

# STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, October 19, 2011 9:00 a.m. – noon  
USGS 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Columbia Conference Room  
934 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

## Draft Agenda

### THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve revised draft oversight committee charter for another round of public review
2. Hear about water quality index monitoring
3. Discuss progress on developing an approach to agricultural runoff monitoring
4. Hear about Ecology's new formal draft permit monitoring language
5. Discuss status of implementing our work plan
6. Hear about PSP stormwater and monitoring activities
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 Discuss and Approve Revised Draft Pooled Funds Oversight Committee Charter

- *The subgroup met October 6 to discuss the input from our last work group meeting and revise the draft charter.*
- *What do work group members think of the changes? Do work group members approve release of the revised document for public review?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:45 Washington Water Quality Index (WQI) Monitoring Presentation

- *One of the key parameters included in the Small Streams Status and Trends Status and Trends Monitoring program design is WQI. Dave Hallock of Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program will discuss the monitoring and how it will inform our understanding of water quality in Puget Sound lowland streams.*
- *Do SWG members have guidance for the Small Streams S&T Oversight Subgroup??*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:25 Status of Developing Agricultural Runoff Monitoring Recommendations

- *The Agricultural Runoff Subgroup has met 4 times starting in April 2011. What have they discussed? What initial agreements have they reached?*
- *What guidance do SWG members have for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:10 Nearshore Monitoring Recommendations – Vote Tabled

- *This subgroup has not met since our last work group meeting.*
- *Rather than voting on these recommendations today, our chair and staff propose that we wait to consider these recommendations together with Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language and tee up work group recommendations to discuss in November and January for inclusion in our official comment letter.*

11:15 Formal Draft Permit Monitoring Language Scheduled to Go Out for Public Review Today

- *Ecology has been working on responding to the public comments the agency received on the preliminary informal draft language Phase I and Phase II NPDES permits in June, and since. Bill Moore will go over the changes to the monitoring language and explain the schedule and process for issuing the final permits. The comment period is scheduled to extend through February 3, 2012.*
- *At our next work group meeting we will discuss possible formal comments on the monitoring language.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals for this year.*
  - *Pooled Resources Oversight: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
  - *Effectiveness: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
  - *Small Stream Status and Trends: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
  - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: Discussed in previous agenda item*
  - *Source ID Information Repository: Subgroup will convene in early November*
  - *Communication: SWG Reporter went out on September 28; next Reporter due in November. As discussed in previous agenda item, will release draft oversight committee charter between now and then.*
  - *Agricultural Runoff: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
  - *Action Agenda Updates:*
    - *SWG subgroup has not met, but some of its members have been involved in PSP's continuing work on targets and strategies for stormwater; discussed in next agenda item*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 Updates on Puget Sound Partnership Stormwater and Monitoring Activities

- *The biennial science plan is under development. As the first official ecosystem monitoring topical work group, and do SWG want to weigh in on this topic?*

11:55 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.*
  - *What subgroups are meeting in the coming months?*
- *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, November 16, 2011 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language and direct subgroups to recommend specific comments on various topics
- Hear about Ecology's FY12 budget *i.e.*, the level of funding available to support our work
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Provide direction to the SWG Work Plan Subgroup to produce the next annual update of our work plan
- Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter
- Hear about PSP stormwater and monitoring activities

December 2011: *no work group meeting scheduled*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve work group comments on Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language
- Discuss the SWG Work Plan Subgroup's draft annual update of our work plan
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter
- Hear about PSP stormwater and monitoring activities

### ***Directions to the USGS office at 934 Broadway, third floor, in downtown Tacoma***

A map is available at <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/directions.html>

#### *Public transportation:*

Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10<sup>th</sup> and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Street block on Commerce, to the left of the Pierce Transit bus shop and along the fountains, to Broadway Plaza at the top and across the street to the entrance to the USGS office, just to the right of the Children's Museum.

#### *Driving directions:*

Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. Turn left on S 11<sup>th</sup> Street and go uphill to Market Street. Turn right on Market Street and the entrance to the Rhodes Center's parking garage will be on your left. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour. Cross the street via the skybridge to enter the Market Building of the Rhodes Center. Walk through the Market Building and across another skybridge to the Broadway Building. There is a bank of elevators near the atrium. Take the elevator to the first floor, exit the building to Broadway, and walk a few doors to the left (the entrance to 934 Broadway is just past the Children's Museum).

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Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street and turn left on 11<sup>th</sup>. Access the Park Plaza North parking garage by turning right on Commerce. The parking entrance is to the right, under the pedestrian skybridge. Take the skybridge across Commerce to Broadway Plaza and walk across the park and to the left to the entrance to the building that houses the USGS office (the entrance is just before the Children's Museum).