

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

USGS office, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Approve revised Pooled Resources Oversight Committee charter
2. Approve Work Plan Subgroup's recommendations for SWAMPPS expansion topics and discuss content and format of future subgroup recommendations
3. Launch Roads and Highways Subgroup
4. Hear about decisions Ecology has made for the grant funds discussed at our last meeting
5. Hear about PSEMP and other monitoring activities, and plans of the new Toxics Work Group
6. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
7. Hear other updates related to our work

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

9:05 Approve revised Pooled Resources Oversight Committee Charter

- *At our meeting in March we agreed that the primary purpose of the Oversight Committee is to provide transparency and track budget and deliverables. We directed the Pooled Resources Oversight Subgroup to revise the charter according to these principles. Does the work group approve the revised charter?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Approve priorities for expanding SWAMPPS and discuss future subgroup recommendations

- *At our last meeting, we discussed four potential expansion topics (roads and highways, industrial permittees, combined sewer overflows, and lakes). The subgroup presented its recommendations to the work group to modify our 2012-2013 work plan. Does the work group approve the recommendations?*
- *In our initial discussions of new recommendations proposed by the Agricultural Runoff Subgroup, it became clear that the work group should establish and communicate a clear set of expectations for new subgroups that are developing new sets of stormwater monitoring and assessment recommendations for the SWG to discuss and approve. The Work Plan Subgroup developed a draft for discussion; the same information is included in two formats. What feedback do work group members have for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:30 Break

10:45 Launch Roads and Highways Subgroup

- *Having agreed to the expansion priorities, what specific direction would work group members like to provide to a new Roads and Highways Subgroup? Who will be its initial members? When should we first expect a report on the subgroup's process, and what is the long-term schedule for work group discussion and approval of its recommendations for WSDOT permit monitoring?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:00 Hear about progress on crosswalk of effectiveness study topics and literature review

- *At our last meeting, we directed the Effectiveness Subgroup to go through the list of topics and divide them into two groups as follows:*
 - *Questions for which there is apparently no relevant information in the literature review. The RSMP might begin with these questions.*
 - *Questions that are part of a body of inquiry and for which relevant information can be synthesized and disseminated to local jurisdiction stormwater managers.*
- *What are the results of that exercise? What specific next steps do subgroup members recommend? Do work group members have further direction for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 Hear about Ecology funding of SWAMPPS/RSMP projects in FY13

- *At our last meeting we discussed and voted on priorities for projects that could be done before June 30, 2013 with up to \$200K in Ecology funding. Karen Dinicola was tasked with creating an on-line survey to gather further input on which specific streamflow gauging analysis project or which Mussel Watch analysis is considered most important.*
 - *The survey was taken by 37 people; 13 identified themselves as SWG members, 3 as alternates, 5 as streams subgroup members, 2 as nearshore subgroup members, and 14 as interested parties.*
 - *For stream gauging: identifying the most important factors for correlation tied with analyzing differences and trends for first place votes, but identifying the most important factors for correlation got more than 3 times as many second place votes.*
 - *For mussel watch: the caged mussel study ranked highest and the seasonal study second.*
 - *For overall topics: The results confirmed the top 4 overall project topics identified by the work group at our last meeting (stream gauging analyses, technical assistance for the Effectiveness Study Selection Subgroup, Mussel Watch analyses, and logistical support for the Roads and Highways Subgroup), with all other topics ranked far behind (half as many votes or less).*
- *What has Ecology decided?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Discuss timing and messages for next issue of "SWG Reporter"

- *The last issue of the SWG Reporter went out on March 28. Should we send out the next issue now or wait until next month? What topics should be addressed?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 Hear updates from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

- *What decisions has the steering committee made? What decisions will be made at future meetings on which the work group might want to provide input? What other topical work groups have met and what are their plans, and their needs and interests in communicating with us?*

- *Scott Redman will brief us on the new Toxics Work Group.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 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*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: subgroup met May 1; new recommendations will be discussed in September*
 - *Communication: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: will next meet in late May or early June*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends: will next meet in late May or early June*
 - *Source ID Information Repository: will next meet in June or July*
 - *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 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

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>

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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).

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss/approve revised list of initial effectiveness study topics for which no body of inquiry exists
- Approve a format for, and required content of, future subgroup recommendations
- Discuss improvements to make our web pages more useful to subgroup members and interested parties
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

No work group meetings in July-August

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss agricultural runoff nutrient and bacteria monitoring recommendations
- Hear about initial work of the Roads and Highways Subgroup
- Discuss data storage and sharing systems, SOPs, and technical assistance needs for SWAMPSS
- Hear about webpage redesigns
- Discuss the permits Ecology issued in July
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve agricultural runoff nutrient and bacteria monitoring recommendations
- Discuss nearshore biota and bacteria monitoring site selection recommendations
- Discuss Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) findings and recommendations
- Continue discussion of data storage/sharing systems, SOPs, technical assistance needs for SWAMPSS
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

LAST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2012: Wednesday, November 14, from 9-noon in Tacoma