



Technical Work Group Meeting
November 20, 2025, 10:30-1:30pm
815 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon 98273 and via Teams
Meeting Minutes draft

Members: Megan Corbiere (SWC), Alex Richard (WDFW), Jeff Fisher (SCL), Rick Hartson, Chair (USIT), Colin Wahl (SRSC), Jess Lange (SLT), Allison Hutchens (SCD), Emily Derenne (SC)

Guests: Keeley Mathis (SWC)

Decisions underlined; attachment (#); ***action items bold**

Beginning Business

- Convened at 10:30am.
- Quorum was met.
- It was suggested that Jess's name be added to the agenda since Kari will not be able to attend as planned. With that change, Emily made a motion to approve the agenda. Allison seconded. None opposed and the agenda was approved.
- Colin made a motion to approve the minutes. Emily abstained. Jess seconded. None were opposed, and the minutes were approved.

Committee and Meeting Reports

- Keeley read the committee reports.

Skagit DeBays Property

- SLT is looking for approval to purchase a property with high quality salmon habitat and 2 culverts.
- Due diligence-the Land Trust is going to do a survey and work through access to see if that is even possible. Order title, which would show encumbrances and may show who owns the culverts. The culverts were likely built in the 1990's for logging access.
- SLT doesn't know yet if there will be enough access to be able to remove the 2 culverts. Some members have concerns leaving culverts on the property. Maybe there could be a condition that at least one culvert will be removed.
- Emily made a motion to approve further site investigation for the northern portion and greenlight the southern portion for purchase. Jeff seconded. Jess abstained. None opposed, and the motion was approved.

Clarification on Riparian Criteria

- The Board wants clarity on scoring criteria proposed by TWG.
- The board stated that “High priority habitats” is too vague.
- TWG struck “high priority habitats” as redundant.
- *Megan will bring this back to the board, suggest that they read the low, med, high scores all together for continuity. They are related to each other.

TWG Charter

- The TWG went through the charter and made small edits to the wording.
- TWG name
 - It is suggested to change the committee name to, “Technical Advisory Committee.”
- Organization structure
 - The Board wants TWG’s opinion on its relationship to the RWG.
 - Megan proposed that she, or the, RWG could do a twice-a-year report to TWG. The report would be a status update on their three tasks: the riparian database, the Riparian conference, and the listserv.
 - Some feel as long as RWG are doing the riparian database, there needs to be some coordination with TWG. There needs to be a way for TWG to have a part in the riparian database, to make sure that the database is meeting the needs of the SWC.
 - ***Megan will get more information about the riparian database. More clarity on who does what.**
 - All agreed that the RWG should not be a subcommittee of TWG. Just make sure we exchange information.

Break

2025 Protection Acquisition

- Megan provided a summary of acquisitions for the last year.

HSIL Data Dictionary for Salmon Recovery Portal Database revisions

- Megan showed the document
 - The goal of the HSIL project is to be able to show the collective impact of projects. The reporting would show things such as how many acres have been protected total.
 - SRP is public facing currently. This project will clean it up and add more projects. The data dictionary will help us do that.

Announcements

- Megan will bring the 4-Year-Work-Plan at the next TWG meeting.
- Allison is looking for speakers for an event.

Adjourned at 12:58pm

Upcoming Meetings:

December 18th

January 15th