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Stormwater Work Group Reporter

Key news and information you need to stay current on the effort to create a regional stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound

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Draft strategy document to be released for public review next month

The Stormwater Work Group plans to release a draft stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for public review on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The various stakeholders who comprise the Stormwater Work Group have been meeting since October 2008 to prioritize objectives for monitoring stormwater and to develop the draft strategy document, which will describe a regional program to help us better understand:

- The nature of stormwater discharges to the Sound (characterization)
- The effects of those discharges on receiving waters (effects on resources)
- The effectiveness of our management actions (effectiveness of actions)
- Whether resources are improving or declining (status and trends)

In summary, this effort is focused on creating a better system to test stormwater and share results in a way that helps us make better decisions.

More Information ([link to website](#))

Save the Date: Nov. 10 workshop planned to seek feedback on draft strategy, discuss implementation

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Stormwater Work Group is hosting a Puget Sound Stormwater Monitoring Workshop, "Designing a Monitoring Program for the Future," at a Seattle-area location to be determined. The purpose of the workshop is to seek input on the draft stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy, set for release on Wednesday, Nov. 4, and to discuss how we're all going to work together to implement the strategy.

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June 2010 deadline driving strategy development process

The Stormwater Work Group is focused on developing a stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy by June 2010. The Department of Ecology established the deadline so that the document could be used in developing the monitoring requirements to be included in the next round of municipal stormwater NPDES permits. The timeline for this effort also helps meet the Puget Sound Partnership's mandate to develop an ecosystem monitoring program and falls within state budget process deadlines.

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About the Stormwater Work Group

The Stormwater Work Group is a coalition of federal, tribal, state and local government, business, environmental, agriculture and research interests working to develop a stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound. The strategy is intended to provide a coordinated, integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound and to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem.

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