



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, September 18, 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. Approve recommendations for roads and highways monitoring
2. Plan to convene the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee
3. Hear from our subgroups about the status of implementing our 2013-2014 work plan and discuss updates needed for our 2014-2015 work plan
4. Discuss messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
5. Hear from PSEMP about progress, coordination needs, and other topics of interest
6. 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 Approve recommendations for roads and highways monitoring

- *At our last meeting we discussed the project ideas the Roads and Highways Subgroup has been gathering to comprise a roads and highways monitoring strategy. We provided input to the subgroup, who continued to work on their recommendations over the summer. This month, the work is expected to submit recommendations to Ecology to consider in determining monitoring requirements for the next WSDOT permit. We will discuss the subgroup's updated proposal today.*
- *What comments and questions do work group members have? Do we approve these recommendations?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Continue discussion of roads and highways monitoring recommendations

11:00 Plan to convene the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee

- *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.*
- *The first payments for regional status and trends monitoring implementation are due to Ecology on October 15. All permittees must notify Ecology of their decisions to opt in or out of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) by December 1. After that date, the budget for the RSMP will be known and, if needed, further prioritization will take place.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 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, aside from our previous agenda item discussions, do subgroups have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: met in July to develop recommendations for effectiveness monitoring; recommendations will be presented to SWG for discussion in November and approval in January.*
 - *Communication: discussed in next agenda item*
 - *Effectiveness: no activity to report. Subgroup may plan a workshop to help transition from the list we approved in June to proposals and study designs.*



STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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

- Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: met with Toxics Workgroup in June 20. Opt-out site list finalized. caged mussel data coming in; WDFW will present initial results and findings to SWG in November.
- Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in previous agenda item
- Roads and Highways: discussed in a previous agenda item
- Small Streams Status and Trends: no activity to report
- Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): IDDE incident tracking form posted by Ecology
- Work Plan: discussed in next bullet
- All subgroups should review our 2013-2014 work plan and propose updates for our 2014-2015 work plan. The Work Plan Subgroup will reconvene this fall to collect subgroups' proposals and develop a schedule for next year's meetings and discussions.
- Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:45 Agree on messages for next issue of "SWG Reporter"

- 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
 - Pooled Resources Oversight Committee to be convened
 - RSMP status and trends monitoring plans and coordination with other efforts
 - Agricultural runoff monitoring strategy under discussion
 - Work plan updates underway; invitation to join our subgroups
- Do work group members have suggestions for other topics to include in the next update? When should it go out?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:50 PSEMP coordination and other coordinated monitoring updates

- 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

November 13 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed:

- Provide feedback on recommendations for effectiveness studies for agricultural runoff
- Hear findings of Puget Sound mussel survey and recommend whether to use caged or wild mussels for RSMP
- Launch Pooled Resources Oversight Committee under the charter approved last year
- Discuss work plan updates for 2014-2015

No other meetings are scheduled for this calendar year. The next meeting will be in **January 2014**. At that meeting we will hear from Ecology about permittees' decisions to opt in or out of the RSMP, the final RSMP budget, any needs to adjust sampling plans in accordance with the final budget, and contracting plans for each RSMP component. We will also finalize and approve our work plan for 2014-2015.



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