

Final Notes, Skagit Watershed Council Monitoring and Adaptive Management (M&AM) Subcommittee

August 22nd, 2022, 9:00am –10:30am, Zoom Meeting

(Underline indicates decision point; **bold** are action items)

Attending: Mike LeMoine (SRSC, co-chair), Richard Brocksmith (SWC), Aundrea McBride (SWC), Greg Hood (SRSC), Jeff Fisher (SCL)

Absent: Rick Hartson (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, co-chair), Jen O’Neal (Natural Systems Design),

Beginning Business

- Draft Agenda approved, but we agreed to speed through items briefly and then revisit next meeting when Rick and Jen are present.
- Notes tabled until next meeting.

Focus metrics

- Focus metrics are reported in the State of the Salmon report at the regional level. SRSC believes there are errors in the table provided out of PRISM.
- Is there value in correcting the focus metrics? There are consistency issues.
- **Aundrea will compare PRISM numbers with numbers reported elsewhere (IMW report)**

Pocket estuary prioritization

- We don’t currently have enough data to quantitatively prioritize pocket estuaries in Whidbey Basin. Would need more years to cover different outmigration sizes. Only have a couple spotty years of data.
- TWiG needs to define the question they are asking (cost benefit analysis?).
- Qualitative consideration of distance to natal river and distance between ‘stepping stones’ of pocket estuaries is already included in Strategic Approach language.

Chinook Recovery Plan update

- Tribes do not want to start this until after relicensing is done.
- There could be important updates to habitat sections. Other H’s updates not covered by PSP.
- Mike is coordinating with the tribes on how to proceed.

Science Series

- This will happen with annual lunch virtually with bylaws changes and voting on directors.
- Do we need to focus more on the estuary/wrapping up last session or move on the freshwater? Mike is up for presenting on freshwater.
- **Richard will set up a steering committee meeting.**

Adjourn 9:50