

# STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, January 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

## Draft Agenda

### THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Select the work group's chair and vice chair for the coming two years
2. Recommend timing of RSMP small streams status and trends monitoring
3. Hear about the current mussel contamination survey and discuss whether the work group will make a recommendation to Ecology as to what sampling approach the RSMP should use
4. Discuss SIDIR recommendations from our Source Identification Subgroup
5. Discuss data management needs and timing for new recommendations
6. Hear from the PSEMP Toxics Workgroup about coordination needs and interests
7. Hear from our subgroups about the status of implementing and updating our current work plan and approve annual updates to our two-year work plan
8. Discuss messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
9. Hear from PSEMP and other workgroups
10. Hear other updates related to our work

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

- *Are there any new caucus representatives or other changes to the work group's membership?*

9:10 Select work group chair and vice chair for 2-year terms

- *At our last meeting, Jim Simmonds and Tom Putnam were nominated for continued service as our chair and vice chair, respectively. As of January 9<sup>th</sup> no additional nominations or expressions of interest were sent to work group staff. Are there other nominations before our votes on chair and vice chair?*

9:15 Recommend timing of RSMP small streams status and trends monitoring

- *The current proposed/anticipated timing for monitoring 50 small streams inside UGA boundaries and 50 small streams outside UGA boundaries is for the 2015 Water Year (October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015). The next State status and trends rotation in Puget Sound after 2013 is in the 2017 calendar year. The State's sites include larger streams and land areas outside the Puget Lowlands. In conversations with other PSEMP workgroups, this question has been raised for work group consideration:*
  - *To align the efforts, should RSMP sampling be conducted in 2017 rather than 2015 as previously planned? Some considerations:*
    - *RSMP sites sampled by Ecology's program in 2017 would not be paid for by permittees*
    - *Reporting on 2017 monitoring will be more difficult within the 2013-2018 permit term*
    - *"Opt-out" individual monitoring by permittees who choose not to participate in the RSMP will still be conducted in the 2015 Water Year*
    - *The State's program is on a 4-year cycle rather than 5-year, so aligned efforts would mean RSMP sampling again in 2021 and 2025.*
- *What comments do work group members have? When should the RSMP sampling take place? Do work group members wish to provide direction for the subgroup to make a recommendation?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

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## 9:25 Discuss mussel contamination survey and implications for the RSMP

- *The current proposed approach for RSMP mussel contaminant sampling uses wild mussels as has been done for the Mussel Watch program. WDFW is currently finishing up a round of sampling in Puget Sound using caged mussels. This apparently successful project has allowed sampling of areas where wild mussel populations do not exist. The sampling appears to be easier and cost less. At our next meeting, we will hear more and decide whether to make a recommendation to Ecology as to which approach to use.*
- *What comments do work group members have? Do work group members wish to provide direction for the subgroup to make a recommendation?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 9:35 Discuss new recommendations for the Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR)

- *At our last meeting, we briefly went over but did not discuss in detail the new recommendations from our Source Identification Subgroup for identifying initial content for the Methods/Resources and Results/Findings components of the repository that will be created and maintained using permittee funds.*
- *What comments do work group members have? Do work group members wish to provide direction for the subgroup? What revisions or modifications are needed in order to approve the recommendations?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 10:00 Discuss data management needs

- *Do adequate data management structures appear to exist for the currently proposed RSMP status and trends effort? Do our subgroups want to propose use of specific data bases where choices exist?*
- *Is there a need for cross workgroup data management discussions? If so, what is the timing?*
- *Are adequate data management approaches available for effectiveness monitoring?*
- *When is a data management structure envisioned to be needed for streamflow monitoring?*
- *SIDIR will utilize existing data structures or develop new ones as needed to create the Methods/Approaches and Results/Findings sides of the repository.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide direction for the subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 10:30 Break

## 10:45 PSEMP Toxics Workgroup coordination with SWG

- *Toxics Workgroup Chair Mike Cox and staff Dave Peeler plan to join today's discussion. The Toxics Workgroup has created a monitoring inventory and is in the process of defining gaps and beginning to prioritize needs. The Toxics workgroup is interested in leveraging RSMP status and trends monitoring and effectiveness studies to answer toxics questions and is interested in learning more about our evolving recommendations for monitoring runoff from agricultural lands and from roads and highways.*
- *What comments do work group members have? How do members wish to engage with the Toxics Workgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 11:00 Discuss status of our Work Plan implementation and approve Work Plan updates for 2013-2014

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving our goals. What progress, aside from our previous agenda item discussions, have subgroups made? A track-change version of proposed updates to our work plan was distributed with the agenda for today's meeting.*
  - *Agricultural Runoff: Task 11*
  - *Communication: Task 6*
  - *Effectiveness: Task 2*
  - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: Task 5*
  - *Pooled Resources Oversight: Task 3*

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- *Roads and Highways: Task 11*
- *Small Streams Status and Trends: Task 4*
- *Source ID Information Repository: Task 10*
- *Work Plan: Tasks 1, 7, 8*

- *What comments or concerns do work group members have prior to approving this updated work plan for 2013-2014? Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups to regarding their updates?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 11:40 Discuss timing and messages for next issue of “SWG Reporter”

- *The latest issue of the SWG Reporter went out on October 29. The next issue might include information about our subgroups and our work plan for 2013-2014. Do work group members have suggestions for topics to include in the next update? When should it go out?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

## 11:45 Hear other updates from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

- *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? How is gap identification and prioritization progressing?*
- *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

## EXPECTED AGENDA TOPICS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

- *Presentation by contractors sharing synthesized findings of the effectiveness literature review*
- *Recap of WDFW mussel sampling project and recommendations for RSMP*
- *Briefing from Roads and Highways Subgroup*

## SWG MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2013

All Wednesdays from 9am to 2pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed:  
March 20, May 1, June 12, September 18, November 13

## DIRECTIONS TO THE USGS OFFICE AT 934 BROADWAY IN DOWNTOWN TACOMA

A map is available at <http://wa.water.usgs.gov/directions.html>

*Public transportation:* Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10<sup>th</sup> and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the block on Commerce (to the left of the Pierce Transit bus shop and along the fountains) to Broadway Plaza at the top and across the street to the entrance to the USGS office.

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