

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:00 a.m. – noon

Rhodes Center, Broadway Building 5th Floor, Orcas Room

949 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Please note change in meeting location.

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Discuss feedback we received on our Draft Pooled Resources Oversight Committee Charter
2. Approve preliminary list of effectiveness study topics
3. Form a new Source Identification Information Repository Subgroup
4. Discuss new recommendations from our Status and Trends Oversight Subgroups
5. Discuss status of implementing our work plan
6. Decide on messages and timing for our next "SWG Reporter" email update
7. Hear about PSP activities and task subgroup to work on Action Agenda Updates
8. Hear updates related to our work

* * * * *

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

9:10 Discuss Comments on Draft Pooled Resources Oversight Committee Charter

- *The comment period on our preliminary draft charter ended July 11. The comments are posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/pooled-resources-oversight/draft-oversight-committee-charter>*
- *What direction can we provide to the Pooled Resources Oversight Subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:30 Approve Ranked List of Effectiveness Study Topics

- *The effectiveness subgroup refined the ranked list of ideas discussed at our last meeting July 21 and also cross-walked the topics with the initial findings of the effectiveness literature review. The list is intended to be included or referenced in the formal draft NPDES municipal stormwater permit to be released next month for public comment.*
- *Do SWG members approve the list for submission to Ecology?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:00 Form New Source Identification Information Repository Subgroup

- *The Washington Stormwater Center might receive funding to conduct a literature review to support future development of the source identification and diagnostic information repository recommended in our 2010 Strategy and October 2010 Recommendations for Municipal Stormwater Permit Monitoring.*
- *Who would like to participate on a subgroup to inform and guide this effort?*

- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 New Status and Trends Monitoring Recommendations: Nearshore

- *The Nearshore Status and Trends Oversight Subgroup discussed various ideas for refining the strata for site selection for mussels and fecal coliform sampling. The bacteria sampling would follow this design.*
- *The subgroup also proposes recommendations for the sediment chemistry monitoring.*
- *What guidance do SWG members have for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:00 New Status and Trends Monitoring Recommendations: Small Streams

- *The Small Stream Status and Trends Oversight Subgroup discussed a revised draft QAPP for the water quality, habitat, and stream benthos data collection effort and next steps for ramping up to implementation of this component of SWAMPPS.*
- *What guidance do SWG members have for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Communication, Messages and Timing for next SWG Reporter Email Update

- *The Communication Subgroup is planning outreach to elected officials during the public comment period on the formal draft permit.*
- *Our last SWG Reporter went out May 19. When should we send our next update and what are our important messages? The communication subgroup recommends we include the following topics:*
 - *Monitoring meetings in E WA and SW WA discussing Puget Sound proposal*
 - *Brief description of logistics and process to get permit out*
 - *High-level summary of comments on draft for Puget Sound*
 - *New list of recommended topics for effectiveness studies*
 - *Refining Oct 2010 technical recommendations (cost estimates and study designs)*
 - *Cost allocations: tried to get proposal; reality of what benefits small vs large jurisdictions*
- *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: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
 - *Communication: Discussed in a previous agenda item*
 - *Agricultural Runoff:*
 - *Subgroup will meet October 12 and its work will be discussed in detail at our next meeting October 19*
 - *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 PSP Stormwater and Monitoring Activities

- *The Steering Committee for the ecosystem monitoring program formally acknowledged the SWG as the first formal topical work group.*
- *PSP continues to work on strategies and targets for addressing pressure on the ecosystem from runoff from developed lands and land conversion. A workshop was held September 14.*

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, October 19, 2011 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve revised draft oversight committee charter for another round of public review
- Discuss progress on developing an approach to agricultural runoff monitoring
- Hear about water quality index monitoring
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Provide direction to the work plan subgroup to produce the next annual update of our work plan

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss progress on developing a regional approach to agricultural runoff monitoring
- Discuss Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language
- Hear about Ecology's FY12 budget *i.e.*, the level of funding available to support our work
- Hear status of implementing our work plan

December 2011: *no work group meeting scheduled*

DIRECTIONS TO THE TACOMA RHODES CENTER, BROADWAY BUILDING 5TH FLOOR, ORCAS ROOM 949 MARKET STREET (ENTRANCE TO MARKET BUILDING), TACOMA, WA 98402

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 the park at the top (Broadway Plaza) and go across the street to the entrance to the Rhodes Center's Broadway Building in the 900 block of Broadway, south of the Children's Museum and the entrance to USGS. Take the elevator to the 5th floor. The Orcas Room is to the right.

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 under the skybridge. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour. Cross Market 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. The Orcas Room is on the left, before the bank of elevators.