

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

Special Meeting

May 8th, 2019, 3:20pm

Site Visit, Rockport

(decisions underlined)

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

Guests: Denise Krownbell (SCL), Jane Zillig (SLT), Richard Brocksmith (SWC), Catey Richie (SRSC), Micah Wait (Wild Fish Conservancy), Jon Vanderhayden (SFEG), Michael Kirshenbaum (SLT), Paul Schlenger (State SRFB Review Panel), Steve Toth (State SRFB Review Panel), Marc Duboiski (RCO).

Corkindale Property Field Assessment and Review for Approval to Purchase

Background: This additional TWG review was required by the SWC Protection Strategy due to a relict hydromodification on the property. The high habitat value of the property and the pressing interest of other potential buyers urged a prompt TWG review at this special session. During a field visit to the Corkindale property TWiG members were able to assess the riprap along the bank of the property, as planned at the last TWiG meeting.

- Alison Studley convened the Technical Work Group meeting with the 8 TWG members present.
- A quorum was confirmed.
- There was no formal agenda provided pre-meeting.
- Via an invitation to a BOX site TWG members had the opportunity to review updated supporting documents for this site, as requested at the April 25th TWiG meeting.

Discussion: Members commented on the apparent ecological value of the property and the probability that leaving the riprap in place would have the least impact to fish and habitat. There may be more discussion about restoration in the future, which all are amenable to. However, the group agrees the purchase should go forward so as not to miss this excellent opportunity.

Decision: Emily Derenne moved that the TWG approve the acquisition. Aundrea McBride seconded. Approved by consensus.

Adjourn: 3:40pm