

WRIA 10/12 CAC/TAG

Meeting Summary

October 1, 2009, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Tacoma Mall Office Building

Attendees: Tom Kantz, Keith Underwood, Bill Anderson, Bob Burkle, Ron Larson, Kristin Williamson, Chris Schutz, Mark Palmer, Lorin Reinelt, Tom Nelson, Dave Seabrook, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, Kirk Lakey, Theresa Jennings

- 1) Meeting notes from 9-3-09 approved.
- 2) Updates and Information Sharing
 - a. The Salmon Habitat Protection and Restoration brochure is finalized.
 - b. The next CAC/TAG meeting is on November 5th. The meeting will feature Bonnie Becker (UW Tacoma) speaking on a recently completed Commencement Bay nearshore salmon habitat assessment. In addition, Chris Ellings (Nisqually Tribe) and Scott Steltzner (Squaxin Island Tribe) will present their studies on juvenile salmon in the nearshore of South Sound.
 - c. The SRFB Technical Review Panel provided their feedback on the WRIA 10/12 projects. There was only one Project of Concern, the Calistoga Setback Levee Design project, which showed a portion of a parcel within the setback area that was not identified for acquisition. The project proponents have been informed of the problem, and will address the concerns of the Panel.
- 3) South Central Action Area Caucus Group
 - a. Theresa Jennings (King County, and SCAA representative to the Ecosystem Coordination Board) and Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (Puget Sound Partnership) gave a short presentation on the formation of a SCAA Caucus Group. The purpose of the group is to provide input on identifying priority actions and to help direct funding towards those priorities. The group will have about 15-20 members from tribes, ports, agriculture, business, counties, lead entities, and other groups. The Pierce County Lead Entity was asked to participate in the Caucus Group and to select a representative from the lead entity. The first meeting of the group is on Oct. 9th.
 - b. Decision: The CAC decided to participate in the SCAA Caucus Group.
 - c. Decision: The CAC selected Dave Seabrook to represent the Pierce County Lead Entity on the SCAA Caucus Group.
- 4) Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT) Review of the WRIA 10/12 Three-Year Work Plan

- a. Kirk Lakey (RITT and WDFW) and Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (PSP) presented their review of the 2009 work program update.
- b. Jason provided an overview of the general format, and expressed the hope that the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) will be used in the future to generate the 3-yr work plan.
- c. Kirk provided the technical review. He complimented us on the clarity of the 3-year list and narrative and said that the narrative was the best he read from the Puget Sound region. The work plan is consistent with the Chinook recovery plan, but we need to continue with prioritizing and sequencing. He recommended using a method used in WRIA 8. The pace of implementation is not adequate, due to a low level of funding, and a lack of a stable funding source. In addition, we need to better address available population status and trends information in the narrative. He stressed the need to more effectively use the HWS to track our progress towards implementation. In addition, we need to develop an adaptive management plan, and should participate in the 2010 RITT adaptive management and monitoring planning effort.
- d. Jason provided the policy review. He complimented us on our efforts to implement setback levee projects, our commitment to salmon recovery despite recent staff transitions, and our commitment to South Sound sub-regional cooperation. We should continue to develop and prioritize programmatic actions, in addition to capitol projects. He also recommended that we identify recovery goals that help us assess recovery. Furthermore, we should develop an adaptive management and monitoring framework.

5) Brief Updates

- a. At the Oct. 28th Puyallup River Watershed Council, Russ Ladley will present recent steelhead data.

6) Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2009 4-6pm at the Tacoma Mall Office Building.