

MEETING SUMMARY – Call #5
Water Resources and Quality (Freshwater) Preparation/Adaptation Work Group
Water PAWG
December 4, 2007, 1:30PM-3:30PM

ATTENDANCE

1. Water PAWG Members:

- a. Tom Laurie, Washington State Dept of Ecology (Lead)
- b. Mo McBroom, Washington Environmental Council
- 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. Carl Samuelson, Washington State Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- h. James Schroeder, National Wildlife Federation
- i. John Stuhlmiller, Washington Farm Bureau
- j. Alex McGregor, McGregor Company
- k. Mike Peterson, The Lands Council
- l. Tom Ring, Yakama Nation Water Program

2. Agency and Staff Support:

- a. Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd.
- b. 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/120407WRAgenda.pdf>
2. Summary of November 27th Meeting:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/112707WRsummary.pdf>
3. Draft Water PAWG Recommendations:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/PAWGdocs/wr/12407WRrecomendations.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. **Recommendations Document:** The PAWG reviewed edits and comments to the recommendations document that were made by PAWG members since the previous conference call. No substantive changes were suggested during the discussion.

Section 1.1 – The group fine tuned the language in this section to make it consistent with the introduction section regarding issues needing further discussion.

Section 1.3 and Section 2.1 – The group edited the language in these sections to provide more clarity.

2. **Prioritization:** The PAWG reviewed the results of the online ranking process for prioritizing the recommendations. Some of the participants ranked the strategies under each recommendation and others ranked all of strategies as 13 individual categories. This created a disparity in the interpretation of the results. Although there was some agreement in the ranking of sections 2 and 4, overall there was not enough consistency to prioritize the recommendations for the final report. The group agreed to present the final recommendations without prioritization.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Gunn (Center for Environmental Law and Policy) – Recommended that the PAWG post GoToMeeting log-in information on Ecology's website for public access. Regarding the ranking of recommendations, Sue reminded the PAWG that it completed an initial ranking process to develop the current list of recommendations. She agrees with the decision not to rank them further at this time.

NEXT STEPS:

1. By **Friday, December 7** all of the PAWGs will submit their recommendations.
2. Between now and **Friday, December 14th**, Ross & Associates will assist Ecology in identifying common issues between the PAWG recommendations, such as emergency preparedness, outreach/education, and others. The common issues will be summarized in a front end overview section of the report.
3. By **Friday, December 14th** the overview section of the report and all of the individual PAWG recommendations will be forwarded to the PAWG leads and core Ecology staff for review.
4. On **Friday, December 21st** the full report including the Climate Impacts Group report will be posted on Ecology's website for comment by the PAWG members and the public. The comment period will occur from **Friday, December 21st through Friday, January 11th**.

5. By **Friday, January 21st** the complete PAWG report incorporating comments will be submitted to Ecology.
6. **After January 21st** an executive summary will be drafted that includes the CAT and Education group recommendations.

[Adjourned]