

# STORMWATER WORK GROUP

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
U.S. Geological Survey Office, Columbia Room  
934 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home>

Call-in instructions for listening only: The work group has decided to provide a phone line for interested parties to listen in on our discussions. People calling into the meeting will not be allowed to participate in the discussion, so please keep your phone on mute. If you wish to participate in the discussion, please plan to attend the meeting in person. To listen in, call (360) 407-3780 then wait for the tone and enter 597332 #.

## Draft Agenda

### THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Discuss Ecology's preliminary draft permit monitoring language
2. Approve preliminary draft charter for pooled resources oversight
3. Discuss status of implementing our work plan
4. Hear about PSP ecosystem monitoring, target setting, and updates to the Action Agenda
5. Hear updates related to our work
6. Learn about current toxics monitoring activities and discuss coordination with our efforts

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

9:10 Municipal Stormwater Permit Preliminary Draft Monitoring Language

- Ecology released its preliminary draft NPDES permit language for monitoring on Monday, May 16. Bill Moore will present an overview of the draft language and supporting documents.
- The public comment period is open from May 16-June 17. The schedule for reissuing the permits is posted at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/2012Reissuance.html>
- What are work group members' reactions to what Ecology has proposed? How well does the proposed language move our recommendations toward implementation?
- Discuss whether and how the work group should comment on the proposed language. If appropriate, discuss main points to make and assign a subgroup to draft the letter to Ecology. The letter would be approval at our next work group meeting on June 15.
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

10:45 Break

11:00 Pooled Resources Oversight Recommendations

- The SWG Pooled Resources Oversight Subgroup has revised the draft charter the proposed Oversight Committee. Their proposal is posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/next-meeting>
- Do members approve the charter as a preliminary draft on which we will solicit broader public input?
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:30 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 for this year.

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- Pooled Resources Oversight:
    - Discussed in previous agenda item.
  - Effectiveness:
    - Various interested parties submitted about 40 effectiveness study ideas in response to our request. SWG staff has compiled most of the Phase II permittees' ideas from their annual reports in preparation for the next subgroup meeting scheduled the afternoon of May 25 in Bellevue.
    - Two parties (Seattle and WSDOT) commented on our proposed evaluation and ranking criteria.
  - Small Stream Status and Trends:
    - Data compilation for the stream gauging network analysis is nearly complete. Initial analyses will be discussed at a subgroup meeting scheduled the morning of June 1 in Seattle or Tacoma.
    - A draft QAPP for is also ready for the small streams status and trends subgroup to review and discuss at the June 1 meeting.
  - Marine Nearshore Status and Trends:
    - The preliminary desktop feasibility analysis for Mussel Watch in Urban Growth Areas is expected to be completed by the end of June.
    - The analysis of historic nearshore sediment chemistry data should be ready for presentation at our July meeting.
  - Communication:
    - A new poster promoting regional monitoring is available for distribution (sent with today's agenda).
    - Do we want to send an SWG Reporter this week to: encourage folks to comment on Ecology's proposed permit language, thank them for submitting ideas for effectiveness studies, and soliciting their input on the draft charter for pooled resources oversight?
  - Action Agenda Updates:
    - Subgroup has not met, but its members have been involved in PSP's target-setting workshops.
  - Agricultural Runoff:
    - Subgroup is meeting this afternoon.
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

## 11:40 Updates on PSP Stormwater and Monitoring Activities

- PSP has hosted a series of workshops to discuss targets for dashboard indicators and four pressures, including runoff from developed lands and land conversion.
- The ECB stormwater subcommittee continues to meet and develop recommendations.
- The Steering Committee for the ecosystem monitoring program is being convened.

## 11:50 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Updates Related to our Work

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

## 12:00 Adjourn Regular Meeting; Short Break before Reconvening for our Lunchtime Speaker

- **Please remember to bring a lunch.**

## 12:10 Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP)

- Phil Larsen of EPA and Jen Bayer of USGS will describe past, current, and planned efforts to coordinate surface water quality monitoring at the PNW regional scale.

## 1:00 Adjourn

- Today's work group meeting will be followed by a meeting of the SWG's Agricultural Runoff Subgroup.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday June 15, 2011 from 9-12 at USGS:

- Approve comment letter to send to Ecology regarding preliminary draft permit language
- Hear about the “universe” of effectiveness study ideas submitted
- Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
- Hear status of implementing this work plan
- Hear from another monitoring group: Freshwater Quality Index Monitoring

Wednesday July 20, 2011 from 9-12 at **Tacoma CTP Visitor Center**:

- Provide feedback on the ranked list of effectiveness study ideas/topics/questions
  - Hear initial findings of effectiveness literature review
  - Discuss crosswalk between literature review and top-ranked ideas/topics/questions
- Hear initial findings of streamflow gauging network analysis
- Hear findings of nearshore sediment data analysis
- Hear initial findings of Mussel Watch feasibility study
- Hear status of implementing this work plan

August 2011: no work group meeting scheduled

## ***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 10<sup>th</sup> and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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).