



Second Revised Agenda

Wednesday, March 16, 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. Approve our 2016-2017 work plan;
2. Continue to discuss caucuses', subgroups', and work group members' ideas for recommendations for S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next permits;
3. Hear other updates on RSMP implementation and administration;
4. Hear from our subgroups about progress implementing our work plan for 2016-2017;
5. Hear about WSDOT's effectiveness study proposal;
6. Decide on messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter; and
7. Hear other updates related to our work.

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

- *The local government caucus re-affirmed current representatives and elected a new representative (Kit Paulsen, Bellevue) and four new alternates (Jared Bond, Lynnwood; Todd Hunsdorfer, King County; Kevin Burrell, Seattle; and Melissa Ivancevich, Shoreline). Mindy Fohn, Kitsap County, stepped down as an alternate.*
- *Dino Marshalonis stepped down as a federal caucus representative and will serve as an alternate instead.*

9:10 Discuss caucuses' and subgroups' evolving recommendations for permit section S8

- *We have discussed specific ideas for improving the overall permit structure for Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment and implementation of the RSMP at each of our last meetings since last summer. Our collective recommendations for S8 will be delivered to Ecology following our June 1 work group meeting.*
 - *Recommendations for the RSMP content and priorities for expenditure of the permittees' pooled funds are expected to continue to occur outside of the permit structure and S8 requirements.*
- *The Pooled Resources Oversight Committee and the SWG's local, state, and federal caucuses discussed the draft document that came out of our last meeting. The draft document sent last week with today's first draft agenda includes review comments summarizing the groups' discussions of the recommendations in that document. Karen has added local government comments to the document we'll be working with today.*
 - *The local government caucus draft meeting summary (with one member's edits) was shared on Monday via email, with this revised agenda. The caucus' final draft recommendations for S8 will be shared today.*
 - *The letter King Co sent Ecology before our last meeting was sent in the email with the first draft agenda.*
- *What further work and discussions are needed to approve a final list of recommendations on June 1?*
- *Do work group members have any guidance for our subgroups and caucuses?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:30 Break

10:45 Continue previous agenda topic

11:00 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Chair/Vice Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-C last met January 26 and will next meet before our next meeting in June, on April 26 or May 5.*



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- *The quarterly report for the October-December, 2015 quarter was released in late January. An annual report for the 2015 calendar year is planned for release sometime in April. The quarterly report for January-March will be released in late April or early May.*
- *RSMP implementation, contracting, and budget items:*
 - *All ten first round effectiveness studies except the King Co catch basin study are under contract. The second round of solicitation will happen after these contracts are signed and the stream data collection contracts are closed out.*
 - *Final report on bioretention toxicity reduction study will be posted soon.*
 - *King Co Echo Lake study is reducing scope.*
 - *Bellingham LID hydrology study monitoring will begin this fall.*
 - *Lakewood source control survey will go out to permittees soon.*
 - *We are well within the status and trends monitoring component budget and have contingency funds.*
 - *Mussel cages were retrieved in February and samples are at the labs.*
 - *USGS collected sediment samples at a subset of the RSMP mussel sites.*
 - *Contracting for sediment monitoring is underway.*
 - *Bacteria data compilation is done; there is a lot of data and the analysis will begin soon.*
 - *Stream data analysis contracts are being executed.*
 - *Inter-laboratory comparison results are in and look good.*
 - *Ecology EAP is looking to fund future improvements to the watershed health database.*
 - *The PRO-C set aside funding for a communication strategy to be led by the Association of Cities, which would work closely with the Association of Counties. A scope of work will be discussed at the next PRO-C meeting.*
- *The PRO-C is working on a draft “report card” on Ecology’s RSMP administration and on the PRO-C itself, based on expectations set out in the PRO-C charter. The PRO-C also plans to survey permittees later this year about how they think the RSMP is going.*
- *There are two vacancies for permittee alternate representatives on the PRO-C. Does the local government caucus wish to fill these roles by having the work group members confirm new names today?*
- *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?*

11:20 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: a report on progress toward completing this monitoring implementation strategy will be shared at our meeting in June. The strategy should be ready for review at our September meeting.*
 - *Communication: The most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on March 7. Possible topics for the next issue, anticipated for release in the next week or two, include:*
 - *Status and trends monitoring activities: stream monitoring data available and analysis underway; mussel monitoring completed; and sediment monitoring to be conducted this summer*
 - *New effectiveness studies starting up and more study ideas to be solicited later this spring*
 - *Finalizing recommendations to Ecology for next permit monitoring requirements*
 - *New communication strategy coming soon*
 - *Next RSMP quarterly report due out in late April or early May*
 - *First RSMP annual report expected in April*
- *Brandi spoke at the NEBC conference last week and will speak at Salish Sea conference next month. Karen and Andy Meyer at Association of Washington Cities (see description of PRO-C update, above) are working on a proposal for communication of RSMP study findings.*
- *Effectiveness: no activity to report; waiting for execution of all first round contracts (and closeout of stream data collection contracts) before initiating second round.*
- *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends (Marine Waters Workgroup): no RSMP activity to report.*



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- Roads and Highways: WSDOT has reconvened the committee to discuss its latest proposals for effectiveness studies. A proposal for “Estimating Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity and Modeling Infiltration Rates on Highway Embankments for Stormwater Management” went out to the subgroup last month for review and comment.
- Small Streams Status and Trends (Freshwater Workgroup): no RSMP activity to report.
- Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR): IDDE incident database population underway. Ecology has provided an intern to lower the cost of this work and help it proceed quickly.
- Work Plan: discussed in a next agenda item.
- Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:30 Approve our 2016-2017 work plan

- Our two-year work plan is updated each year with updates proposed in the fall and approved at the first meeting of the calendar year.
- We discussed the draft work plan at our November, 2015 meeting. At our January meeting we ran out of time and did not further discuss or approve the updated work plan. Work group members were asked to send Karen and Cami any suggested changes to clarify or improve the document. The PRO-C, and state and local caucuses provided comments which were incorporated into the version sent out Monday with this revised agenda.
- Do work group members have any comments on the work plan before approving it today?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:45 PSEMP coordination and other updates related to our work

- The PSEMP Steering Committee met last week and discussed monitoring gap priorities from the workgroups. Some workgroups updated their priorities; the committee used [our document from 2 years ago](#). Three gaps from each workgroup were included. Since our third priority gap was filled by WSDA, and our first priority gap is likely to be filled in the second round RSMP, this meant our second, fourth, and fifth priority gaps were included.
- What are the other workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?
- The Department of Commerce, in consultation with a work group of interested parties, has developed draft [Building Cities in the Rain](#) guidance that describes a process for prioritizing watersheds for stormwater retrofits. The document is available for public comment until April 30, 2016.
- The implementation planning for the Lower Columbia Habitat Status and Trends Monitoring is expected to wrap up later this spring. A draft QAPP (based on the study design presented to the work group in September 2014 and subsequent analyses) was completed last month. Permittees in that region have asked Ecology to include additional monitoring in the permit, which might take the form of a new sub-section in S8.
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:50 Watch new stormwater video from The Nature Conservancy

- This five-minute [video](#) features Jen McIntyre describing the stormwater problem and the effectiveness of filtration in solving the problem of pre-spawn mortality.

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



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed.

Expected agenda topics include:

- *Approve our 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;*
- *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: June 1, September 14, and November 9.

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