

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:00 a.m. – noon
Tacoma Central Treatment Plant Visitor Center
2201 Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98421

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Select chair and vice-chair for 2011-2013
2. Approve 2011-2012 work plan
3. Provide feedback for moving forward with marine nearshore status and trends monitoring
4. Hear about PSP activities and task subgroup to work on Action Agenda Updates
5. Discuss status of implementing our work plan
6. Decide on messages and timing for our next "SWG Reporter" email update
7. Hear updates related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Review the Meeting's Agenda and Goals

9:10 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

- *At our last meeting Jim Simmonds was nominated for another two-year term as chair of this work group. Is his selection confirmed?*
- *Dick Gersib, Tom Putnam, and Bruce Wulkan were nominated as vice chair. Who is selected?*

9:20 Approval of SWG 2011-2012 Work Plan (attachment)

- *The SWG Work Plan subgroup has revised the work plan per the input given at our last meeting.*
- *Do work group members approve the revised work plan?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Moving Forward with our Nearshore Status and Trends Recommendations

- *To make progress toward translating the work group's recommendations into permit language, Ecology convened a small group of "technical leads" to proceed with site selection and QAPPs for the recommended marine nearshore monitoring of fecal coliform, sediment chemistry, and mussels. The SWG Status and Trends Subgroup formed at our last SWG meeting will meet with these technical leads on February 28. Meanwhile, the technical leads have requested the following clarification of our October recommendations:*
 - *Recommendations #2c and #4: is the work group asking for nearshore sampling conducted at sites located near outfalls, at randomly selected sites, or at randomly selected sites near outfalls?*
 - *If the status question for sediments inside/outside UGA is answerable with currently available PSAMP sediment data, would the committee wish to focus its efforts on the 0 to -6 ft previously uninvestigated portion of the nearshore environment?*
- *Recent speculation indicates that future national funding for Mussel Watch may be in jeopardy. How might this affect implementation of our recommendations?*
- *What guidance do SWG members have for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:45 Break

11:00 PSP Stormwater and Monitoring Activities

- *PSP's launch committee will present the ecosystem monitoring program charter to the Leadership Council on February 17 or 18. The Ecosystem Coordination Board discussed overall monitoring governance on February 3.*
- *The ECB has also formed a stormwater subcommittee that has been meeting to discuss funding needs and other stormwater topics.*
- *PSP has convened a process to develop targets for dashboard indicators as part of updating the Action Agenda. Several members of this work group are participating in the effort to develop stormwater targets (see <http://www.psp.wa.gov/downloads/AA2011/RecoveryTargets.pdf>). Our 2011-2012 work plan describes an "Action Agenda Update" subgroup to provide SWG input to the process. Who is interested in serving on this subgroup?*
- *The Salish Sea Conference (formerly the Puget Sound Georgia Basin Conference) is scheduled for October 27-29, 2011 in Vancouver, B.C. Which work group members planning to attend? Should we host a session?*

11:20 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation

- *Since our last meeting five subgroups have been active, making progress toward completing our goals for this year.*
 - *Our request for effectiveness study topic ideas went out on February 4. Submissions are due March 31.*
 - *The effectiveness literature review work will begin as soon as PSP completes an IAA with Pierce County.*
 - *AWC and WSAC continue to lead the effort to educate local elected officials and city/county staff about our recommendations. Caucuses should be interviewing their "champions" this month.*
 - *USGS has begun to compile information for the streamflow gauging network analysis; that report should be completed before the end of the calendar year.*
 - *Ecology's EAP staff continues to work on site selection and QAPPs. Necessary work to prepare for Mussel Watch can proceed as soon as PSP completes an IAA with WDFW.*
 - *The pooled resources oversight subgroup met for the first time yesterday.*
- *Do we need more resources to deliver the products listed in our newly adopted work plan?*
 - *Do we need a Budget and Funding Subgroup to respond to the SeaGrant RFP and oversee development of new scopes of work and IAAs/contracts for EPA and other monies?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 Messages and Timing for next SWG Reporter Email Update

- *Our last SWG Reporter went out October 29, 2010. When should we send our next update and what are our important messages? The communication subgroup recommended:*
 - *In mid-February & March: (1) Ecology's schedule for issuing the permits, and when preliminary draft monitoring language will be out for comment; (2) what Ted Sturdevant said to SWG representatives in December 2010; (3) recipients should talk to their managers and elected officials and make sure they understand the SWG recommendations so they can comment on the proposed permit language*
 - *In early May: remind recipients to talk to their managers and elected officials, and make sure they understand the SWG recommendations so they can comment on the proposed permit language*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
 - *What work groups are meeting in the coming month?*
- *On February 17, the Leadership Council will discuss the ecosystem monitoring program*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday March 16, 2011 from 9-12 at Tacoma CTP, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss March-April communication plan and assign action items
- Hear update on status and trends QAPPs and site selection
- Hear about Action Agenda updates on monitoring and stormwater
- Hear status of implementing this work plan
- Hear from another monitoring work group: salmon recovery

Wednesday April 20, 2011 from 9-12 at USGS, brownbag from 12-1:

- Discuss ideas submitted for effectiveness studies and assign subgroup to evaluate and rank them
- Approve SWG comments on Action Agenda updates
- Hear preliminary findings of streamflow network analysis
- Hear status of implementing this work plan
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear from another monitoring work group: toxics

Wednesday May 18, 2011 from 9-12 at USGS, brownbag from 12-1:

- Review and discuss Ecology's preliminary draft monitoring language for NPDES municipal stormwater permits
- Decide on whether to comment on the proposed language and if appropriate, draft an outline of the letter to Ecology for the chair to finalize and send on behalf of the committee
- Hear status of implementing this work plan
- Hear from another monitoring work group: PNAMP

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