

# WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG

## Meeting Summary

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

**Attendees:** Bob Burkle, Scott Hansen, Tom Kantz, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Mike Rhubright, Keith Underwood, Sarah McCarthy, Hans Berge, Ken Wolfe, Al Schmauder, Kristin Williamson, Barbara Ann Smolko, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

### 1) Updates and Information Sharing

- a) WRIA 10/12 Community Salmon Fund: Three projects were funded (South Prairie Creek, Boise Creek, and Clover Creek) with one on the waiting list (small grants program). Lorin will issue a press release announcing the funded projects upon official approval from NFWF.
- b) Lead Entity Legislative Day: March 10, 2009 - CAC members encouraged to participate. All 27 lead entities in Washington State will have booths. WDFW will recognize organizations and individuals that have been key to the success of the program.
- c) Budget Cuts to Lead Entity Program
  - i) Currently, original \$18 million in state funding has been cut to \$10 million.
  - ii) Capacity funds to Lead Entities have been cut 8% across the board.
  - iii) All program management functions are being transferred from WDFW to RCO to reduce costs.
  - iv) \$33 million originally allocated to the PSAR is also expected to be reduced.
  - v) Ecosystem Coordination Board won't be cut as originally proposed.
- d) RITT Meeting: Scheduled for April 2, 1-3:30pm to review our 3-Year Work Plan. RITT will present their modeling and we'll see if our Work Plan is consistent with their priorities.
- e) Economic Stimulus Funding: NOAA has up to \$170 million to distribute nationwide. More will be known on March 6.

### 2) CAC/TAG Letter on Large Woody Debris

- a) Draft letter to King County expressing concerns about current proposals to remove and/or discourage LWD in rivers.
- b) Will include a technical attachment prepared by Martin Fox & the TAG.  
Action: Scott Hansen moved that the current draft of the letter, with minor modifications be sent to King County. Bob Burkle seconded. Motion passed.

### 3) 2009 SRFB Round

- a) Update 3-Year Project List – Lorin distributed a spreadsheet and asked for additions to the list. New write-ups are needed by the end of March.
- b) Revisions:
  - i) South Prairie – received Community Salmon Fund \$
  - ii) Levee Setback at Pacific

- iii) Levee Setback on Puyallup at Sumner – could be joint Sumner, Puyallup, & Pierce County project
- iv) Titlow – upward revision of costs
- v) Chambers Bay – split into two projects
- vi) Sequelitchew – remove beach restoration & add stakeholder coordination
- c) Note: King County has published “Ecological Preservation Priorities in the White River Sub-Basin”.
- d) Any specific project we should be trying to promote?
  - i) Puyallup Estuary
  - ii) Electron Dam
  - iii) All 30 levee setbacks
- e) 2010 South Fork County line setback – 2009 design & acquisition
- f) SPSSEG has plans for 16 log jams – already have 4 or 5 with SRFB current SRFB funding and probable WSDOT mitigation. Will apply for NOAA economic stimulus funds
- g) Add programmatic for levee setbacks (Lorin will add to 3-year project list)
  - i) White River – next phase after Trans-Canada – need to ID future projects
- h) Rebuild trap at Buckley – damaged in 2006 (Hans will send in draft to Lorin)
- i) Hans to write up assessment for White River upstream of Mud Mtn. dam
- j) Corps will be getting money through stimulus package too
- k) Voights Creek Hatchery – convert to acclimation site
- l) Chambers Creek
  - i) Keith will write up a feasibility/assessment project for Chambers Creek (RM 0-4)
  - ii) Good chum run but no fish earlier in season
  - iii) Need to survey fish presence & identify limiting factors
    - (1) Look into Cyanotoxins
  - iv) Daylight Garrison Springs – include acquisition from Abitibi
  - v) Acclimation ponds at Chambers Trap
- m) White River – Crystal River Ranch Acquisition
- n) 3-Year List Process
  - i) TAG Review
  - ii) Tiering
  - iii) Sent to Partnership
  - iv) Add to Habitat Work Schedule (HWS)
  - v) Projects funded last year will be removed
  - vi) Group needs to approve list on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - vii) Will include 8 projects evaluated by TAG in November/December
  - viii) Hylebos & Port still need to submit templates

#### 4) PSAR Funding

- a) WRIA 10/12 received \$3.3 million in 2008
- b) Current State Budget includes \$33 million for Puget Sound but that is expected to be reduced
- c) There may be some PSAR money available for ready-to-go projects.

- d) We will need to decide if we want to allocate the whole amount in one round or split it between two.
  - i) Pro – we can get good projects out the door and on the ground sooner
  - ii) Con – Some important projects may not be ready for submittal this year.
  - iii) This will be an agenda item at our next meeting.

## **5) Updates**

- a) HETA hours for engineering – can't be spent on Chambers Bay, there are too many issues. SPSSEG is planning to organize stakeholder meeting.
- b) HWS
  - i) Demo offered at past meeting
  - ii) Doesn't include benefit to salmon, certainty of success or implementation strategy info
  - iii) Partnership not relying on it this year but will in future
  - iv) Training options – May consider doing one here
- c) The TAG meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> will include a field trip to Snohomish County
- d) Lead Entity coordinators have been asked to propose topics for upcoming workshops. Both South Sound & Central Sound will have workshops.
  - i) Geomorphology – include dredging impacts
  - ii) Achieving multiple objectives within projects
  - iii) Beach nourishment
- e) May 6<sup>th</sup> – South Sound Science Symposium in Shelton at Little Creek Casino  
Topic: Matching Threats to Indicators
- f) WDFW cuts will include regional recovery plans for Steelhead.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm**

**Next meeting** will be Thursday, April 2, 2009 4-6pm at the Tacoma Mall Office Building.