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Washington Department of Ecology forming advisory group soliciting advice on riparian conservation easements

WSWC Meetings

May 20, 2015

Citizen Advisory Group
NOAA Northwest Fisheries
Science Center
Manchester Research Station
7305 Beach Drive East
Port Orchard
9 am to 12 noon

June 17, 2015

Citizen Advisory Group
Kitsap County Admin Bld
Commission Chambers #380
9 am to 12 noon

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The Washington State Department of Ecology is working with the Washington State Conservation Commission to form an advisory group to solicit advice on funding riparian conservation easements. Under the NEP Watershed Group Program, EPA will provide almost \$6 million to Ecology in 2015 to fund voluntary easements in Puget Sound watersheds, primarily on agricultural lands, to support salmon and shellfish habitat.

The primary goal for the advisory group is to provide information to help guide NEP investments in conservation easements and to help identify most important criteria and information to be used in a reach-based approach that emphasizes connectivity along stream corridors.

The main issues for Advisory Group to provide input on will be: How to strategically locate riparian easement (Criteria to include in prioritization process; sources of information that support criteria for prioritization (salmon and shellfish re-

covery plans, TMDLs); Elements of reach-based easement approach; Cost range of purchasing CEs/ long term costs of managing CEs; Needed qualification for entities Ecology would contract with to purchase and manage CEs; Critical components of CEs (types of restrictions in land use and payment structure); Gauging landowner interest and making CEs attractive to landowners; Lessons to be gained from existing easement programs; Options for leveraging or combining these funds with existing riparian protection/restoration programs.

They are seeking advice from entities that have practical and technical experience with: issuing or receiving grants for CEs, valuing, holding or managing CEs, working with landowners to provide long-term riparian protection, assisting landowners with agricultural BMPs in riparian areas, using reach-based approach to identify priority riparian areas for pro-

tection and restoration, restoring riparian areas.

Types of entities who will be participating on Advisory Group: State, federal and local agencies, local Puget Sound conservation districts, stated association of land trusts/ local land trusts and conservancies, NW Indian Fisheries Commission, Puget Sound Tribes, Lead Entities for salmon recovery, state and local agricultural associations, local agricultural interests, non-profit conservation groups, PIC programs.

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Shore Stewards

If you live on or near the Salish Sea, this is for you. The WSU Shore Stewards Program provides tips and resources for waterfront homeowners.

You can download the new **“Guide for Shoreline Living”** booklet. Go to: www.shorestewards.cw.wsu.edu

EcoFest

Saturday, May 30, 2015
11 am to 3 pm
Stillwaters Environmental Ctr
26059 Barber Cut Off
Road, Kingston

A free, family-friendly sustainability fair. Food, entertainment, activities, native plant sale and eco information booths.

Call (360) 297-1226 or visit www.StillwatersEnvironmentalCenter.org

SAVE THE DATES!

Dyes Inlet nearshore habitat beach seines are scheduled:

June 13 at 3:30 pm
September 27 at 4 pm
For more information -
clearcreektrail@yahoo.com

KITSAP COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS

- 1) Land Use*
- 2) Rural and Resource *
- 3) Natural Systems
- 4) Economic Development
- 5) Housing*
- 6) Utilities*
- 7) Transportation
- 8) Shorelines
- 9) Parks
- 10) Capital Facilities*
- 11) Subarea Plans

*Required



Comprehensive Plan Update



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 101

WHAT IS IT?

A Comprehensive Plan is used to guide development regulations and use of resources to achieve community vision, based on the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). A Comprehensive Plan is the road map for community growth.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Thoughtful planning leads to healthier communities, environments and economies. The Plan directs policy and regulation in the areas of land use, zoning, environment, health, parks, human services, capital facilities (e.g. sewer, roads, stormwater) and economic development.

WHY UPDATE IT?

An update is required every 8 years by state law. An update ensures the Comprehensive Plan is guided by the most current, relevant analysis and is meeting the needs of the community. An update also considers revisions to the GMA.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Great communities don't just happen; they take vision, planning, and collaborative teamwork. The Comprehensive Plan represents residents, businesses, and industries. Kitsap County needs community input regarding growth challenges and solutions. It's a great way to get involved where you live, work and play!

Visit our website to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Update, stay aware of upcoming events, answer our question of the week, and send a comment.



compplan.kitsapgov.com

To sign up for updates to Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan process, go to: www.compplan.kitsapgov.com/pages/products.aspx and click on the "Stay Informed" button.



Stay Informed
Receive updates

WSWC Update - Nine projects have made it through site visits and will be ranked by the Technical Advisory Group in May. The below table shows the project name, sponsor and the amount requested from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. *Please note: This list is not in order of priority. Ranking will occur in the next few weeks.*

Project Name	Project Sponsor	Request
Schoolhouse Creek Phase II	Anderson Island Park and Recreation District	\$63,750
Crescent Creek Culvert Replacement Feasibility Study	South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	\$56,500
West Oakland Bay Restoration and Conservation	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$200,000
Cowling Creek Culverts replacement design	Mid Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$68,000
Harper Estuary Restoration Final Design	Kitsap County	\$340,000
Port Orchard Passage Protection and Restoration Phase 1	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$100,000
Grover's Creek Acquisition Phase II	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$300,000
Purdy Creek Feasibility	Pierce County PWU Surface Water Management	\$105,000
Evergreen Park Nearshore Restoration Design	City of Bremerton Public Works & Utilities	\$200,000
	Total Request	\$1,433,250
	Total Allotment	\$1,285,767



May 27-29, 2015

Vancouver Convention Center
 Vancouver, WA
 For more information, go to this link:
www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/Conference.shtml

Do you have something to post or share with WSWC?

Please contact WSWC with your ideas or stories.

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Kitsap Forest and Bay project

Grover's Creek Preserve is at the center of a forest corridor of nearly 1700 acres, to the east of North Kitsap Heritage Park. The Kitsap Forest and Bay Coalition is working to conserve the Port Gamble Forest's trails and habitat.

Together, these properties will conserve a significant open space corridor and

and protect land critical to a future Sound to Olympics Trail.

To learn more—Go to www.indiegogo.com/projects/save-grovers-creek-preserve.

