

Meeting Notes from WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG Meeting
September 4, 2008, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Tacoma Mall Office Bldg., 4th Floor Conference Room

1. Introductions – those present included: Eli Asher, Hans Berge, Bob Burkle, Scott Hansen, Tom Kantz, Russ Ladley, Lorin Reinelt, Mike Rhubright, Keith Underwood

2. Updates and Information Sharing

- a. Permitting Capital Restoration Projects – Tim Walls from WRIA 7 is working in partnership with the PSP, Governor's Salmon Office and Office of Regulatory Assistance to examine permitting obstacles and how to develop a streamlined permitting process for restoration projects. He is seeking input and experiences from all watersheds to contribute to this effort. SPSSEG, PC SWM and King County will provide input through Lorin.
- b. LWD Procurement – Pilot Project – A LWD materials workshop was held May 30. The Governor's Salmon Office is working on a pilot with Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties to match DNR activities involving harvest with nearby restoration needs. They are looking at county, state and federal gravel pits as potential storage sites.
- c. Watershed Assembly (WRIA 7 and South Central Action Area) – A workshop will be held on Sept. 18 in Tukwila to focus on prioritizing the legislative agenda for the 2009 session and to discuss the draft Puget Sound Action Agenda products available at that time. More info will be sent by email.
- d. Habitat Engineering Technical Assistance from WDFW – Engineering technical assistance is available from WDFW to help with initial project scoping and feasibility, assist in developing a scope of work for consultant services, to review engineering designs and work on conceptual design work. WRIA 10/12 will receive about 160 hours of support.
- e. TAG Review/Tiering of Projects – The TAG will be working over the next several months to evaluate projects on the 3-year list that have completed a project write-up using the template. The TAG will use the three criteria for technical evaluation of projects: benefit to salmon, certainty of success and fit to strategy.
- f. Future Project Development – The ad-hoc committee on future project development met on Sept. 4 to finalize a draft request for funding document, develop a process for ranking and funding project requests, and recommending a timeline. Keith noted the importance of syncing up the marketing effort with the \$60,000 available for project development. **The CAC/TAG decided to defer approval of the request for funding document to October, pending the marketing committee's scheduling of the fall workshop for new project sponsors.**

3. Development of Biennium Budget Project List for WRIA 10/12

Lorin gave a brief summary of the process for developing the biennium budget list for inclusion in the governor's budget and the Puget Sound Partnership request. We have been asked to develop a \$5.18 and \$2.9 million list for salmon habitat protection and restoration projects that comply with the following criteria: (1) projects are ready to go, (2) projects implement priority actions, and (3) matching funds are available. They should also be on the 3-year project list. A workgroup including Dave Seabrook, Tom

Kantz, Russ Ladley and Tom Nelson worked on the development of a draft list of projects. The draft list includes projects focused on protection of high quality habitat (acquisition), restoration of habitat forming processes (focusing on levee setbacks and estuary restoration), and one or more projects in WRIA 12. Nine projects are proposed for inclusion on the \$5.18 million list and six projects on the \$2.9 million list. After review of the nine projects and the rationale for inclusion, Keith moved that we adopt the list as proposed by the workgroup. Eli seconded. **The project lists was unanimously approved by consensus.**

4. WRIA 10/12 Habitat Work Schedule

WDFW has required all lead entities in Washington to develop a Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) to display project information for past and future salmon habitat projects. Each lead entity has a web page and a public portal so that the public and elected officials can have access to this information. Lorin gave a demonstration of the HWS for the Pierce County lead entity. All projects from the 3-year list are on the HWS. Eventually, we will also include all past projects. The website is: <http://hws.ekosystem.us/>

Lorin explained the hierarchy of projects listed in the HWS, how the metrics roll-up within the three different project levels and some of the reporting functions. There was some concern expressed by project sponsors about having to do entry of project information. There was a general feeling that it is a useful tool, if it used. In particular, folks thought it could be a good planning tool.

5. Brief Updates

Keith noted that the AFS Washington and BC Chapter conference will be held in spring 2009. [Updated info: AFS WA-BC Annual General Meeting will be held April 20-23, 2009 in Shelton, WA. Check the website for the **First Call for Symposia** and updates about the upcoming meeting <http://www.npic-afs.org/agm/>]

Meeting was adjourned at early at 5:45pm

Next meeting will be October 2, 4-6pm, at the Pierce County TMOB.