



*Citizen Advisory Group Meeting
February 17, 2016
Commission Chambers
Meeting Summary*

Attendees	Organization	Attendees	Organization
<i>Tristan Peter-Contesse</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>Kathy Peters</i>	<i>KCDCD, Chair</i>
<i>Amber Moore</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>Marian Berejikian</i>	<i>WSWC</i>
<i>Teresa Smith</i>	<i>City of Bremerton</i>	<i>Zack Holt</i>	<i>City of Port Orchard</i>
<i>Barbara Ann Smolko</i>	<i>Pierce County, Co-Chair</i>	<i>Jo Meints</i>	<i>KCPW-Roads</i>
<i>Troy Fields</i>	<i>Mid Sound Fisheries EG</i>	<i>Joleen Palmer</i>	<i>Stillwaters</i>
<i>Renee Johnson</i>	<i>KC Public Works</i>	<i>Brittany Gordon</i>	<i>WDFW</i>
<i>Paul Dorn</i>	<i>Suquamish Tribe</i>		

1. Introduction, agenda review, and meeting approval - Members introduced themselves and approved the January 2016 meeting summary.

2. Bylaws reaffirmation - Discussions followed later in the meeting on what constitutes a quorum and how an organization is defined. As written, it is confusing to group. Options suggested were:

- A vote can only be held with notification.
- Delete quorum section.
- Add quorum with specific number. Don't have to worry about active membership.

It was decided to put this topic on the June CAG agenda.

3. LIO Recovery Planning - how should WSWS participated? The AHSS went through the NTA process differently from WSWC. The West Central LIO boundary matches our boundary. The goal is by September to have a recovery plan. Timing is left to local LIOs -when the timing is right for them. A template is out for review and comment by February 22, 2016. The WSWC is donating its 40 hours of consultant time to updating the Nearshore Chapter. The funding for this comes out of the operational budget. The NTAs are out for public review next month. The question was raised, "How strong is ecosystem recovery in the LIO?" Answer - It is strong and people like Commissioner Ron Gelder are invested in the process. The NTAs need to align with Capital Improvement projects.

4. Puget Sound Partnership Update

- **Job change** - Tristan mentioned his new position with PSP and informed group he would not be working with WSWC anymore. His job will involve a more regional focus and he will work with Laure Blackmore on board coordination.
- **Puget Sound on the Hill** – All Mayors show up for this event. Commission Garrido will also attend this event to support the SOS bill. It will elevate the Puget Sound to a higher level estuary.
- **NTAs** – Once NTAs are ranked, they get forwarded to EPA and other state agencies to incorporate into a legislative ask for next year.

- **LIO** – There have increasing discussions to change the South Sound Lead Entity boundary to mesh with Salmon Recovery Boundary. At this point, not urgent as talks have been ongoing for years. Group asked PSP to let them know if things get serious. New boundaries cannot be changed unless all stakeholders sign off on it.

5. 4 Year Work Plan - Marian issued an invitation to CAG members to be a part of the subcommittee forming to work on this plan on Feb. 23 FROM 9 AM to 3 PM. This meeting will be to make sure viable projects get added to the 4 year work plan. The WSWC acts as the habitat arm of the LIO. Will all projects on 4 year work plan be salmon related? It is not cut and dry. We will need to work toward capital projects. If you have actions that need to happen, informal

6. Return Funds discussion – It was reported that WSWC would receive about \$97500 of returned funds from projects that were not completed. Marian directed the CAGs attention to the draft letter to RCO in packet. It showed that Evergreen project (14-1949) would receive full funding, after only getting partial funding in 2015. Another project, West Sound Nearshore Integration and Synthesis (14-1375) asked for the remaining funds. Troy mentioned he wanted to go on record as needing more funds for the Cowling Creek project, funded in 2015. He also wanted to know how the process was determined - who would get funds. Marian explained that it made sense to fund Evergreen (next on list) fully and that the project sponsor of 14-1375 had requested the funds. It was agreed to speak to the TAG on Feb 23 about a process to determine which project gets the return funds.

7. 2016 Grant Round - Marian reported that Letters of Intent are due on February 29, 2016. For acquisitions, the Lead Entity Coordinator, will make sure a parcel search has been done beforehand to avoid future conflicts with having to return funding because there is not a clear title. All nearshore projects have to check with DNR to see who owns the property. Property search does not show property boundaries, only land survey provides that and they are costly. Barbara Ann offered to help with maps if WSWC needed any made for projects in Pierce County.

8. Information Sharing

WDFW – Brittany reported that there be a possible project in Gorst. A landfill was built on the stream. The site is contaminated and undergoing a \$28 million clean-up. There are only two years of maintenance left. The City does not want it and it unclear who owns the property. Some group should take on monitoring. Put in the recovery plan and bring to TAG. The WDFW recently hired a new Biologist to help in the office.

Pierce County - Barbara Ann reported that the County is going through the process of creating a shellfish district in Vaughn Bay.

PSP - Tristan told CAG members that it has been nice working with them and thanks for the memories. Amber reported that Wild Fish Conservancy has sued NOAA for its lack of a Steelhead recovery plan. Three or four other organizations have signed on. Question - How to draft steelhead recovery plan? Might submit LIO this round to protect smaller tributaries.

Stillwaters - Joleen reported that volunteers recently took survey of salt marsh elevation. The process took one day and resulted in many readings. They are looking at water inundation at high tide and checking the movement of Large Woody Debris and asking the question - Should it be anchored? Stillwaters might put in a project for acquisition.

WSU - Renee reported that WSU is in the middle of training 24 people for stream stewards. Beach naturalist training will start in April with 50 volunteers signed up. There will be a series in Poulsbo also. The Salish Sea organizers have requested WSU share its Salmon Guide and Shore Friendly information with them. They are designing collaterals for field guide and branding of Salmon Guide.

Kitsap County Public Works, Roads Division -- Jo reported that she is still doing outreach on Bucklin Hills Bridge.

MSFEG -- Left meeting before information sharing.

Kitsap County - Kathy reported that the Harper project has been challenging and the WDFW is behind on getting project permits. There is no streamlined process at the County for restoration projects. Property ownership is also a problem. This summer, the WDFW should have the restoration done and the culvert at Southworth Drive fixed. Harper will be submitted as a PSAR Large Cap project and has already been submitted as an NTA.

Shore Friendly project is trying to find out what motivates landowners to take out their bulkheads. Also, County is setting up a boat tour this summer to look at shorelines. Elected officials will be invited to this event.

Suquamish Tribe -- Paul reported on the small nearshore restoration projects at low energy beaches. One is at Carpenter Creek. The Tribe is scheduled for a couple of presentations at the Salish Sea conference (eelgrass and bull kelp). The out migration trap is running at Grover's Creek and Tribe is getting sea run cuthroat. North Sound forage fish monitoring for surf smelt has started at 60 sites ranging from Foulweather Bluff to Yukon Harbor. The Tribe will post dates of sampling for those who are interested.

City of Port Orchard - Zack reported that he is the only environmental person at the City and he wishes to work on restoration projects.

City of Bremerton - Planning for climate change. Using EPA's Create Program to help City plan. Will be a two day process in April. It was noted that Kitsap County and University of Washington submitted NTAs for climate change.

9. Future Meeting Date -- March 16, 2016 will be the next meeting.

10. Adjourn -- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.