



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear about outcomes of RSMP Effectiveness Study Workshop 1 on March 20 and Workshop 2 on May 6 and discuss recommendations for RSMP Effectiveness Studies.
2. Hear about the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee's meeting on April 22 and discuss RSMP status and trends monitoring scope recommendations.
3. Decide on messages and timing for next SWG Reporter.
4. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our work plan.
5. Hear about other issues related to our work.

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

9:10 Discuss recommendations for RSMP Effectiveness Studies

- *At our last meeting we discussed the effectiveness subgroup's plans to move ahead with a process to solicit pre-proposals, get people working together on study designs, and recommend which studies to be done in what sequence. Our recommendations are needed in advance of the pooled resources contributions coming in to Ecology in August so that contracts can be completed and studies may begin shortly thereafter.*
- *We received a total of 23 pre-proposals and narrowed them to a list of 12 at the first workshops. Two of the top 12 were combined with other studies resulting in full proposals for a total of 10 studies. The ten proposals address 4 of the 6 priority topics identified in our June 2013 recommendations to Ecology.*
- *We could conceivably fund all ten full proposals, as the total amount currently requested is about \$3.6M and permittees will be contributing about \$6M. We cannot fund all of them in the first year, however, because the funding comes in at about \$1.5M per year.*
- *A permittee survey was conducted between the two workshops, as well as an Ecology staff review of the top 12 pre-proposals. The results were shared at Workshop 2. The rankings did not change very much when votes were weighted differently (i.e., one permittee one vote, or each dollar contributed to the RSMP gets one vote).*
- ***The recommendations and considerations coming out of the second workshop are:***
 - Between 6 and 8 studies of the greatest interest to the permittees should be initiated this year.
 - *Specific, project-specific suggestions for consideration include:*
 - *Add disposal costs to the #1 catch basin maintenance data evaluation; also consider adding funding for the substantial staff time that will be required to collect data for this study.*
 - *Add an evaluation of the wet pond in the #3 bioretention effectiveness study.*
 - The final sequencing should consider the flexibility of the projects, the proposed schedules of deliverables, timing to inform the next permit cycle. Be specific about which study starts are delayed.
 - Consider a third party technical and scientific review of each study design including statistics to identify and answer questions, and ultimately project usefulness.
 - Do a close inspection of estimated costs in each proposal, including contracting processes and overhead rates on pass-through funding.
 - Look at opportunities for equipment sharing.
 - Consider contingency funding.
 - Take advantage of the momentum generated by the effort around the workshops.
 - Review and discuss another round of proposals in about 2 years to allocate the remainder of the funds. See if priorities have changed or if there are ideas to make the lower interest projects more relevant.



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

- *Do we have further direction for the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee? What additional information or changes to these recommendations are needed in order to approve them at our June 11 meeting? What are the next steps for allocating the RSMP funds and initiating contracts?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Pooled Resources Oversight Committee recommendations for RSMP status and trends implementation

- *At our last meeting we heard about the first Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (PROC) meeting and decided to continue with interim members for the coming months of ramping up to implement the RSMP.*
- *The PROC's second meeting was April 22. The new RSMP Coordinator walked PROC members through a detailed RSMP budget spreadsheet for the status and trends monitoring components. The PROC recommends strategic adjustments to the scope of work for status and trends monitoring. The specific recommendations are detailed in an attachment to this agenda.*
- *What additional information or changes are needed for the work group to approve these recommendations at our June 11 meeting?*
- *The PROC will hold its next meeting before our June 11 meeting. What are plans to finalize PROC members?*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction to the PROC?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 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: The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on April 16. Possible topics for the next issue include:*
 - *Work group considering recommendations for first round of RSMP Effectiveness Studies*
 - *Work group considering recommendations for RSMP status and trends scope*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: no activity to report. Mussel Watch pilot study results will be presented June 19, 2014 from 10:00-11:30am at the Ecology building in Lacey.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight Committee: discussed in previous agenda items.*
 - *Roads and Highways: no activity to report.*
 - *Small Streams Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): no activity to report. Subgroup will meet soon to review initial use of the online IDDE tracking form and recommend changes to improve it.*
 - *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?*

11:20 PSEMP coordination and other coordinated monitoring updates

- *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?*

11:25 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?*



11:30 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:

- *Approve effectiveness study recommendations to deliver to Ecology and PSEMP*
- *Approve RSMP status and trends monitoring scope to deliver to Ecology and PSEMP*
- *Approve recommendations for effectiveness monitoring related to agricultural runoff*
- *Decide on messages and timing for the 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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