

WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG

Meeting Summary

February 5, 2009, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Tacoma Mall Office Building

Attendees: Bob Burkle, Scott Hansen, Tom Kantz, Ron Larson, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Mike Rhubright, Dave Seabrook, Keith Underwood, Bill Anderson, Sarah McCarthy, Hans Buge, Ken Wolfe, Al Schmauder, Kristin Williamson, Barbara Ann Smolko

1) Updates and Information Sharing

- a) WRIA 10/12 Community Salmon Fund: Seven applications were received; applications were evaluated by review team composed of Tom Kantz, Russ Ladley and Dave Seabrook in January. Final decision on funding is due in mid-February.
- b) Lead Entity Legislative Day: March 10, 2009 - CAC members encouraged to participate. All 27 lead entities in Washington State will have a booth.
- c) Salmon Recovery Council Meeting on January 22:
 - i) Supported use of Habitat Work Schedule
 - ii) Monitoring and a "report card" pilot project – group reviewed proposal for large scale database for monitoring info throughout Puget Sound. Would take 3-years to plan.
 - iii) Allocation of funding – potential to improve for future rounds and fold in steelhead; decided to keep existing formula for 2009 round.
- d) Local Integration Task Force: Met three times and held workshop in Edmonds to discuss implementation of PS Action agenda. Final recommendations came out on January 20. PSP is asking local organizations to discuss at the action area level what is the best way to organize and integrate efforts related to implementation of the action agenda. The three main areas of focus will be on Habitat Protection, Habitat Restoration, and addressing sources of Water Pollution. Pierce County sent out an RFP for \$20,000 to facilitate discussion of enhancing salmon protection and restoration projects in South Puget Sound by fostering regional collaboration for decisionmaking in shared marine, freshwater, and nearshore areas. The CAC/TAG discussed some preliminary areas of concerns including:
 - i) Geographic boundaries
 - ii) There are existing groups and existing coordination mechanisms
 - iii) How will this influence distribution of funding for project implementation?
 - iv) Who will ultimately decide what this coordination group will look like?
 - v) Coordination may siphon resources away from on-the-ground work.

2) PSAR Capacity Grant

Seven projects were proposed for assistance from WDFW's engineering group for a total of 140 hours. Discussion items:

- Some projects will take fewer hours than requested; some will need more.
- Extra assistance hours will be assigned to City of Orting. Orting will also receive any hours not used by other projects.
- WDFW may not allow work on the Chambers Bay Dam Removal project. Members discussed value of including that project on list. It could move the issue forward but reaching an agreement with all of the stakeholders is a more pivotal issue than the need for engineering technical assistance.
- Bob said it may be possible to extend the schedule for this assistance beyond June 30th.
- Kristin announced the SPSSEG has \$10,000 to evaluate restoration options for Chambers Bay and work with stakeholders.

Decision: CAC/TAG recommends that WDFW move forward in assisting 6 of the 7 projects. Keith, Al, Kristin and Bob will explore options for pursuing the Chambers Bay Dam Removal issue and bring recommendations to the CAC/TAG.

3) Letter to King County on Large Woody Debris

Keith committed to providing a draft letter for a the CAC/TAG to discuss and approve at the next meeting (March 5).

4) 2009 SRFB Round

- a) Update 3-Year Project List – Lorin asked for additions to the list. Funded projects will be removed. Lorin will send out an email next week requesting additions to the 3-year project list.
- b) 2009 Schedule and Timeline – Lorin distributed a draft schedule including prospective meeting dates for CAC/TAG members to review. The timeline includes an letter of intent submittal in May for early review by the CAC/TAG.

5) Updates

- a) Tom Nelson announced the next TAG meeting on March 10th will include a field trip to Snohomish County
- b) Al Schmauder mentioned that the Department of Ecology has fined Hanson Pipe \$147,000. He suggested that we lobby Ecology to direct some of that money toward local organizations/projects.
- c) Barbara Ann announced that Pierce County has received a Centennial Clean Water Fund grant and State Revolving Fund loan money to continue the Septic Repair Grant & Loan Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm

Next meeting will be March 5, 2009 at the Tacoma Mall Office Building.