

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, November 16, 2011 9:00 a.m. – noon
USGS 3rd Floor Columbia Conference Room
934 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Discuss Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language, propose appropriate work group comments, and consider directing subgroups to recommend specific comments on various topics
2. Hear about Ecology's FY12 budget *i.e.*, the level of funding available to support our work
3. Discuss status of implementing our work plan and provide direction to the SWG Work Plan Subgroup to produce the next annual update of our work plan
4. Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter email updates
5. Hear about PSP stormwater and monitoring activities, and in particular about other work groups being formed as part of the ecosystem monitoring program
6. Hear updates related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Review the Meeting's Agenda and Goals

9:10 Discuss Ecology's Formal Draft Permit Monitoring Language

- *At our last meeting, Bill Moore presented changes Ecology made to the May 2011 preliminary draft monitoring language and explained the schedule and process for issuing the final permits.*
- *We briefly discussed the changes and generally agreed that our comment letter on this formal draft will not likely include detailed recommendations, but rather express general support for the paradigm shift to collaborative, regional monitoring. What comments do work group members have on the draft letter? We anticipate approving a letter at our January meeting.*
- *Does the work group have specific direction to any of its technical subgroups to develop specific recommendations between now and January's meeting?*
- *Ecology has scheduled five public workshops around Puget Sound in January to explain the new permit requirements. They are on the 9th in Lacey, the 17th in Mt Vernon, the 19th in Poulsbo, and the 24th in Renton. Do SWG members plan to attend the workshops, and might you be willing to help answer questions about the process the SWG went through to make recommendations for permit monitoring requirements?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Hear About Budget and Continued Support for Our Efforts

- *Bill Moore will update the group on the current projections for Ecology's FY12 budget and in particular what resources (staffing, facilitation, workshops etc.) are available to support our ongoing efforts.*

- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:45 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups and Plan for Next Year

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals for this year.*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: Revised draft oversight committee charter sent out October 31*
 - *Effectiveness: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends: No subgroup activity since last meeting; will meet in December*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Source ID Information Repository: Subgroup convened last week to discuss literature review*
 - *Communication: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *The next issue of the bi-monthly SWG Reporter is due out this month. Suggested topics include: reminders to comment on permit and oversight charter; source ID literature review is underway; SWG formally recognized as a work group of the coordinated ecosystem monitoring program.*
 - *We should consider publishing an annual one-page report highlighting all of our accomplishments during the past year.*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: No subgroup activity since last meeting*
 - *Action Agenda Updates:*
 - *SWG subgroup has not met, but some of its members have been involved in PSP's continuing work on targets and strategies for stormwater; discussed in next agenda item*
 - *SWG Work Plan: No subgroup activity since [work plan adopted](#) in February 2011*
 - *We should update our work plan early next year. What are our work plan priorities for next year? For the following year?*
 - *What does each subgroup propose to accomplish, and to have the SWG endorse?*
 - *What guidance can work group members provide the SWG Work Plan Subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 Updates on Puget Sound Partnership Stormwater and Monitoring Activities

- *The Steering Committee for the Coordinated Ecosystem Monitoring Program has been discussing work groups to include in the overall monitoring program, in addition to the Stormwater Work Group. What are they considering recommending, and why?*

11:55 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Updates

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting.*
 - *What subgroups are meeting in the coming months?*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

December 2011: *no work group meeting scheduled*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 9-12 at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve work group comments on Ecology's formal draft permit monitoring language
- Discuss the SWG Work Plan Subgroup's draft annual update of our work plan
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Decide on messages for the next SWG Reporter
- Hear about PSP stormwater and monitoring activities

FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2012:

All Wednesdays, from 9-noon, in Tacoma (locations to be confirmed)

February 15

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 13

September 19

October 17

November 14

Directions to the USGS office at 934 Broadway, third floor, 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 10th and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the 9th-11th Street 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, just to the right of the Children's Museum.

Driving directions:

Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. Turn left on S 11th Street and go uphill to Market Street. Turn right on Market Street and the entrance to the Rhodes Center's parking garage will be on your left. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour. Cross the street via the skybridge to enter the Market Building of the Rhodes Center. Walk through the Market Building and across another skybridge to the Broadway Building. There is a bank of elevators near the atrium. Take the elevator to the first floor, exit the building to Broadway, and walk a few doors to the left (the entrance to 934 Broadway is just past the Children's Museum).

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Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street and turn left on 11th. Access the Park Plaza North parking garage by turning right on Commerce. The parking entrance is to the right, under the pedestrian skybridge. Take the skybridge across Commerce to Broadway Plaza and walk across the park and to the left to the entrance to the building that houses the USGS office (the entrance is just before the Children's Museum).