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Subject: RE: SWG meeting Wed June 12

Hi all:

Unfortunately I haven't been to a work group meeting in a while but I have been keeping track, and the work group continues to make impressive progress. I am optimistic and excited as we are proceeding to launch a regional stormwater monitoring program. I appreciate the Bob Cusimano recent role representing Ecology on the SW workgroup from the broader science perspective. The more narrow permitting perspective is also important and, as such I wanted to provide you all with my thoughts going into next weeks meeting – a meeting I really wanted to make, but it conflicts with my Son's graduation in California.

Thank you all for participating and contributing. Some RSMP thoughts:

- Effectiveness: the subgroup has taken the time and done the work to use the literature review and synthesis project findings and revise the studies list based on what we've learned – good adaptive management within the process we have to work for the permits. I think this is an important step and a solid, credible starting point for the RSMP.
 - I really hope the work group will approve the list and formally submit it to Ecology shortly after the meeting next week. Permittees who are deciding whether to opt in or out of the RSMP will get a good idea of what studies will be considered with the pooled money – you all will set the priority but how far down the list we get is dependent on the number of jurisdictions that choose to opt in. With the subgroup's help, we can start this fall with the process of identifying the folks who will design and carry out the studies.
 - The roads and highways subgroup has been making progress toward a recommended list of their own. The WSDOT permit will include a subset of those studies and we'll work out which ones during the process of reissuing that permit and considering the work group's recommendations. At this time, I don't think that the work group should recommend including new roads studies in the RSMP list for the muni's I think it would be a process foul because it was not a topic that was identified in the prior list, or the draft permit. We can consider including roads/highways-focused effectiveness studies in the geographic areas covered by the muni permits in the next round.

- Source ID: The subgroup has been very helpful in helping Ecology identifying the kinds of information about IDDE to include in the annual reports. We think the incident tracking form will make a regional analysis more easily achievable than having 90+ permittees each figuring it out on their own. This project will provide solid adaptive management information and actions the state and others can take to continue to reduce stormwater pollution problems.
- Status and trends: Some of you may be interested in what is going on in southwest Washington. Ecology provided a GROSS grant to the city of Longview to coordinate the development of recommendations for a regional receiving water monitoring program. Their consultants have come up with an interesting statistical design that dovetails analysis of targeted monitoring with information from random sites. I hope that SW WA and Puget Sound will continue to learn from each others' efforts and make recommendations for future permits. I can imagine continuous improvement in our monitoring programs in addition to the anticipated improvements permit requirements in the 5-year cycles ahead.

There is a lot going on and everyone is busy but always feel free to let me or Karen know if you have any questions about Ecology's plans and progress in launching the RSMP.

Again, Thank you all for your participation and hard work.

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Hi everyone, attached are the draft agenda and additional materials for the first agenda item for our meeting from 9-12 next Wednesday, June 12 at the USGS office in Tacoma. Directions are on the last page of the agenda. Materials for the roads and highways monitoring strategy discussion are not ready for distribution, but I will send them to you as soon as I am able.

In addition to reviewing the meeting materials, would you all please check the attached list of subgroup members and the list [online](#) and be certain your name is included in the "active" or "cc" list for each subgroup you are interested in contributing to and/or following its progress.

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