

# Stormwater Work Group Reporter

**February 2014**

*Key news and information you need to stay current on the effort to create a regional stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound*

## **Effectiveness study pre-proposals due soon; workshops coming up**

The SWG has begun the process to move from our recommended list of effectiveness study topics and questions to study designs by this coming summer. Our goal is to get people with similar interests sharing ideas and working together. Pre-proposals are due on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Two workshops are scheduled on Thursday, March 20 and Tuesday, May 6 in Renton. Anyone wishing to be involved in regional stormwater management program effectiveness studies should plan to participate.

*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/selection-of-effectiveness-studies/2014-webinar-and-workshop-info>)

## **Database ready to track stormwater pollution incidents**

A new Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) incident tracking form is now on-line to help municipal stormwater permittees report on their methods and findings to characterize, trace, and remove sources of stormwater pollution during this calendar year. The information will be analyzed to identify patterns and help reduce stormwater pollution by new educational, regulatory, and other regional efforts.

*More information* ([www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/source.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/source.html))

## **Pooled Resources Oversight Committee has first meeting**

More than 80 municipal stormwater permittees in Puget Sound and another ten in southwestern Washington were required to inform Ecology by December 2013 whether they planned to participate in regional monitoring via pooled funding or by conducting their own monitoring. All permittees are voluntarily participating in at least one Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) component. The final RSMP budget for is now known. The SWG convened a new committee to oversee Ecology's administration of the RSMP and provide input for the process for contracting to conduct the monitoring activities. At its first meeting the Committee discussed the RSMP budget and first steps needed to get ready for status and trends monitoring in small streams.

*More information* (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/pooled-resources-oversight>)

## **About the Stormwater Work Group**

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is part of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP). The SWG is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, tribes, and agriculture. The SWG formed in October 2008 to develop a Stormwater Assessment and Monitoring Program for Puget Sound (SWAMPPS) that provides a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. SWAMPPS is intended to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's many technical subgroups actively support SWAMPPS implementation. The Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) implemented through the municipal stormwater permits is part of SWAMPPS.

*More information* ([www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html))

## **Prior issues available for download**

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