

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon
USGS 3rd Floor Columbia Conference Room
934 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve work group comments on Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language
2. Select a designate to represent the work group at PSEMP meetings
3. Review a brief report summarizing our accomplishments in the past year
4. Discuss proposed updates to our work plan and provide further direction to subgroups
5. Give direction to the Effectiveness Study Selection Subgroup for designing the RFP process
6. Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter email update
7. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
8. Hear updates related to our work

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

9:10 Approve SWG Comment Letter on Ecology's Formal Draft Permit Monitoring Language

- *At our last meeting, we agreed that our comment letter on the formal draft permits will not include detailed recommendations, but rather express general support for the paradigm shift to collaborative, regional monitoring and clarify the preliminary nature of our recommended list of effectiveness study topics and questions. What comments do work group members have on the revised draft letter?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:30 Puget Sound Partnership Monitoring Activities

- *The coordinated monitoring program has been named the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program.*
- *Who shall officially represent the SWG at the PSEMP Steering Committee meetings?*

9:45 Summary of SWG Accomplishments in 2011

- *At our last meeting we agreed that the Communication Subgroup should develop a one-page summary of our accomplishments during the past year. What comments do work group members have on the report?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Break

10:15 Discuss Proposed SWG 2012-2013 Work Plan Updates and Subgroup Composition

- *At our last meeting we agreed that each of our subgroups should propose specific updates to our work plan. The Work Plan Subgroup has compiled the proposals into a single document. What further direction can we provide to our subgroups? Which subgroups need a chair and/or additional members?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Continue to Develop the Process for Selecting Effectiveness Studies to be Conducted Using Pooled Resources of Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permittees

- *In past discussions, the Stormwater Work Group has underscored the need to leverage existing capacities, particularly including those of permitted jurisdictions interested in conducting regional monitoring activities. In more recent discussions the subgroup has envisioned a two-stage RFP (or pre-proposal) process with collaborative groups scoring high (i.e., multiple jurisdictions, consultants, etc. working together to propose robust study designs).*
- *What guidance can we give to the SWG Effectiveness Study Selection Subgroup as they begin to develop recommendations for the RFP process?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups and Plan for Next Year

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals for this year.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Effectiveness: Discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends:*
 - *QAPP comments are due to Ecology with permit comments by February 3*
 - *Streamflow network analysis is due to be published by USGS in late March*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Source ID Information Repository: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Communication: Discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *The next issue of the bi-monthly SWG Reporter is due out this month. Suggested topics include: reminders to comment on permit and oversight charter; our accomplishments during the past year; solicit ideas for RFP process for effectiveness studies.*
 - *Action Agenda Updates: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *SWG Work Plan: Discussed in previous agenda item*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

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

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.*
 - *Ecology has scheduled four public workshops around Puget Sound and one in Vancouver to explain the new permit requirements. Three have occurred already on the 9th in Lacey, the 10th in Vancouver, and the 17th in Mt. Vernon. The others are on the 19th in Poulsbo, and the 24th in Renton.*
 - *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, February 15, 2012 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve 2012-2013 work plan updates
- Discuss public comments Ecology received on permit monitoring language
- Discuss recommendations for agricultural runoff pesticide and habitat monitoring
- Hear about findings of effectiveness literature review and discuss crosswalk with list of topics
- Discuss visual presentation of SWAMPPS implementation
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss proposed outline of process to select effectiveness studies
- Discuss proposed scoping paper for source identification literature review
- Approve recommendations for agricultural runoff pesticide and habitat monitoring
- Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2012: All Wednesdays, from 9-noon in Tacoma

April 18

May 16

June 13

September 19

October 17

November 14

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

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Public transportation:

Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10th and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the 9th-11th 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 11th 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 (clearly marked State vehicles park for free). 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).