

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

October 15, 2020, 1:00pm-3:00pm

(numbered attachments in parentheses, actions underlined)

Attendees: All participated by Zoom meeting. Alison Studley (SFEG, Chair), Rick Hartson (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe), Aundrea McBride (SWC), Kari Odden (Skagit Land Trust), Tom Slocum (Skagit Conservation District), Emily Derenne (Skagit County)

Absent: Jeremy Gilman (USFS), Bob Warinner (WDFW), Doug Bruland (PSE), Jeff Fisher (Seattle City Light)

Guests: Richard Brocksmith (SWC)

Beginning Business

Agenda review

Approved July notes as edited (moved by Kari, second by Tom)

Committee Reports

Richard provided updates on

- New Board officers, John Stein president
- LIO consideration process briefing,
- Protection Subcommittee membership to include Kari pending subcommittee approval and greenlighted one parcel.
- Question was raised regarding Erin Murray becoming a member of the TWiG. Up to her.
- **Alison would like the CEC Communications Plan and work plan.**

2020 Lead Entity Project List Update

- See late September version of list and newly evolving October version of list. Projects funded down to partial funding for O'Brian.
- Affirmed that funneling funding down the ranked list in order is the appropriate next step.
- Confirmed that critical comments raised and addressed during the TRC and LECC process need to be re-stated to WSDOT regarding their commitment to working with SCL and FERC process and to carefully plan community outreach. This will be in the form of informal, verbal confirmation by SWC with WSDOT that the critical comments happened and WSDOT responded to those and TWG expects WSDOT to follow through as WSDOT proposed. It will

be part of the discussion with WSDOT about whether or not they want partial funding, nothing formal except a 'reaffirmation' of that information.

Staff Updates

SRP refresh/overhaul

- 4YWP and PPFL come through the SRP database now
- Sponsors can review project entries
- Aundrea can help organizations with displaying and using SRP so public-facing parts are as intended
- Riparian Work Group conference Jan 19th, and database moving along

TWiG Work Planning

- Adaptive Management: SWC wrote a letter to SRFB about the need to develop a state-wide process. SRFB agreed to work on over next 6-10 months
- Monitoring sustainability of created habitat projects in the delta—Emily will share their process.
- Will identify some past projects to provide updates to TWG over next 2-3 months.
- Sauk project is a repeat of Middle Skagit in the Sauk. Plan to get a contractor on board by January.
- Program Guide tweaks to review at next meeting.
- Asked for **more info on regional chapter update process** and who is advisory group (**Erin can provide**).
- Other long-range discussion topics include coastal resilience/Telegraph, culverts, and steelhead

Good of the Order

- Suggestion to somehow combine site visits (virtual) and Council presentation.
- Site visits will likely be May 4,5,6

Adjourned 2:30

Upcoming TWG Meetings: November 19th, December 17th