



# Draft Agenda

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 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 initial findings of the IDDE<sup>1</sup> results and findings analysis led by Lakewood.
2. Hear from the PRO-Committee<sup>2</sup> about RSMP<sup>3</sup> implementation, including updates on plans for:
  - a. Conducting RSMP marine nearshore sediment monitoring,
  - b. Compiling and analyzing marine nearshore bacteria data,
  - c. Contracting the remaining effectiveness studies, and
  - d. Reviewing Ecology's performance as the RSMP service provider.
3. Discuss subgroups' and work group members' ideas for recommendations for the next permits and our schedule and plans for finalizing these recommendations.
4. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing other aspects of our work plan and approve our 2016-2017 work plan.
5. Decide on messages and timing for the next issue of the SWG Reporter.
6. Hear about other issues/topics related to our work.

<sup>1</sup> Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

<sup>2</sup> Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (also PRO-C)

<sup>3</sup> Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program

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

9:10 Hear about progress on the IDDE results and findings analysis

- *The City of Lakewood hired a consultant to compile all of the IDDE incident tracking data reported to Ecology in the Permit and Reporting Information System (PARIS) required for the permittees' annual reports. The purpose of the analysis is to identify patterns in illicit discharges and permittees' responses to inform methods and approaches and prioritize IDDE/source control effectiveness studies. The consultant's draft report (D7.1) is posted on the RSMP webpage at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/source.html> and the final report (D7.3) should be posted there soon.*
- *Our Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) subgroup is the technical advisory committee for this RSMP project. They met December 15 to hear the initial findings of this effort and discuss next steps. Overall, the permittees participating in the subgroup understand and value the goals of SIDIR and are interested in achieving those goals with minimal reporting effort by permittees. The subgroup recommended that the project continue.*
- *The consultant is now working on developing and populating the database. Ecology is providing an intern to assist with data entry.*
- *Do work group members have any questions or further direction to the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:45 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Chair/Vice Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-C last met October 15 and will next meet January 26. Items on their agenda:*
  - *King Co, USGS, and PSP will work on the streams analysis. Ecology EAP staff will also contribute. Flame retardant sediment analyses were conducted by the lab in addition to other planned parameters.*
  - *The marine nearshore sediment monitoring team completed a scope of work and budget for the monitoring to be conducted next summer, as well as data analysis and reporting.*



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- *Progress toward a “report card” on RSMP administration, based on expectations set out in the PRO-C charter and surveying permittees about how they think the RSMP is going.*
- *Full compensation for Ecology, specifically a recommendation as to whether we need to add capacity for the next round of RSMP funding or to increase the allocation during this permit cycle.*
- *The quarterly report for the current quarter should be released in late January. An annual report for the 2015 calendar year is planned for likely release in March.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? Do work group members wish to provide further direction to the PRO-Committee and RSMP Coordinator?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Discuss caucuses' and subgroups' evolving ideas for improving the next round of the RSMP

- *Ecology's permit writers informed us that if we envision changes to the overall permit structure for monitoring and assessment, then our recommendations need to be delivered to Ecology by April, 2016. Recommendations for the RSMP content and priorities for expenditure of the permittees' pooled funds can continue to occur outside of the permit structure and S8 requirements.*
- *Since our last meeting, we have been informed that our collective recommendations can be delivered to Ecology following our June 1 work group meeting.*
- *At past meetings, we have discussed our members', caucuses', and subgroups' ideas for making recommendations for Special Conditions S8.B, C, and D in the next round of municipal stormwater permits and improving the RSMP overall. What further discussions have our caucuses and subgroups had on this topic?*
  - *The local, state, and federal agency caucuses drafted initial recommendations that are included as attachments to this agenda. The “draft recommendations” document groups the collective ideas from the caucuses and from prior work group and subgroup discussions, and in some points this document tees up topics where members' ideas diverge and the work group might focus discussion today.*
- *What further work group and caucus discussions are needed to approve a final list of recommendations at our meeting on June 1?*
- *State and federal caucuses also prepared summaries of contributions to/expenditures on the RSMP and related stormwater monitoring activities. These summaries are in the attachments.*
- *Do work group members have any guidance for our subgroups and caucuses?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 Work plan implementation and updates from our advisory subgroups and other committees

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our 2015-2016 and proposed 2016-17 work plans. What information or updates do subgroups have to share today?*
  - *Agricultural Runoff: to be discussed in March.*
  - *Communication: The RSMP will be featured in a session at a northwest regional business conference on March 9 and at the Salish Sea Conference in April. The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on December 16. Possible topics for the next issue, anticipated for release in the next week or two, include:*
    - *Status and trends monitoring activities: stream monitoring done, mussel monitoring underway, sediment monitoring to be conducted this summer*
    - *New effectiveness studies starting up and more study ideas to be solicited this spring*
    - *Updated IDDE database under development*
    - *Considering recommendations to Ecology for next permit monitoring requirements*
    - *New communication strategy coming soon*
    - *Next RSMP quarterly report due out in late January*
    - *First RSMP annual report expected early this spring*



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- Effectiveness: subgroup revised the proposal documents to reflect the work group's input at the last meeting.
- Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item.
- Pooled Resources Oversight Committee: discussed in a previous agenda item.
- Roads and Highways: no activity to report.
- Small Streams Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item.
- Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): discussed in a previous agenda item.
- Work Plan: We discussed the draft work plan at our last meeting. Do work group members have any comments on the work plan before approving it today?
- Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

### 11:50 PSEMP coordination and other updates related to our work

- The PSEMP Steering Committee met in December:
  - They adopted a 1-yr work plan that outlines support for and guidance to the 12 topical workgroups.
  - They discussed ideas for Near Term Actions (NTAs) related to monitoring, due December 31. NTAs this round are focused on 3 strategic initiatives: stormwater, habitat (eelgrass), and shellfish.
    - Several workgroup staffers were asked to review the 17 monitoring NTAs that PSP received.
- What are the other workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?
- Update on Lower Columbia Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring: at the next workshop on February 9, the permittees will recommend a project manager and funding structure for implementing the study design. A draft QAPP will be presented for discussion.
- Update on salmon monitoring: a staff member has not been identified to replace Bruce Crawford in his role coordinating the PSEMP Salmonid Workgroup. Laura Blackmore is coordinating salmon recovery monitoring. The RITT dissolved last year due to increased work load, lack of support, unclear feedback loop, and disparate tasks. Scientific advice needs continue, and a new proposal is to support 3 groups: salmon science advisory group, PSEMP's salmonid workgroup, and funded consistency reviews (projects and work plans). The Salmon Recovery Council will be more closely coordinated with the Leadership Council, Science Panel, and NOAA. They are soliciting members of the advisory group and PSEMP workgroup.
  - The steering committee expressed concerns about adequately staffing this proposal and noted that the SRF board has its own funding and monitoring processes. Coordination is imperative and will be beneficial.
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

### 11:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates or announcements

- 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 MEETING:

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed.

Expected agenda topics include:

- Continue to discuss caucuses', subgroups', and work group members' ideas for recommendations for S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next permits and overall implementation of the RSMP;
- Discuss progress toward completing an implementation plan for agricultural runoff monitoring;



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- *Hear other updates on RSMP implementation and administration;*
- *Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing our work plan for 2016-2017;*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter; and*
- *Hear other updates related to our work.*

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 is: March 16, June 1, September 14, and November 9.

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