



Revised Draft Agenda

Wednesday, January 15, 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. Learn about permittees' RSMP "opt-in/opt-out" decisions and discuss the final budget
2. Launch the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee under the charter we approved in 2012
3. Recommend whether to use caged or wild mussels for RSMP sampling in 2015-2016
4. Hear about Kitsap County bacteria indicator research project
5. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our work plan
6. Approve updates for our 2014-2015 work plan
7. 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 Moment of appreciation for Emmett Dobey

- *Emmett passed away on December 23, 2013. He was a charter member of this work group, from Mason County. He helped procure key technical and facilitation support that made it possible for us to successfully complete the 2010 Strategy and Recommendations for Municipal Stormwater Permit Monitoring. Emmett recently participated in Roads and Highways monitoring discussions as a staff member at the Association of Washington Counties.*

9:15 Hear about permittees' decisions to participate in the RSMP, and the resulting budget

- *Permittees have notified Ecology of their decisions to either participate in the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) or conduct their own monitoring. Bellingham, Pierce County, and Redmond opted out of RSMP status and trends; Tacoma opted out of RSMP effectiveness studies. Clark County, Pierce County, and Seattle opted to participate in half of the full contribution amount for effectiveness and to also conduct their own independent studies. All permittees will contribute to the Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR).*
- *The final total budget for the RSMP is now known: \$3,454,966 for status and trends, \$5,989,999 for effectiveness, and \$677,250 for SIDIR. Further task prioritization may be needed as implementation ramps up.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:35 Convene the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee to oversee RSMP implementation

- *Who shall be the first members Pooled Resources Oversight Committee? At our last meeting work group members were asked to come to today's meeting with nominations. The committee will be convened according to the charter we approved in 2012. The charter was sent as an attachment to this agenda.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Hear findings of the Puget Sound mussel survey and decide whether to use caged mussels for RSMP

- *Jim West and Jennifer Lanksbury have completed an initial analysis of the data collected last winter and will share some preliminary findings.*
- *The project was successful and they recommend that the RSMP use caged, not wild, mussels for the 2015-2016 monitoring. Do work group members agree with the recommendation to use caged mussels?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*



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

11:00 Hear about a recent bacteria indicators project

- *Shawn Ultican of Kitsap County PUD and researchers at UW Tacoma have been investigating contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) as a tool to differentiate natural sources of bacterial contamination from human-associated sources such as sewage or farm runoff. Several CECs used together show promising correlation with human sources.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 Discuss status of our work plan implementation and approve updated 2014-2015 work plan

- *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 December 18. Possible topics for the next issue include:*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight Committee convened; first meeting scheduled in February*
 - *RSMP Effectiveness Study webinar happened; submit pre-proposals; two workshops ahead*
 - *IDDE incident tracking form available in an easy-to-use, web-based format*
 - *RSMP status and trends monitoring implementation planning underway*
 - *Work plan updated; invitation to join our subgroups*
 - *Effectiveness: Working on open, transparent process to transition from our approved list of topics and questions to acceptable study designs and contracts with well-defined scopes of work. Informational webinar January 28; subgroup meeting February 25; workshops March 20 and May 6.*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: discussed in a previous agenda item. The QAPPs for opt-outs are near finalization and a group of local governments are developing a proposal for coordinated implementation of all three RSMP nearshore monitoring activities in 2015-2016.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in a previous agenda item.*
 - *Roads and Highways: subgroup is currently inactive. At our last meeting we agreed to send a letter thanking Ecology for considering our recommendations and recommending some minor, clarifying changes. The letter was sent December 13. The comment period ended Friday.*
 - *Small Streams Status and Trends: no activity to report; QAPP for opt-outs is near finalization and a proposal for coordinated implementation of the 2015 RSMP stream monitoring is under development. The Phase II stream gaging analysis we heard the results of in June 2013 has been published:
Konrad, Christopher, and Sevier, Maria, 2014, Physiographic and land cover attributes of the Puget Lowland and the active streamflow gaging network: U.S. Geological Survey Data Series 815,
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3133/ds815>.*
 - *Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): The IDDE incident tracking form was converted to a web format with automatic extraction of the data into an excel spreadsheet. Four jurisdictions tested the form, which is being finalized. Ecology's permit managers will soon share it with the permittees.*
 - *Work Plan: subgroups have proposed updates for our work plan, sent as an attachment to this agenda.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Do we approve the proposed 2014-2015 work plan?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 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?*
 - *The PSEMP Steering Committee met yesterday, and continues to discuss prioritization of the short list of ecosystem condition monitoring gaps and needs submitted by all of the workgroups. They are planning an all day workshop on February 4th to finish this first prioritization process.*
- *What are the other topical workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*



STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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- *PSEMP workgroup staff met January 8 to discuss coordination and communication among the workgroups.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:55 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, March 19, 2014 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed:

- *Hear about effectiveness study webinar outcomes, pre-proposals submitted, and plans for the first workshop*
- *Approve agricultural runoff monitoring recommendations for nutrient and sediment runoff and for effectiveness*
- *Discuss RSMP implementation and hear about the initial meeting of the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee*
 - *Are there any needs to adjust sampling plans in accordance with the final budget?*
 - *What contracting decisions have been made, or need to be made soon, for successful implementation of RSMP status and trends components?*
- *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 June 11, September 17, and November 12.

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