

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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

SWG shares “lessons learned”

In the process of overseeing the creation and launch of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) the Stormwater Work Group (SWG) has observed many things that have worked well and others that have not worked well. In making these observations the SWG and its subcommittees have some ideas as to how to implement the RSMP more efficiently and effectively. The purpose of the document is to capture these current observations and ideas, and share them with others interested in learning about and from our process.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swgreports.html>

Permittees: please submit IDDE data spreadsheets!

The SWG encourages all permittees to submit the annual report attachments for question #20 for Phase II and #48 for Phase I permittees in a spreadsheet format. Use of the “online” form is not required for output from permittees’ databases to enable analysis. The SWG will not analyze the information designated for compliance purposes only. The analysis is intended to provide a basis to support local governments’ IDDE efforts and better address common stormwater problems.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/source.html> *(note new bookmark)*

Mussel monitoring sites will be selected in May-June

Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is leading the RSMP mussel monitoring. Forty sites will be identified and confirmed during the low tides in May and June for sampling of contaminants in mussels during winter 2015-2016. WDFW will add more sampling sites to this study. Contact [Jennifer Lanksbury](#) if your organization is interested in sponsoring additional mussel sampling sites.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/status.html> *(note new bookmark)*

RSMP products coming in; fourth RSMP quarterly budget report coming soon

RSMP effectiveness studies and streams monitoring have produced early project deliverables that are being posted on Ecology’s RSMP web page. More deliverables are expected after the end of the quarter. Ecology gives regular budget and progress reports as part of the oversight process. The fourth report for the period from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 is expected to be released in late April and posted with previous reports.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/rsmp.html> *(note new bookmark)*

Stormwater discharge monitoring report published

In the last permit cycle, Phase I permittees were required to monitor stormwater discharges in a substantial effort to characterize specific land uses. Ecology has summarized the results and the data set is available for further analysis.

More information: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1503001.html>

SWG selects new chair and vice chair for two year terms - join our effort!

Cami Apfelbeck of Bainbridge Island and Abby Barnes of Washington Dept. of Natural Resources were selected chair and vice chair for the coming two years. We need more folks to represent tribes and local, state, federal, business, and environmental caucuses on the work group and in our subcommittees. Our meetings are open to all interested parties.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

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 strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound that will help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG’s many technical subgroups actively support implementation of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) implemented through the municipal stormwater permits.

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More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/reporter.html>