

Technical Advisory Group Agenda (Virtual)

July 18, 2023 | 9:30 - 11:00

[Zoom Link*](#)

Time	Topic	Lead
9:30	Welcome, introductions, and business items <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introductions and quick update from each person- Opportunity for public comment- <i>Approve Consent agenda (July agenda and May and June meeting summaries)</i>	Steve Todd
9:50	Salmon Recovery Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2023 recommended list approved by WG and EC, to be uploaded into PRISM by August 4- 4-Year Workplan- Salmon Recovery Chapter Update- Salmon Recovery Council advisory vote for PSAR Large Cap (see memo)	Steve Todd Brittany Gordon Renee Johnson Brittany Gordon
10:50	Standing and Emerging Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letters of support (requested or needed)	Steve Todd
11:00	Wrap-up and adjourn Action Items, Decisions	Steve Todd Brittany Gordon

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Technical Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Summary
 May 16, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 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

Approved consent agenda
Approved March meeting summary
Approved Erik Steffens as TAG co-chair.
Approved cost increase for Kitsap Nearshore Armor Removal Design & Readiness project (\$18,000)
Approved cost increase for Springbrook Creek Preserve Protection and Restoration project (\$36,435)
Approved cost increase for Point No Point Restoration Reconnection Preliminary Design (\$15,447)

Action Items

Lead entity needs to approve list of projects for upload to PRISM by August 4.
WSPER is recruiting members for subcommittees to work on the 4 Year Workplan update and the Salmon Recovery Plan East Kitsap Chapter update.
Final decision on project list to be made at June 23 executive committee meeting.

Welcome and Announcements

Steve Todd, TAG Chair, welcomed the group, invited introductions, reviewed agenda and meeting purpose, and gave opportunity for public comment. (No public comment received).

Introductions/Roundtable:

Renee Johnson- WSPER Coordinator. Update- working on grant round behind the scenes.

Brittany Gordon- WSPER Coordination Team. Harper Estuary project upcoming meeting with the MART.

Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech- Kitsap County DCD Planning & Environmental Programs. Working on grant funded projects as well as CAO and Comp Plan (Environment chapter) update

Steve Todd- Suquamish Tribe, Co-Chair.

Christian Berg- City of Bainbridge Island. Working on stormwater park at Manzanita- planting plan is nearing completion and ready for review/input.

Erik Steffens- GPC.

Brenda Padgham- Bainbridge Island land trust. Springbrook Projects being prepared for construction in the fish window.

Christina Kereki- Kitsap County, Shore Friendly lead. Working with some great landowners on designing a bulkhead removal project in Dyes Inlet in a small embayment near Clear Creek.

Kay Caromile- RCO, supporting lead entities on their work.

Lisa Reynolds- Mid-Sound FEG. Working on permitting for Rose Point.

Alexia Henderson- WDFW.

Zack Holt- City of Port Orchard

Sarah Wilson- Stormwater for City of Bremerton. SMAP (SW Management Action Plan) has been submitted to Ecology. It is Kitsap Lake sample season.

David Tucker- Kitsap County public works. Much of infrastructure was built in 1970s and 1980s. Much of system needs upgrades.

Carin Anderson- Kitsap Conservation District stream restoration program. Debris and small barrier removal scheduled for little Anderson Creek side channel. New hire Elizabeth to help with permitting and outreach. Also likely receiving another FFFPP grant to remove 3 barriers in Ruby Creek.

Antonia Jindrich- Mid-Sound FEG. Co-executive director. Hiring for a projects director to oversee restoration program.

Tracy Banaszynski- Mid Sound FEG. Co-executive director.

Julie Steigerwaldt- GPC. Expanding Grovers Creek preserve and closing this month.

Jamie Glasgow- WFC director of Science. Helping Brenda and BILT to remove a barrier culvert in headwaters of Springbrook Creek. Making progress reforming Chinook fisheries in Alaska which will hopefully help more fish return to WA and the other PNW states.

Scott Steltzner- Squaxin Island Tribe.

Mary Krauszer- Shorelines program manager- Pierce CD. Shore Friendly lead. Finalizing preliminary design for large scale armor removal on Fox Island sand spit. Funded by ESRP. Recently submitted 2 grants for implementation phase of Henderson Bay project.

Opportunity for public comment: No public comments were presented.

TAG Co-Chair Nomination: Erik Steffens was nominated for TAG co-chair to replace Sarah Hearhartz. Approved, none opposed.

Sound View Camp Conservation Easement Project Discussion-

Nisqually Lead Entity funded this project in our lead entity. Renee asking if we want to write a letter of recognition to Nisqually LE for funding this project in our LE. Total project cost was just over \$1M.

Nisqually contributed over \$600k. Multiple LE's have put money into larger projects in the past, but what makes this unusual is that our LE did not put any money toward this project.

Return Funds Discussion

Available for grant round and cost increases: \$747,589.01; (\$324,799 grant round low estimate + \$422,790.01 return funds).

With this money we could finish funding Salmonberry Creek protection, Barnabee Farms, and part of WCC Crew for Riparian Restoration projects. Skunk Bay project is holding off; McNeil Island project was funded separately. Cost requests total \$69,882. We must use return funds for cost increases before seeking additional funds from region or SRFB.

Kitsap Nearshore Armor Removal Design & Readiness- \$18K

Bulkhead removal projects with Basis Of Design reports. Rose Point (Eglon), Friedman property (Dyes Inlet), Smith property (Battle Point). Request is for scope change- change number of projects from 4 to 3. Cost increase for \$9k. Increased cost of design services and consultant. Pandemic slowed down progress of projects, as well as staffing changes. Smith project- need funds for contracting and consulting costs to include removal of a large sport court in shoreline buffer, detailed planting plan, and additional cultural resources work.

Question from Christian regarding commitment for landowners to build the projects. Christina clarified there is no requirement for them to build. Carin suggested a signature the KCD requires with Backyard Habitat grants.

Motion to approve increase for this project- moved by Brenda. Second by Christian. 7 in favor. No oppositions. Abstentions: Christina, Brittany, Steve, Renee, Mid-Sound.

Springbrook Creek Preserve Protection and Restoration- \$36,435

Cost overruns due to materials, contractors, availability. Appraisal, cultural resources, and wetland delineation cost more than expected. Permitting and construction costs expected to increase. Moved: Mary, Second: Zack. 8 in favor. None opposed. Abstentions: Steve, Brittany, Jamie, Renee.

PNP Restoration Reconnection Preliminary Design- \$15,447

Preliminary design to be completed in December.

\$15k- 8 days of technical outreach: 2 beach walks, 2 partner meetings, 3 adjacent landowner meetings, 2 community meetings. New commissioner starting soon.

Motion to approve additional funds; moved by Brenda. Second by Christina Kereki. 11 approved. None opposed. Abstentions: Brittany, David, Lisa/Mid Sound.

Discussion regarding funding projects/priorities

We know what state has approved for budget. Kay: by end of June we will have a good idea of what sponsors need and how much money may be left over.

Brenda: It's challenging to make a decision until we know whether Crabapple/Carpenter Creek project receives ESRP funding. Can we wait until July to decide?

Kay: If you approve the funds now, the SRFB funds will trickle down our list if the project receives ESRP funding.

RCO could have a strong idea of ESRP funding by June 13 meeting and hopefully will know for certain by end of June. Final decision on project list will be at June 23 executive committee meeting.

Erik: GPC also applied for \$4M of coastal wetlands grant funding but won't know on status of that until next year. ~1.05M requested from ESRP.

Mary: So our funds would not fully make up the gap if ESRP does not come through. But it would get the project closer.

ESRP could come through partially- it is not all or nothing. Match percentage would go down if they received additional awards.

Salmon Recovery Priorities- 2022-2023 Grant Round

2023 allocation is \$295,932. Checking status on cleared projects from 2022-2023 grant round- did you receive funding elsewhere?

Standing and Emerging Topics

Letters of Support- none requested at this time. Letters of support requests can be made at any committee meeting

Funding Opportunities- will be sent out via email

Salmon Recovery Council update- Seeking feedback on initiatives-based or project-based approach toward completing projects from the Legacy Projects Portfolio.

Subcommittee Recruitment

-Subcommittee is needed for East Kitsap Chapter of the Salmon Recovery Shared Strategy.
Follow up by email.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Steve Todd thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

Alexia Henderson, WDFW Area Habitat Biologist
Antonia Jindrich- Mid-Sound FEG
Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust
Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County / WSPER team
Carin Anderson, Kitsap Conservation District
Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island
Christina Kereki, Kitsap County Natural Resources Planner
David Tucker, Kitsap County Public Works

Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy
Kay Caromile, RCO
Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County DCD Planning & Environmental Programs
Lisa Reynolds- Mid-Sound FEG
Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District
Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER Coordinator
Sarah Wilson, City of Bremerton
Scott Steltzner- Squaxin Island Tribe
Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe/ Co-Chair
Tracy Banaszynski- Mid-Sound FEG
Zack Holt, City of Port Orchard



Technical Advisory Group – Special Funding Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Summary

June 12, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid- Zoom/In Person Meeting

Meeting Objectives: (1) for the Technical Advisory Group to decide on 2023 Salmon Habitat Grant Round for submittal to Working Group for consideration and approval

Decisions by TAG

Approved consent agenda
Approved project list for 2023 Salmon Habitat grant round- Decision is to use this year's allocation toward Crabapple Carpenter Creek project and funds will flow down the list if the project receives ESRP or other funding.

Action Items

TAG recommendation will go to Working Group for consideration.
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Welcome and Announcements

Erik Steffens, TAG Co-Chair, opened the meeting.

Opportunity for public comment (none received).

2023 Salmon Habitat Grant Round Discussion

Agreed approach is to fund down our 2022 Salmon Habitat Ranked list

SRFB Allocation: \$340,322

PSAR Return funds/funding swap: \$324,279.27 (23-25 biennium funds)

Question: what is the TAG’s funding recommendation to use this year’s allocation and the return funds?

Discussion:

Will there be any restrictions with the swapping of funds?

- No, the return funds for Little Manzanita expires in June 2023 so those were swapped to fund 2022 projects to free up PSAR funds 2023-2025
- Both scenarios mean that all funds will still come to the LE to fund down the project list

Barnabee project will fund final design

- Project is in-between the Fletcher Bay culvert project and another restoration project going into permitting right now

Carpenter Creek: coastal wetland conservation grant application submitted, will know more in early 2024

- Starting appraisal for the project; the \$500K from 2023 might not be enough to complete project unless the ESRP funds come through.
- Total project cost for Carpenter Creek acquisition is \$1.5M+
- Will be privately fundraising for the acquisition - to purchase house for Stillwaters Environmental Center

Decision:

- Marty Ereth, Pierce County, Motion to move Scenario 2: Use this year's allocation toward Crabapple Carpenter Creek funds will flow down the list if the project receives ESRP or other funding
- Motion seconded by Mary Krauszer, Pierce County Conservation District
- TAG members voted via chat:

Abstentions: Steve Todd, Erik Steffens, Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Mid-Sound FEG

Approve Scenario 2: Scott Steltzner, Mary Krauszer, Christian Berg, Marty Ereth, Christina Kereki, Jamie Glasgow

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Erik thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

Brenda Padgham, Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County / WSPER team

Christian Berg, City of Bainbridge Island

Christina Kereki, Kitsap County Natural Resources Planner

Erik Steffens, Great Peninsula Conservancy

Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy

Julie Steigerwaldt, Great Peninsula Conservancy

Kay Caromile, RCO

Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Kitsap County DCD Planning & Environmental Programs

Lisa Reynolds- Mid-Sound FEG

Marty Ereth- Pierce County

Mary Krauszer, Pierce Conservation District

Renee Johnson, Kitsap County / WSPER Coordinator

Scott Steltzner- Squaxin Island Tribe

Steve Todd, Suquamish Tribe/ Co-Chair

Tracy Banaszynski- Mid-Sound FEG

**West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery
Technical Advisory Group Brief
July 18, 2023**

TOPIC:

PSAR Large Cap Advisory Vote

MEMO STAFF CONTACT:

Renee Johnson, WSPER Coordinator, rkjohnso@kitsap.gov

PRESENTERS:

Staff: Renee Johnson, Brittany Gordon

TYPE OF PRESENTATION:

- Oral presentation for a decision
- Oral presentation for discussion
- Oral presentation for information only
- Written briefing only
- Other: _____

ISSUE/QUESTION:

Each biennium, the Puget Sound Partnership develops a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the PSAR Large Cap program. Since March of 2021, the Salmon Recovery Council has been discussing and making decisions and recommendations to adaptively manage the investment priorities of the PSAR Large Cap program, more recently in tandem with an update to the PSAR 10-Year Plan. The SRC's recommendations include focusing on benefits to populations that are: (1) at highest risk of extinction, (2) acutely limiting harvest, and (3) closest to attaining recovery goals.

Stocks that meet the first two priority criteria include Chinook in the Dungeness, Stillaguamish, Nooksack, and Mid-Hood Canal watersheds. Stocks that address the third criteria include Chinook in the Skagit and Hood Canal Summer Chum. Projects that address selected priorities will receive additional points in the ranking process but the PSAR large capital list will not be limited to only the projects that address those priorities.

The PSAR program manager incorporated recommendations from the SRC's discussions into the 23-25 draft RFP, which was presented to the SRC in May. SRC members debated changes to the draft because projects would be scored favor those that meet these two criteria: 1) stocks that are at highest risk of extinction, and 2) stocks that are closest to recovery. The SRC did not reach consensus, and now the SRC is holding advisory votes from its members. There were concerns that the ranking system would discourage watersheds from applying, that there was not enough recognition of the interconnections among estuaries, that there are other RFP programs for different habitat types.

Brittany Gordon is our representative on this committee and seeks the input of the TAG before her vote at the July SRC meeting.

The SRC members are being asked to vote on one of the following options:

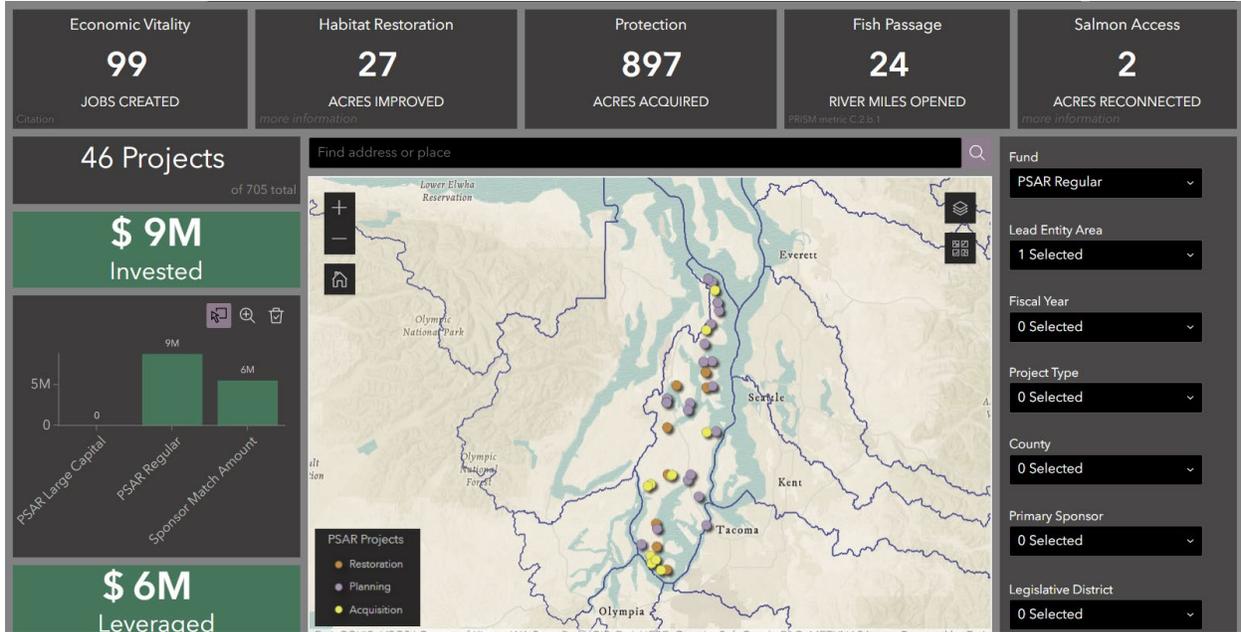
- Option 1: No Action, Leadership Council decides
- Option 2: Retain the 2023-2025 RFP for the PSAR Large Capital Program*
- Option 3: Revert to the 2021-2023 RFP for the PSAR Large Capital Program

The major difference between the 21-23 and 23-25 RFP is that the 2023-25 RFP includes the language prioritizing projects benefiting populations that are at highest rate of extinction, closest to recovery, and acutely limiting harvest.

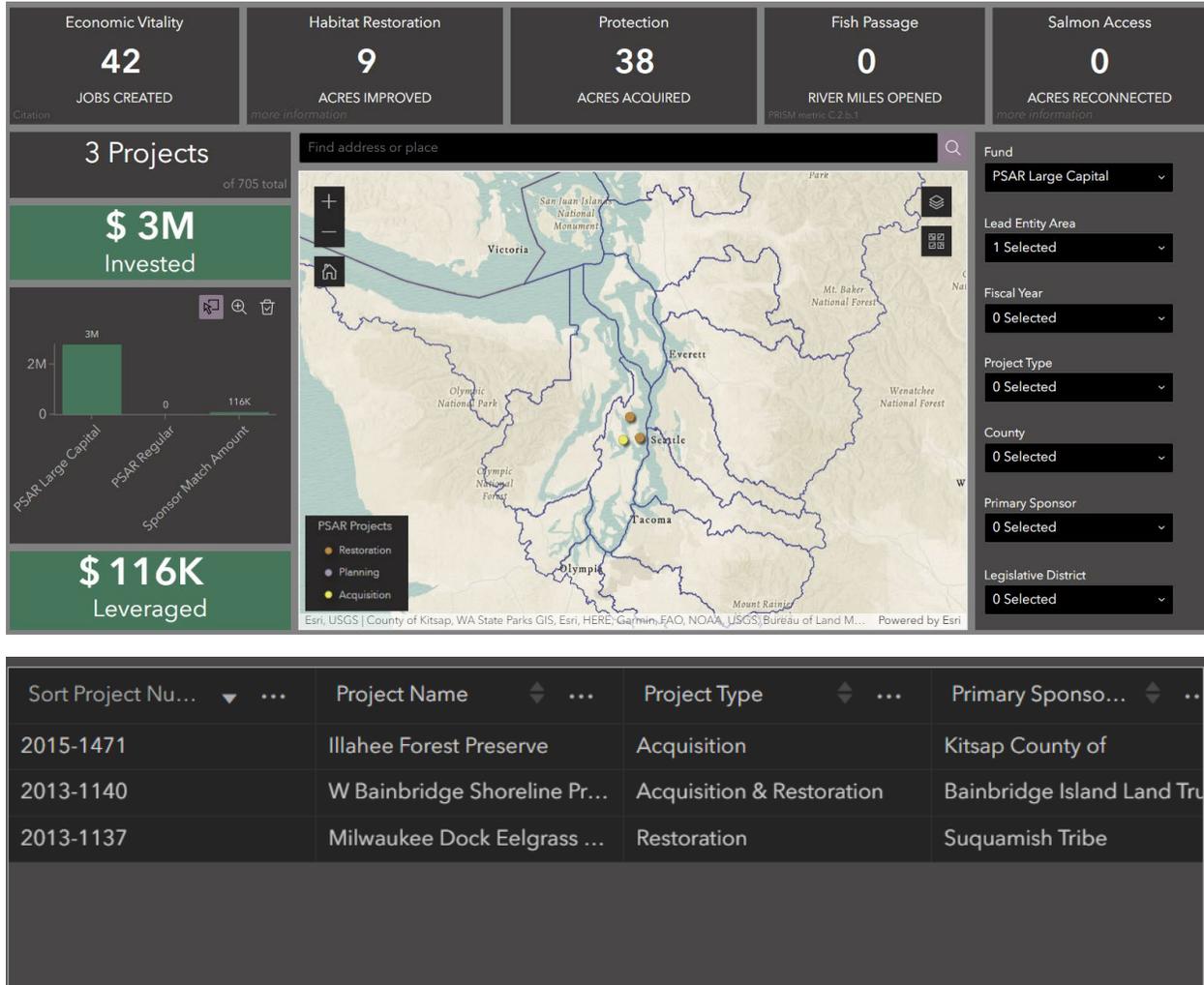
[PSAR BACKGROUND AND KEY CONTEXT:](#)

In the Puget Sound, there are 15 Lead Entities who use PSAR funds for restoration and acquisition projects. There are two types of PSAR funding: Regular PSAR and PSAR Large Cap. WSPER receives Regular PSAR funds every other year and has received about \$9 million for 46 projects since 2007. WSPER has received Large Cap for three projects (two in 2013 and one in 2015) totaling \$3 million. [PSAR Accomplishments Dashboard \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Regular PSAR in WSPER LE



PSAR Large CAP in WSPER LE



PSAR Large Capital – A Large Capital Project is a high priority project in a watershed’s 4-year workplan with respect to its benefit to Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed or Treaty right priority salmon populations that, due to the complexity and cost of the project, cannot be easily accomplished by the lead entity with the funds allocated from the **Regular PSAR** funding round. Large Capital Project costs should exceed what a given watershed receives in a PSAR - SRFB round of \$30 million or be greater than \$1M.

The PSAR Large Capital program is aimed at funding projects that are regionally significant and provide the most benefit to salmon species in Puget Sound.

June 23, 2023

Ashley Von Essen, Lead Entity Program Coordinator
Nisqually River Salmon Recovery Lead Entity | Nisqually Indian Tribe
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Subject: Letter of Acknowledgment Regarding Support for Sound View Camp Conservation Easement

Dear Ms. Von Essen,

The West Sound Partners for Ecosystem Recovery (WSPER), a Lead Entity for salmon recovery made up of technical experts, practitioners, and citizens of the cities, counties, and tribes in eastern WRIA 15, express our appreciation to the Nisqually River Lead Entity for supporting the Sound View Camp Conservation Easement 18-2078. This project is sponsored by the Nisqually Land Trust, and the site is geographically located within WSPER's Lead Entity area.

The Nisqually Land Trust has been working hard to creatively fund the Sound View Camp Conservation Easement. The Nisqually Lead Entity allocated \$621,963.86 of Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration funds to the Sound View Camp Conservation Easement. This assistance at a key moment enabled the Land Trust to close on the acquisition. The WSPER Lead Entity recognizes this extraordinary level of support and extends sincere gratitude to the Nisqually Lead Entity for acting on a common interest of protecting valuable resources.

The WSPER Lead Entity is fortunate to be part of such a dedicated network of recovery partners and looks forward to continuing to nurture these relationships that support a healthy Puget Sound region.

Sincerely,

Renee Johnson | WSPER Coordinator
Kitsap County Department of Community Development
Port Orchard, WA 98366