

RSMP Effectiveness Studies Workshop 1

Report-out for Topic Table Source Control

Proposal title: Combined Source Control (Fohn + Packman)

Management action to test: _____ Business Inspections _____

Effectiveness will be measured for (a) **implementation**, or (b) stress reduction, or (c) improving habitat

Summary of feedback given during the Topic Table discussions

Why are permittees interested in getting this info? How are they going to use it?

Most permittees plan to use the information to meet permit requirements, specifically source control requirements (for Phase 1 permittees) and documenting behavior change (Phase 2 permittees). Informing current inspection activities was also high on the list, specifically justifying the cost/benefit of current programs, refining inspection frequency, and developing business inventories.

What are the barriers or obstacles to getting the information, or concerns about its use? Is there anything missing?

The biggest difficulty pointed out during conversation was the difficulty involved in data collection and analysis. This includes varied recordkeeping between jurisdictions, assigning quantitative values to qualitative data, and attempting to make comparisons between different business types. The differences between Phase 1 and Phase 2 permittees could also be a sticking point for integrating the results of the study into programs.

How will you make this proposal regionally relevant and/or informative?

The study already proposes to collect data from a variety of jurisdictions across Western Washington. In the discussion participants emphasized the need to work toward cost/benefit numbers for business inspections and source control in general, and pointed out that existing datasets (Pierce County) and past programs (King County self-certification) would be useful.

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