

Final Notes, Skagit Watershed Council Technical Work Group (TWG)

June 27, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00PM, Skagit Publishing, Mount Vernon

decisions underlined, **action items bold**

Convened 1:10pm

Attendees: Alison Studley (SFEG, Chair), Bob Warinner (WDFW), Devin Smith (Skagit River System Cooperative), Rick Hartson (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe), Emily Derenne (Skagit County), Aundrea McBride (SWC), Erin Lowery (Seattle City Light), Doug Bruland (PSE)

Absent: Erik Anderson (Aspect Consulting), Jeremy Gilman (USFS), Kari Odden (Skagit Land Trust), Tom Slocum (Skagit Conservation District)

Guests: Erin Murray (ex-officio member PSP, note taker), Catey Ritchie (SRSC), Richard Brocksmith (SWC), Sue Madsen (SFEG), Denise Krownbell (SCL)

Beginning Business

Note: this was the first meeting where materials were ‘distributed’ using a BOX link. It didn’t work for everyone. **We will go back to using emails with attachments, except for confidential property information.**

Devin moves to approve edited notes as provided, seconded by Allison, approved by TWG. Some did not get edited notes. **Aundrea will send around as an attachment.**

Denise Krownbell was approved to be added to the distribution list for this committee

Committee Reports

Board of Directors (Richard)

- New or temporary members on the LECC
 - Andrew Bearlin (Seattle City Light)
 - Emmitt Wild (for Bill Blake, Skagit Conservation District)
 - Brenden Brokes (WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife)
 - Alison Studley (for Jon Vanderheyden, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group)
 - Dan Berentson (for Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County)
 - Devin Smith (for Steve Hinton, Skagit River System Cooperative)
 - John Stein (Puget Sound Partnership)
 - Joan Cromley (Town of Hamilton)
 - Jon-Paul Shannahan (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe)
 - Michael Kirshenbaum (Skagit Land Trust)
 - Richard Brocksmith (Skagit Watershed Council)

Council of Members (Richard)

- The 'discussion panel' format worked OK, but sponsors commented that they would like more detailed project introductions either by Richard or by themselves. Liked not having to give powerpoint.
- Better turnout than expected.

Protection Subcommittee (Bob)

- Sauk King—a small inholding approved by PS for further investigation
- Raymond—a parcel providing access to other protected properties, greenlighted by PS, no need to go to TWiG.
- Lower Day Creek
 - Needs a lot of revegetation (90%)
 - Discussions with landowner will include 2 options
 - Use conservation easement, exclude the house (SCL preferred)
 - Or boundary line adjustment with adjacent SLT property but only acquire north part of property
 - Sue Madsen is quite familiar with the site and culvert issues. She will be doing a site visit soon.
 - Lot is two parcels, but not dividable.
 - Suggestion to take into account restoration needs and other actions needed for this site, such as fish passage barriers
 - Is this project financially possible based on the acquisition block grant funding situation from this grant round?
 - **TWG asks for this project to go back to the Protection Subcommittee for further discussion and greenlight. Requests that a restoration scope be included.**

PSP Leadership Council meeting report

- SRC proposal over lack of pace for Skagit temperature TMDL
 - In 2008 document 100% of lower tributaries planted by 2020
 - Data showing into temperatures the same or getting worse
- Resolution was passed by the Leadership Council with some pushback by community members
- Ecology cannot enforce mandatory buffers but will dedicate more resources (1+ staff). Deadline to report back to the Partnership on approach by October 2019
- SWC presented on riparian assessment and current trends

South Fork Dike Setback Design Review

Emily is hoping for comments on the design and engineering ASAP. Nothing else to report.

Review new SRFB timeline and 4-year workplan (#3 and #4)

- Comments to maintain a 18 month window
- Comments to give enough grace time to finish construction window before SWC Letter of Intent deadline
- Comments to compress/shorten SWC procedure to meet regional streamline changes to the schedule
- **SWC will draft a potential timeline with comments in mind and circulate before our October meeting.**

Adjourned: 2:30pm