

Meeting Notes from WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG Meeting

October, 2008, 4:00 to 6:00pm

Tacoma Mall Office Bldg., 4th Floor Conference Room

1. Introductions – those present included: Eli Asher, Hans Berge, Bob Burkle, Karen Chang, Tom Kantz, Russ Ladley, Bart Madison, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Dave Seabrook, Keith Underwood

2. Updates and Information Sharing

- a. Future and Potential Integration of Watershed Groups – Lorin summarized discussions about the integration of watershed efforts at the local level as part of Puget Sound Partnership implementation efforts. More info will be available in November with the recommendations of the task force.
- b. Draft South Central Action Area – Action Matrix – A draft action area matrix has been developed as part of the action area profile. It includes ecosystem benefits, local threats, and priority action area strategies. A final draft will be available for review on November 6.
- c. TAG Review/Tiering of Projects – The TAG will be visiting project sites (for unranked projects) on the 3-year list. The objectives are to understand the project, make recommendations on project design, and complete a preliminary technical score for the project (to facilitate placement in tier 1 or 2 category).
- d. Community Salmon Fund Applications – CSF grant applications are due Nov. 12 (*this was subsequently changed to Nov. 17*). Funding per project up to \$50,000 is available. At least \$100,000 will be available to WRIA 10/12 in this round of funding.

3. PSAR Capacity Grant Activities – Future Project Development and Marketing

Lorin reported on the activities of the future project development and marketing ad-hoc committees. The marketing committee is planning for:

- a new project sponsor workshop in November (focused on cities and other potential new sponsors)
- completion of a brochure for the WRIA 10/12 salmon recovery effort and a possible twice-yearly newsletter
- promotion and planning for ribbon-cuttings for completed projects (new projects in 2009 include Greenwater River restoration and Boise Creek mouth restoration)

In planning for the new project sponsor workshop, we want to ensure that there is enough interest and that attendance justifies the effort to put on the workshop. The project development committee has developed a request for proposal and application form for “future project development” funding. Up to \$60,000 is available for funding for individual projects (up to \$10,000) or reach-level assessments (up to \$15,000). Keith noted the importance of having the deadline for applications after the new project sponsor workshop is held. **The CAC agreed and approved the RFP and funding application form by consensus.** The due date will be set a couple of weeks after the new project sponsor workshop occurs. Lorin noted that there is also the option of using Habitat Engineering Technical Assistance resources from WDFW.

4. H-Integration

Tom Kantz gave an overview of hatchery, harvest and habitat integration efforts in WRIA 10/12. Tom has been working with the co-managers (WDFW, Puyallup and Muckleshoot tribes), Pierce and King County on H-integration for the past couple of years. Some of the key points were: (1) you need a certain amount of hatchery production to meet population goals, (2) we are targeting natural productivity of 3.0, and (3) the goal is a predominance of wild fish compared to hatchery fish. We need to roughly double natural productivity and abundance from current conditions. Russ asked about the assumptions for harvest. Tom said the target is a 35% harvest rate on natural origin recruits (NORs) and a 70% harvest rate on hatchery origin recruits (HORs). He noted that we need selective harvest for this to work. Hans asked if the productivity number is based on EDT modeling. Tom said that it is. Hans asked about the White River spring Chinook. It was noted that the marked fish are separated out at the White River trap and haul facility. Tom noted that at the last H-integration meeting, the focus was on development of near-term actions. Production is a big limiting factor. Russ asked about the production in other watersheds. Tom noted that production in the Nisqually watershed is about 2.2 or so.

Meeting was adjourned early at 5:50pm

Next meeting will be November 4, 4-6pm, at the Pierce County TMOB. [*The November meeting was subsequently canceled.*]