



*Citizen Advisory Group Meeting  
July 20, 2016  
Commission Chambers*

**Meeting Summary**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<i>Jim Aho</i>	<i>Illehee Community</i>	<i>Antonia Jindrich</i>	<i>MSFEG</i>
<i>David Nash</i>	<i>Kitsap County DCD</i>	<i>Marian Berejikian</i>	<i>WSWC</i>
<i>Allison OSullivan</i>	<i>Suquamish Tribe</i>	<i>Zack Holt</i>	<i>City of Port Orchard</i>
<i>Ian Norgaard</i>	<i>Bremerton PW</i>	<i>David Bailey</i>	<i>Tulalip Tribes</i>
<i>Amber Moore</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>Scott Gallacher</i>	<i>Key Pen Parks</i>
<i>Renee Scherdnick</i>	<i>Kitsap County PW</i>	<i>Carin Anderson</i>	<i>Kitsap Conservation Dis</i>
<i>Allison Cook</i>	<i>WDFW</i>	<i>Darrie Lowery</i>	<i>WDFW</i>
<i>Kathlene Barnhart</i>	<i>Kitsap County DCD</i>	<i>Brittany Gordon</i>	<i>WDFW, Chair</i>

- 1. Introduction, agenda review, and meeting approval** - Members introduced themselves and approved the May 18, 2016 meeting summary.
- 2. Beaver relocation on the Nooksak, Using beavers for restoration and salmon recovery - Beavers Northwest Presentation** – Ben Dittbrenner gave an informative presentation on the Tulalip Tribe’s efforts relocating nuisance beavers to publically owned watersheds.

**Questions:** Will beavers use log jams? Yes, if the log jams are around.

**Discussion:** Beaver dams are rarely fish barriers in natural systems. Beaver dam analogues (BDAs) are channel-spanning structures that mimic or reinforce natural beaver dams. Ben suggested that beavers be designed into their restoration projects. Hi suggestion was to overplant areas and place conifers higher up. When beavers have a series of dams, water storage can be less. The older dams can get overwhelmed. There is a dampening of high flows in more mature systems. At present, it is illegal to relocate beavers on the east side of (HB 2349). Regulatory view - Can turn an intermittent stream into perennial stream? To view the presentation, [click here](#).

- 3. Puget Sound Partnership Update - PCSRF Reduction** – Amber updated the group on reductions to PCSRF Capacity Funds. The decision was made by NOAA to fund in the order of priority 1) Projects, 2) Monitoring and 3) Capacity and Activities – cutting funding by 18%. Puget Sound Partnership has asked Watershed Leads the following questions:
  - Will you lose a FTE or part of an FTE as a result of the PCSRF budget reductions? If you will lose part of an FTE, what percentage of that FTE so you anticipate losing? Or, will staff need to forgo raises, a promotion or similar benefit as a results?
  - Conversely, do you have funding that you might be able to donate to another lead entity within Puget Sound if you needed to ensure that each lead entity has at least one FTE?
  - Each of us must forgo doing something as a result of budget reductions. What will your lead entity not do this year? What are the consequences of not doing this work?

**The WSWC response:** The WSWC will not lose an FTE and does not have funds for another LE. The WSWC would have to cut its involvement in steelhead recovery planning and education and outreach. The SRFB will discuss the issue at its August 11 meeting.

4. **Four year work plan narrative discussion** – There was a meeting on July 19 with PSP and Sherrie Duncan (Sky Environmental Consultant) to discuss the WSWC draft 4 year work plan narrative. The consultant provided improvements to be made and suggested that the Chinook salmon section that was stuck out, be put back into document. Sherrie will continue to work on draft and submit back to WSWC for further edits.
5. **2016 Grant round update** – Marian provided the latest on 2016 projects. The Technical Advisory Group ranked projects and made a few revisions. Marian and TAG members present at the meeting explained the process and changes that were made.
6. **Information Sharing -**
  - WDFW* – Staff is very busy with permits this time of year.
  - Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group* – The group is restructuring and re-visioning after Troy Fields moved to a new job. They do not know if they will hire an Executive Director or Project Manager at this point. Antonia asked group for guidance on how they can work together with others in WSWC. Their SRFB projects will be withdrawn.
  - City of Bremerton* – New intern, Ian Norgaard, mentioned he is learning about BMPs and Low Impact Development.
  - Kitsap County DCD* –Shore Friendly program had huge response. August 2 is the boat tour, approximately 65 people are signed up with capacity for 100 people.
  - Kitsap Conservation District* – has four construction projects this year. The District’s annual meeting and BBQ is coming up. Invitations will be sent out.
  - City of Port Orchard* – The City will install seven water quality stations (monitoring will occur monthly). Stations range from Gorst to Cater Creek.
  - Illehee Group*- The group will use a \$300,000 grant to secure another RCO grant of \$785,000. There will be a presentation to RCO on August 12, 2016 in Olympia. A development, to build a storage unit, at the headwaters at Steel Creek is still being fought by the group. Sarah Cook has been hired to testify at the hearing in September.
7. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.