

**Final Notes, Skagit Watershed Council Technical Work Group (TWiG)**  
**March 18, 2021, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

(decisions underlined, action items in bold)

**Attendees:** All participated by Zoom meeting. Alison Studley (SFEG, Chair), Bob Warinner (WDFW), Rick Hartson (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe), Aundrea McBride (SWC), Regina Wandler (Skagit Land Trust), Jeff Fisher (Seattle City Light), Emily Derenne (Skagit County), Tom Slocum (Skagit Conservation District)

**Absent:** Jeremy Gilman (USFS), Doug Bruland (PSE),

**Guests:** Colin Wahl (to be SRSC), Kristin Murray (SFEG), and Shawn Higgins (NSD) Jen O'Neal (NSD), Richard Brocksmith (SWC) for Sauk agenda item

Beginning Business

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Agenda review

Introductions and check-in

Approve February notes: Motion by Bob, accepted as submitted

Committee Reports

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Board of Directors (Aundrea)

- Peter Browning attended as guest
- First half of meeting was a retreat focused on estuary restoration planning and an introduction to SWC for Peter
- Approved returned funds allocation as requested, with shortfall split evenly between the two proponents, pending TWiG approval of same.

Protection subcommittee

- has forwarded a property to review, discussed below.
- Sandifer was found to have large hydromod and thus was rejected for purchase.

M&AM Subcommittee

- Approved effectiveness monitoring project proposed by SRSC be forwarded to the Region for consideration

Old Business

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Returned PSAR funds for Britt and Ovenell

- Jeff moves, Rick seconds, all approve allocating returned funds as requested (\$85,000 to Britt Slough and \$117,720 to Ovenell) and splitting the \$8,720 shortfall between the two projects evenly.

Sauk Plan

- Presentation of scope of work and introduction of Shawn and Jen.

- Repeat a similar geomorphic assessment to Middle Skagit Report (task 2, task 1 is project admin)
- Complete REM floodplain, channel migration history assessment, and bank erosion rates as task 3 to improve on geomorphic assessment
- Identify and conduct or plan additional work to support developing project concepts and implementation strategy (task 4)
- Advisory group currently consists of Devin, Rick, Frank Leonetti, Jeremy Gilman, Scott Morris, Jon Riedel. **Jeff requests Denise be invited as well.**
- Aundrea is working on protection strategy portion of project
- Task not in scope of work is to develop the project concepts and implementation strategy.

## New Business

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### Property for possible protection

- Consensus that this is of high habitat value with good connectivity.
- Referred to the Board for approval with the condition that a preliminary riparian restoration plan for near-term and a commitment to long-term process restoration be included, and that the status of the culvert on site be determined. Moved by Aundrea, second by Bob, Regina abstains, approved by consensus.

### Letters of Intent

- Six projects submitted, including a collaborative riparian project for the \$100k set aside and a \$50k monitoring project for the monitoring set aside.
- It was requested that the McGlenn project change its name to clarify that it is a different project from what has been funded previously with a similar name. (After discussion with Devin the name was not changed due to other grants they have in the works)

### Orca Barrier Inventory

- Eric Mikelson is comparing SRSC's barrier inventory to the Orca task force inventory.
- Others can use the webmap provided to QA the barriers on the Orca list. It is a very rough list and needs local QA.
- Deadline is unknown, "it is an iterative process"

## Other Announcements/Updates

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none

Adjourn 3:10