



*Citizen Advisory Group Meeting
January 18, 2017
Commission Chambers
Meeting Summary*

Attendees	Organization	Attendees	Organization
<i>Jim Aho</i>	<i>Illehee</i>	<i>Teresa Smith</i>	<i>City of Bremerton</i>
<i>Amber Moore</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>Marian Berejikian</i>	<i>WSWC</i>
<i>Zack Holt</i>	<i>City of Port Orchard</i>	<i>Brenda Padgham</i>	<i>BILT</i>
<i>Jennifer Holderman</i>	<i>Mason Cons. District</i>	<i>Allison Cook</i>	<i>WDFW</i>
<i>Brittany Gordon</i>	<i>WDFW</i>	<i>Jeanette Dorner</i>	<i>Mid Sound FEG</i>
<i>Renee Scherdick</i>	<i>KC Public Works</i>		

1. **Introduction, agenda review, and meeting approval** – The December 2016 meeting summary was approved.

2. **CAG project ranking** - Members discussed the format of the ranking form. The overall form was approved with some specific questions: What is a long term economic impact. What does a negative impact look like? An example provided was a road closure for a culvert removal could negatively impact businesses. What is a social benefit? Change #3 to "Does the project have cultural or human well-being value to local tribes or the community?" What is a neutral score? Neutral would be 2.5 on a scale from 0 to 5. It was estimated that most projects would fall into a neutral score. The ranking process will be used for February 2017 presentations and CAG members will provide feedback to project sponsors on the comment section of the form.

3. **2017 Goals - Group Discussion**
 - **Illehee Preserve** - Jim reported his group is working on a stewardship plan and seeking appropriations from the state legislature this year. The stewardship plan will use the Pilot Point stewardship plan as a model. The plan will pinpoint other properties in the riparian area and estuary (new owners here) to focus efforts. The goal is to define park boundaries. The group will meet with county commissioner and Bremerton mayor. The group chose not to go through the grant process because it was too onerous. They will seek state and private funding to raise the estimated \$4 to \$5 million they require to do everything in their plan.
 - **City of Bremerton** - Teresa reported that Phase 2 cities are going through their Low Impact Development changes now as required by the state. The City has outreach needs to make this happen. The City has a Rain Garden program in Anderson Cove, and are working with the Conservation District. Design alternatives for Evergreen Park are ready. Chance will present to the WSWC TAG soon to get feedback on the design alternatives.
 - **City of Port Orchard** - Zack is working on stormwater and TMDL for watersheds. He is also working with the Great Peninsula Conservancy to submit a project for 2017 WSWC grant round at Ross Creek estuary to acquire and restore four acres (to above OHWM). Long Live the Kings has expressed interest in working on the project. Zack shared information on House Bill 1104 which might raise concerns for field sampling. Written or verbal permission would be required to access sampling sites. The implications for not getting permission could be lawsuit from property owner.
 - **Bainbridge Island Land Trust** - Brenda told the group that the City of Bainbridge just completed its Comprehensive Plan update. The Trust is updating its Conservation plan.

Phase 3 will identify areas for protection and restoration. Brenda suggested that other groups could use a cost share program to hire high school students to help with weed removal. The program has been effective and other areas (South Sound and San Juans).

- **WDFW** - Allison explained that bulkheads are being promoted from company salesmen and being installed in areas that do not need them. She is presenting at Shore Friendly on January 19 to discuss the differences between soft and hard armoring. Armoring is still armoring. Removal is best. There needs to be more outreach on not having bulkheads. The WDFW is a good resource to help educate landowners before they get their permits. Zack asked if WDFW could provide language for the city's pre-application permit form to this effect.
- **Comments from the group** - Brenda reported that the City of Bainbridge Island struggles to enforce No Net Loss. She suggested that WDFW attend Shore Friendly site visits and connect with contractors to let them know there is money to be made in bulkhead removal as well. Jim explained that there could be other options such as a rezone to Urban restricted zone.
- Brittany told the group that the state now has the ability to process eDNA samples. She also mentioned a possible project for WSWC grant round at Ross Point and a bulkhead removal. Mid Sound is interested in partnering with WDFW as the local project partner that is required for the grant. Brittany is reaching out to hatchery staff to see how WSWC and WDFW can better work together identifying priority streams. Brittany informed the group that the City of Port Orchard removed a requirement for shoreline property owners to have an easement for trail access from its SMP.
- **Kitsap County Public Works** - Renee reported on the Clear Creek Tour. When the trail officially opens, the county will host more events. Renee is monitoring for BIBI and habitat substrate. She asked the group to let her know if there is something else they would like her to monitor.
- **Puget Sound Partnership** - Amber reported that the Chinook Implementation Strategy is out for review. The Salmon Recovery Council should hear the issue in March.
- **Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group** - Newly hired Executive Director, Jeanette Dorner, introduced herself to group and highlighted her 20 years of work in salmon recovery. Mid Sound covers three areas, WSWC, WRIA 8 and WRIA 9. Her goal is to grow the organization and hire a full time project manager by next year. She wants to partner with WSWC project sponsors and organizations to be more strategic and successful in their efforts.
- **WSWC**- Marian updated the CAG on the previous TAG meeting. The TAG is exploring new ways to rank projects and working on improving its Four Year Work plan project list and narrative. There will be a subcommittee to take on this issue in the next two months.

4. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.