

MEETING SUMMARY – Call #4
Water Resources and Quality (Freshwater) Preparation/Adaptation Work Group
Water PAWG
November 27, 2007, 1PM-3PM

ATTENDANCE

1. Water PAWG Members:

- a. Tom Laurie, Washington State Dept of Ecology (Lead)
- b. Ginny Stern, Washington State Dept of Health
- c. Denise Clifford, Washington State Dept of Health
- d. Paul Fleming, Seattle Public Utilities
- e. Michael Garrity, American Rivers
- f. Alan Hamlet, UW Climate Impacts Group
- g. Dave Monthie, King County
- h. Tom Myrum, Washington State Water Resources Association
- i. Carl Samuelson, Washington State Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- j. Hal Schlomann, Washington State Association of Sewer and Water Districts
- k. James Schroeder, National Wildlife Federation
- l. Ginny Stern, Washington State Dept of Health
- m. John Stuhlmiller, Washington Farm Bureau
- n. Alex McGregor, McGregor Company
- o. Mike Peterson, The Lands Council
- p. Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes

2. Agency and Staff Support:

- a. Hedia Adelman, Washington State Dept of Ecology
- b. Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.
- c. Roma Call, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.

3. Public attendees:

- a. Sue Gunn, Center for Environmental Law and Policy

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

1. Agenda: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/112707WRAgenda.pdf>
2. Summary of November 7th Meeting:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/110707WRsummary.pdf>
3. Draft Water PAWG Recommendations:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/112707WRrecommendations_draft.pdf

DISCUSSION AND KEY ISSUES:

The PAWG discussed the Draft Water PAWG Recommendations and made edits to the document over the internet at www.Gotomeeting.com. The PAWG discussion included the following topics and comments.

1. **Introduction:** The group discussed the introduction section of the Recommendations document and made editorial changes.
2. **Recommendation 1. Water Resource Management Strategy:** The PAWG discussed whether or not to leave section 1.1 in the document or to place its elements into other sections where appropriate. Since there was limited time for the PAWG to identify specific strategies for evaluating current water resource laws and policies in terms of climate change, some felt that section 1.1 did not stand on its own. The majority felt strongly that it was important to keep this section intact with a recommendation for the governor to authorize further evaluation of the specific strategies needed. The group agreed to keep section 1.1 intact with some modifications. Alan Hamlet volunteered to develop draft language for the section.

The PAWG discussed section 1.3 and suggested changes that would provide more specific actions for restoring and protecting natural watershed functions, including restoring natural storage functions. Carl Samuelson and Terry Williams volunteered to provide draft language for this section.

3. **Prioritizing:** Nancy demonstrated the online ranking tool as a possible method for prioritizing the recommendations. Although the PAWG did not have time to develop ranking criteria, the group agreed to try the ranking tool. The results may or may not show agreement among PAWG members, but will be discussed on the next call.

Public Comment

Sue Gunn, Center for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP): In response to an earlier question about whether relinquishment is in the courts, the answer is yes. There is currently a case in Washington that is considering the reality of eliminating relinquishment. In addition, Arizona and Idaho are currently considering eliminating their relinquishment statutes. Secondly, regarding restoring and protecting natural watershed functions, in 2002 Colorado established a watershed protection fund. You might consider including that in your recommendation.

Next Steps:

1. Ross & Associates (R&A) will send the document in its current state to the Water PAWG immediately after the call.
2. Alan Hamlet, along with anyone else who would like to participate, has agreed to provide language for Section 1.1 by tomorrow, November 28th.
3. Carl Samuelson and Terry Williams agreed to provide language for Section 1.3 by tomorrow, November 28th.

4. The PAWG will provide any additional comments on the document by tomorrow, November 28th.
5. R&A will send the new language to the group by close of business tomorrow, November 28th, along with a website address for the ranking tool.
6. The PAWG will rank the recommendations using the online tool by close of business Friday, November 30th.
7. R&A will send a reminder for the next call: December 4th, 2007.

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