

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS office, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Hear findings of the stream gauging network analysis recently published by USGS
2. Discuss progress on comparing literature review findings with list of effectiveness study topics
3. Discuss priorities for expanding SWAMPPS
4. Discuss SWAMPPS project ideas for near-term funding
5. Hear about PSEMP and other monitoring activities
 - a. Status and plans of the PSEMP Salmon Work Group
 - b. Scoping efforts for a new PSEMP Freshwater Work Group
6. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
7. Hear other updates related to our work

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

9:05 Hear findings of the Stream Flow Gauging Network Analysis

- *Chris Konrad of USGS will present the findings of the report (in publication) funded by USEPA and supported by the Small Streams Status and Trends Oversight Subgroup. Chris will also recommend next steps for further analyses to define a strategic stream gauging approach that will support SWAMPPS small streams status and trends monitoring.*

10:00 Discuss progress on comparing literature review findings with list of effectiveness study topics

- *At our last meeting we heard about the recently completed literature review and the effectiveness subgroup's plans to "crosswalk" the findings with our September 2011 recommended list of study topics. Subgroup members are finding it challenging to draw conclusions based solely on the literature database content, and it will be time-consuming and possibly expensive to procure and read all of the relevant articles. What direction can we provide the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Discuss priorities for expanding SWAMPPS

- *At our last meeting, we directed the Work Plan Subgroup to evaluate four potential expansion topics (roads and highways, industrial permittees, combined sewer overflows, and lakes) according to the considerations we agreed to use in deciding what new subgroups to convene. The subgroup has applied the considerations to the four topics and has made specific recommendations to the work group. Does the work group have any further direction for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 Discuss ideas for SWAMPPS projects that could be done in the coming year or so

- *Ecology has up to \$200K available to support regional stormwater monitoring. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2013. Karen Dinicola has compiled a list of potential project ideas to move forward with various components of SWAMPPS. Which ideas are of the greatest need? What other funds can be leveraged? Who is interested in participating in each project?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 Hear Updates from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

- *What decisions has the steering committee made? What decisions will be made at future meetings on which the work group might want to provide input? What other topical work groups have met and what are their needs and interests in communicating with us?*
 - *Kit Paulsen and Leska Fore will report on the Salmon Recovery Monitoring Work Group's initial discussion of habitat monitoring that was held on March 21*
 - *Jim Simmonds and Leska Fore will report on Freshwater Work Group scoping decisions and future plans*
 - *We will hear more about the Toxics Work Group at our next work group meeting on May 16*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:50 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation – Hear From our Subgroups

- *Since our last meeting our subgroups have continued making progress toward completing our goals*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: no activity since last meeting*
 - *Communication: SWG Reporter went out on March 28; next issue in May*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: no activity since last meeting; will next meet in late April*
 - *Pooled Resources Oversight: subgroup members are working to revise the oversight charter per the work group's direction at our last meeting*
 - *Small Stream Status and Trends: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Source ID Information Repository: no activity since last meeting*
 - *Work Plan: discussed in previous agenda item*
- *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.*
 - *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

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve revised oversight committee charter
- Approve priorities for expanding SWAMPSS and convene new subgroup(s) as needed
- Discuss proposed format for and required content of future subgroup recommendations
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities
 - Status and plans of the new PSEMP Toxics Work Group

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss progress on crosswalk between effectiveness study literature review and list of topics
- Discuss process for requesting/selecting proposals for effectiveness studies
- Approve format for and required content of future subgroup recommendations
- Discuss webpage redesigns
- Hear status of implementing our work plan and subgroup work to be accomplished this summer
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2012: All Wednesdays, from 9-noon in Tacoma

September 19

October 17

November 14