



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear about effectiveness study webinar outcomes, pre-proposals that were submitted, and plans for the first workshop
2. Hear about the initial meeting of the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee, discuss RSMP implementation status and plans, and confirm Committee membership
3. Approve new recommendations for monitoring related to agricultural runoff
4. Decide on messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
5. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our work plan
6. Hear about other issues related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review the meeting's agenda and goals

- *Introduce the new RSMP Coordinator, Brandi Lubliner, whose official start date is April 1.*

9:10 Hear about plans for tomorrow's effectiveness studies workshop

- *At our last meeting we discussed the effectiveness subgroup's plans to move ahead with a process to solicit pre-proposals and get people working together on study designs in advance of the pooled resources contributions coming in to Ecology in August.*
- *We received a total of 23 pre-proposals. What types of study ideas were submitted? Who submitted pre-proposals? What are the approach and expected outcomes for tomorrow's workshop?*
- *What are the plans and expected outcomes of the May 6 workshop? How will decisions be made?*
- *Do we have further direction for the subgroup? Who is planning to attend tomorrow's workshop?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:30 Pooled Resources Oversight Committee summary of RSMP implementation status and plans

- *On February 10, the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (PROC) held its first meeting. Members learned about the final RSMP budget, the status of implementation of each of the RSMP components, and plans for hiring the RSMP Coordinator. The PROC will schedule its next meetings in March or April, and in May.*
- *At its first meeting the PROC agreed that Ecology should contract with USGS to conduct the site confirmation for the small streams status and trends monitoring. (The JFA between USGS and Ecology was signed on March 5.)*
- *At future meetings the PROC will discuss progress by the effectiveness study workshop process, implementation plans for status and trends monitoring, and other topics raised by the RSMP Coordinator.*
- *The PROC will have a standing slot on our work group meeting agenda to discuss any RSMP implementation issues that Ecology has brought to their attention. Specifically, this work group will hear:*
 - *Are there any needs to adjust sampling plans in accordance with the budget?*
 - *What contracting decisions have been made, or need to be made soon, for successful implementation of RSMP status and trends components?*
- *Who are the final PROC members going to be?*
 - *Will Appleton has been nominated as a local government member. Heather Kibbey, Kit Paulsen, and Jim Simmonds were interim members. Phyllis Varner has been nominated as an alternate. Are there other nominations for local government members?*
 - *Chris Konrad has been nominated as the federal agency member and Jay Davis as an alternate.*



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<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html>; <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>

- *Bruce Wulkan has been nominated as the state agency member and Abby Barnes as an alternate.*
- *Tom Putnam has been nominated as the environmental group member and Katelyn Kinn as an alternate.*
- Do work group members approve the nominated members?*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction to the PROC?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Approve recommendations for monitoring related to agricultural runoff

- *At our meeting in November we discussed the Agricultural Runoff Subgroup's new recommendations. The subgroup discussed our feedback. Do we approve the recommendations? The subgroup will develop an overall implementation plan for the previous sets of recommendations. Do we have further direction for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Discuss status of our work plan implementation

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our work plan. What information or updates do subgroups have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Communication: Lisa Stiffler wrote a blog piece for Sightline about the RSMP. The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on February 11. Possible topics for the next issue include:*
 - *First effectiveness study workshop outcome, second workshop ahead*
 - *Status and trends site confirmation underway with Pooled Resources*
 - *Agricultural runoff monitoring recommendations approved, implementation plan coming*
 - *IDDE incident tracking form data is coming in*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: no activity to report.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Roads and Highways: no subgroup activity to report. WSDOT's reissued permit is effective April 5.*
 - *Small Streams Status and Trends: The Puget-Willamette basin was selected as a national USGS (NAWQA) study area. In April the subgroup will meet to discuss ideas for leveraging their work to enhance the RSMP.*
 - *Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): IDDE incident tracking form data is coming in.*
 - *Work Plan: no activity to report.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 PSEMP coordination and other coordinated monitoring updates

- *The PSEMP Steering Committee continues to discuss prioritization of the short list of gaps and needs submitted by all of the workgroups. A workshop was held on February 4 to inform that effort.*
- *What decisions have been made by the Steering Committee, or will be made at future meetings, on which the work group might want to provide input? What are the other topical workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn



NEXT SCHEDULED SWG MEETING AND EXPECTED AGENDA TOPICS

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed:

- *Discuss effectiveness study workshop outcomes and approve recommendations to deliver to Ecology*
- *Discuss RSMP implementation and hear about the meetings of the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee*
- *Decide on messages and timing for next SWG Reporter*
- *Hear from our subgroups about progress on implementing our 2014-2015 work plan*
- *Hear other updates related to our work*

Future meetings in 2014 are tentatively scheduled for September 17 and November 12.

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