



*Citizen Advisory Group Meeting
September 21, 2016
Commission Chambers
Meeting Summary*

Attendee	Organization	Attendee	Organization
<i>Jim Aho</i>	<i>Illahee Preserve</i>	<i>Carin Anderson</i>	<i>KCD</i>
<i>David Nash</i>	<i>Kitsap County</i>	<i>Marian Berejikian</i>	<i>WSWC</i>
<i>Sarah Gage</i>	<i>GSRO</i>	<i>Zack Holt</i>	<i>City of Port Orchard</i>
<i>Amber Moore</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>Jeff Adams</i>	<i>WA Sea Grant</i>
<i>Glen Jurges</i>	<i>Enetai Homeowners</i>	<i>Christina Kereki</i>	<i>Kitsap County</i>
<i>Antonia Jidrich</i>	<i>MSFEG</i>	<i>Jonathan Decker</i>	<i>GPC</i>
<i>Renee Johnson</i>	<i>WSU Extension</i>	<i>Micah Wait</i>	<i>WFC</i>
<i>Mary Earl</i>	<i>Clear Creek</i>		

- 1. Introduction, agenda review, and meeting approval** - Members introduced themselves and approved the July 2016 meeting summary.
- 2. Project list submitted to RCO, GSRO/RCO budget outlook** - Marian presented group the list submitted to RCO on Aug. 15 of ranked projects. Sarah Gage informed group of the budget cuts to capacity funds and the need to amend the Lead Entity contracts and Scope of Work. The RCO Budget has been submitted to the Governor and requests:

- \$52M Projects from Habitat Work Schedule
- \$2M Lead Entities
- \$0.5 Regional Fish Enhancement Groups
- \$170,000 LEAN Study (Lead Entities will see a presentation on this at Dec mtg.)
- \$56M SRFB request

Allocation Formula - The SRFB allocation model is being reviewed. The first meeting was at the end of August to start discussions. The last time the allocation model was reviewed was in 2006.

State of the Salmon work is ongoing. To cut costs, it will be a web-based report.

Salmon Recovery Conference will be on April 25-27 in Wenatchee.

- 1. CAG Role in project ranking** – Marian provided group RCW 77.85.050 and MANUAL 19 Section 3 – Page 7) information on the CAG’s role in ranking projects, as well as some examples from other Lead Entities on how CAG’s ranking. Questions were posed to group:
 - How does the WSWC CAG see their role in establishing the ranked list based on the RCW and our Lead Entity Manual?
 - Do you want to bring in ranking based on socio-economic issues (Examples from other Lead Entities)?
 - Do you want to keep the ranking process As Is?
 - Is there another approach not mentioned above?
 - Any suggestions for improvement?

Sarah pointed out the Citizen group was the one specifically called out with roles in the state statute. The RCW tells who needs to be represented and their role in project development. After discussion, the group decided they liked to be more involved in the process, more accountable and rank the social and economic issues (similar to WRIA 10/12 and WRIA 14). The following was decided:

- Site visits for CAG members will be optional, since the criteria is non-technical and can be obtained from a presentation.
- Keeping process to a minimum. Keep consolidating meetings with TAG for presentations and site visits.
- A new section of operating guidelines will be drafted, along with a ranking sheet using WRIA 10/12 and 14 as an example.
- The above information will be presented to the CAG at its November meeting.

3. *Puget Sound Nearshore Forage Fish Science Presentation:*

- One third of world's catch is forage fish, which are harvested for pet food and human consumption. They have a high fat content (once dried can be lit on fire – Candlefish). It is better to not harvest these fish but leave them in the ocean as part of the food web.
- In 1994 to 2016, there has been a steady decline in Columbia River eulachon stocks. These stocks are now listed. The Cherry Point herring stock was once very abundant. It is now declining.
- Surf smelt spawn higher on the beach in sand and gravel. Sand lance spawn further down in finer sands. Pacific herring spawn on three dimensional structures. Spawn has been observed on creosote pilings. When this happens, 100% mortality has been observed.
- Since 1972, 1,000 miles of beach has been surveyed for surf smelt and sand lance. A female can lay 15,000 eggs.
- Riparian vegetation is critical for shading beaches and keeping eggs cool and from dehydration. Bulkheads take out critical spawning habitat area.
- The state's HPA approval process required No Net Loss when bulkheads are constructed. Mitigation is required by landowner.
- In 2014, it was noted the seabirds that feed on forage fish were also declining. The Western Grebe has declined by 99% and have relocated to California.
- Phillip Dionne's with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife presentation can be found on the WSWC website [at this link](#).

4. **Questions from presentation.** Does the HPA requirement really work? A flaw is that mitigation can be offsite so can be far away from the spawning area.

5. **Information Sharing:**

- **Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group** –The group is moving forward with its Cowling Creek project.
- **Clear Creek** – Mary Earl passed out fliers on upcoming Sept 26 beach seine and water quality sampling dates. She also noted that after the Bucklin Hills Bridge opened water quality has improved slightly. On October 15, the group will take elevations there.
- **GPC** – Johnathan informed the group that they are working on Carpenter Creek and Grover's Creek projects. They are also working on getting a grant for Filucy Bay.
- **Illahee Preserve** – Jim provided update on case that is in appeal for storage unit on wetland and creek near the preserve. The Army Corps of Engineers will intervene in the case to properly determine the category of the wetland. Jim will make a presentation tonight to Kitsap County Parks.
- **WSU** – Renee reported on upcoming Salmon Tours. They are expanding sites from 3 to 7 (adding the City of Bremerton, Poulsbo and Dickerson Creek). Training for salmon docents is upcoming.
- **PSP** – Amber reported the partnership is tracking PSAR and Capacity Funding and will report back the Salmon Recovery Council's decision at the next meeting.

- **City of Port Orchard** – Zack reported that the City has nearly completed their on-going pollution stations near the mouth of creeks at seven locations. The Department of Ecology is working with the City on these sites.
- **WSU** – Jeff reported on Shore Friendly is wrapping up and two bulkheads are out. Green crab monitoring is ongoing and one found in San Juans. The crabs can mow down eelgrass and do best in pocket estuaries. Renee reported on Salmon tours that are upcoming in the fall.
- **GSRO** – Sarah asked the group if they had any pictures to share for State of the Salmon report. She also informed them that it would be very important during the upcoming legislative session if elected could hear directly from sponsors and members on the work that is going on in West Sound Watersheds.

6. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.