful.

In response to a question about whether there is a report on how many people are discharging, Renee indicated uncertainty of a specific report but that the operator pointed out issues such as people pumping out and fueling up at the same time and place.

Action Item: WSPER Working Group members to reach out to Renee Johnson, Kitsap County, if they have any ideas or questions about the mobile pump out.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Renee reminded the group that DEI is a Task 5 item in the LIO contract and that it will be a regular item on WSPER agendas.

Renee noted that she is working on organizing a government-to-government training but that it is in high demand. It would cost \$220 per participant. Renee is considering whether this training will be in-person or hybrid and if other staff/directors will be invited. Renee asked the group for interest or experience in this and Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County, offered to connect Renee with a colleague who is working on this.

Action item: WSPER Working Group members to share input on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities and notify Renee Johnson if interested in participating in a training session on Tribal Engagement or in a DEI sub-committee.

Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP) Timeline

Annalise Ritter, WSPER Coordination Team, gave a brief update on the ERP process, the individuals involved, and timeline for completion. The team is working on scoring data for each indicator, beginning to develop map layers, and aligning the plan structure and content with the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

Subcommittee Work

Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County, reminded the group that WSPER is looking at subcommittee formation for various topics including a salmon recovery strategy, DEI, and a four-year workplan.

Action Item: WSPER members to reach out to the WSPER Coordination Team if interested in serving on a subcommittee or have an idea for a topic.

WSPER 2023 Events

Field Trips

Renee announced that Michelle Quast, Department of Ecology, is organizing a field trip for the Working Group that is scheduled for October 8, 2023.

Renee asked if anyone is interested in hosting a field trip and proposed that site visits could include the Anderson Creek dam removal site or Long Lake. Renee gauged interest in a possible day trip to the Washington State University (WSU) Puyallup research center to learn about 6ppd-quinone. Five people expressed interest. Zack noted that there are some areas in the West Sound that have been identified by WSU stormwater center as areas of a pilot study.

Renee asked who was in favor of a combined August meeting and field trip and about five participants expressed interest. One WSPER member noted that they would virtually attend only the business portion of a combined meeting due to travel time.

Executive Committee field trips are different, but WSPER members are always welcome to come. Zack noted that Executive Committee members appreciate staff with technical expertise attending their meetings. This summer the Executive Committee will meet in person at the following times.

- June 23: North Creek acquisitions in Gig Harbor.
- August 24: Bainbridge Island.

Regional Updates

New SIL Liaison

Rebecca Brown, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), introduced herself as the new habitat SIL. She will join WSPER meetings quarterly to be a liaison between LIOs and SILs to better understand what the LIOs are working on and how the SILs can support them. Rebecca noted that she was there to listen and gain perspective and would report back to the SILs team.

Marty suggested more outreach about the Family Forest and Fish Passage Program budget to small landowners who have culverts on their property and indicated that he is looking for a new contact.

Zack suggested timing grant funding to not coincide with annual reporting because between January 1 and March 31, most stormwater folks are busy gathering data for reporting.

In response to a question from Brittany about feedback on why local government did not apply for NEP stormwater funding, Rebecca offered to forward any feedback from WSPER members to the Stormwater SILs. Rebecca noted that the liaison system is new and still figuring things out.

Action Item: WSPER Coordination Team will include a section on future agendas related to NEP, stormwater, etc.

PSP Strategic Funding Team Update (formerly BIL Funding Team)

Brittany shared that the PSP Strategic Funding Team is hiring a manager and creating three positions on this team for grant writing, applications, and technical support. Brittany indicated that PSP will be looking for feedback on position descriptions.

Sarah asked if the PSP Strategic Funding Team would help project sponsors identify possible sources of match and noted that this would help remove barriers to implementation.

Action Item: Renee will pass Sarah's inquiry about whether the PSP Strategic Funding Team would help project sponsors identify possible sources of match to the PSP Strategic Funding Team.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

Zack thanked the WSPER Working Group for their discussion and noted that the next meeting will be April 11, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Attendees (alphabetical by first name)

Allison Satter, Naval Base Kitsap
Amy Smalley, WSU Kitsap Extension
Antonia Jindrich, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County
Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County
Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island
Christina Kereki, Kitsap County
David Snyder, WDFW
Dustin Haydock, Waterman Mitigation Partners
Erik Steffans, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Gina King, BILT
Kaitlin Harris, Puget Sound Partnership
Kay Caromile, Recreation Conservation Office
Lisa Reynolds, Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
Marty Ereth, Pierce County
Mary Krauzer, Pierce Conservation District
Michael Abboud, City of Gig Harbor
Michelle Quast, Department of Ecology
Annalise Ritter, Triangle Associates

Rebecca Brown, DNR

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County/WSPER Coordinator

Renee Scherdnik, Kitsap County

Sarah Heerhartz, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton

Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe

Tracy Banaszynski, Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard, and Working Group Chair

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