



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Provide feedback on new recommendations for monitoring related to agricultural runoff
2. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our 2013-2014 work plan and discuss updates needed for our 2014-2015 work plan
 - a. Learn about permittees' "opt-in/opt-out" decisions
 - b. Discuss RSMP status and trends monitoring in streams and nearshore areas:
 - i. Hear about efforts to coordinate a team to implement RSMP status and trends
 - ii. Hear an update on WSDOT permit reissuance and monitoring requirements
 - iii. Tee up conversation about RSMP status and trends budget allocations coming in January
 - iv. Tee up decision on whether to use caged or wild mussels for RSMP sampling in 2015
 - c. Discuss approach for moving from the list of effectiveness studies to proposals and study designs
 - d. Hear about progress by the SIDIR subgroup
 - e. Launch the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee under the [*charter*](#) we approved last year
 - f. Discuss messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
3. Learn about other issues related to our work:
 - a. Discuss effectiveness studies for outreach and education efforts
 - b. Hear from PSEMP about progress, coordination needs, and other topics of interest
 - i. Confirm our priority gaps for PSEMP status and trends monitoring
 - c. Hear other updates related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review the meeting's agenda and goals

9:10 Provide feedback on recommendations for monitoring related to agricultural runoff

- *The SWG Agricultural Runoff Subgroup has developed new recommendations for our considerations. Subgroup chair and staff Carol Smith will walk us through the two documents that were sent via email as attachments to this agenda.*
- *What comments and questions do work group members have? Do we have direction for the subgroup? What is needed for us to approve these recommendations at our next meeting in January?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:10 Hear about permittees' decisions to date to either "opt in or out" of the RSMP status and trends and effectiveness components

- *All permittees must notify Ecology of their decisions to opt in or out of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) by December 1. The first Phase I permittee payments for regional status and trends monitoring implementation were due to Ecology on October 15; Pierce County is the sole opt-out jurisdiction so far.*
- *After December 1, the budget for the RSMP will be known and, if needed, further prioritization will take place.*

10:15 Break



10:30 Discuss status of our work plan implementation and prepare to update our work plan

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our work plan for 2013-2014. What information or updates do subgroups have to share today? Subgroups are reviewing our 2013-2014 work plan and proposing updates for our 2014-2015 work plan. What work plan updates are they considering?*
 - Agricultural Runoff: discussed in the previous agenda item
 - Communication: the most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on July 31. Possible topics for the next issue include:
 - Recommendations for a roads and highways monitoring strategy submitted to Ecology in September
 - Agricultural runoff monitoring strategy under discussion
 - Pooled Resources Oversight Committee to be convened
 - SWMP effectiveness study webinar and workshops ahead\
 - IDDE incident tracking form being converted to easy, web-based format
 - RSMP status and trends monitoring implementation planning is underway
 - Work plan updates underway; invitation to join our subgroups
 - Effectiveness: at its October 8th meeting the subgroup planned a webinar, workshops, and other communication to help transition from the list of study topics and questions we approved in June to proposals and study designs; see informal subgroup meeting notes
 - Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: no subgroup activity to report. WDFW has analyzed data from the Puget Sound Mussel Survey conducted last winter and will share their findings with the work group at our next meeting. Potential implementers are developing a proposal for coordinated implementation of all three nearshore monitoring activities in October 2015 through September 2016.
 - Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in subsequent agenda item
 - Roads and Highways: no subgroup activity to report. At our last meeting we made a majority decision to recommend to Ecology that WSDOT participate in the RSMP. Ecology is considering the work group's recommendations. When is the draft WSDOT permit expected to be released for public comment?
 - Small Streams Status and Trends: no activity to report; QAPP is near finalization and an implementation proposal is being developed. Potential implementers are discussing site evaluation process and timing, and developing a proposal for coordinated implementation of the stream monitoring in 2015.
 - Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): at its October 29th meeting the subgroup developed a draft work plan for the coming two years; see informal subgroup meeting notes. The IDDE incident tracking form is being converted to easy, web-based format with automatic extraction of the data into an excel spreadsheet.
 - Work Plan: discussed in this bullet; the subgroup will reconvene this fall to collect subgroups' proposals and develop a schedule for next year's meetings and discussions and compile a work plan for work group approval in January
- Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:15 Plan to convene the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee to oversee RSMP implementation

- When shall we convene the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee and who shall be its members? The committee will be convened according to the [charter](#) we approved last year.

11:45 PSEMP coordination and other coordinated monitoring updates

- Following our last meeting Bruce Wulkan distributed a message describing his concerns about the extent to which STORM and the Puget Sound Partnership are evaluating the effectiveness of outreach and education efforts. What comments or suggestions do work group members have?
- The PSEMP Steering Committee met November 5 to discuss prioritization of the short list of gaps and needs submitted by the workgroups. The SWG's priorities are from our June 26, 2013 memo to the Steering Committee. Do we confirm that these are our priority gaps for PSEMP status and trends monitoring?



STORMWATER WORK GROUP

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html>; <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>

- *What decisions have been made by the Steering Committee, or will be made at future meetings, on which the work group might want to provide input? What are the other topical workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED SWG MEETING AND EXPECTED AGENDA TOPICS

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 9am to 1pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed:

- *Approve recommendations for monitoring related to agricultural runoff*
- *Hear from Ecology about permittees' decisions to opt in or out of the RSMP and discuss implementation*
 - *Discuss any needs to adjust sampling plans in accordance with the final budget*
 - *Hear about contracting decisions that need to be made for each RSMP component*
 - *Hear findings of the Puget Sound mussel survey*
 - *Decide whether to use caged or wild mussels for RSMP sampling in 2015*
- *Hear about bacteria indicators work in Kitsap Co.*
- *Discuss updates from our subgroups and approve work plan for 2014-2015*
- *Hear other updates related to our work*

Future meetings in 2014 are tentatively scheduled for March 19, June 11, September 17, and November 12.

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