



## WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

February 15, 2023

**Member Participants:** Jessica Côté (Blue Coast Engineering), Tom Vos (SWS), Doug Kelly (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-Chair), Eric Mickelson, Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-Chair), Fred Kiga, Scott Chaplin, Lee Chavez, Ashley Kees (WDFW), Matthew Lander (ICPW), Renee Zavas Silva (ICCAO), Mathew Lander (ICPW), Tom Vos (SWS), Doug Kelly, James Watson (WICD), Scott Chaplin (COG), Fred Kiga **Others:** Clea Barenburg (LE Coordinator), Jessica Reed (Watershed Planner IC DNR), Sage Ince and Carlie Miller (IC DNR), Lauren Burch (ICPW), Bridget Kaminiski (RCO), Kristin Marshal (SCD-verbal update)

### Introductions & Updates

- The February meeting minutes and agenda were approved. Membership update. Ryan Elting renewed and approved. Updated spreadsheet with minor changes and sent to BOCC and they have approved Ryan for another term.
- There will be requested to renew other members in May.
- Livingston Bay letter was sent out and approved. Any further comments or questions were requested.
- Site visits are on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Review of policy for Technical committee members who can't attend site visits. Jessica C will miss the site visit but will visit them on her own time. There was a review of meet up times and coordinating sharing of cars for the sites with no parking. There was a poll for rsvp sent to help Clea coordinate the carpooling either from Coupeville or Clinton if needed. Because of Covid only carpool by choice. Michael Lander also offered to do a pickup on the North End. Scott offered a student drone pilot to do some filming. Bridget informed us that two staff will be joining us on the site visit- Jen O'Neal (SRFB Review Panel), Tom Smayda (SRFB Review Panel).
- Sharing updates of other projects in our WRIA 6 like PMEP project - PMEP funding for Polnell Pt. <https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/pmep-funded-projects/> Polnell Armor Removal. Jessica gave us an update. ASRP funded project Samish Bay. Jessica shared restoration update and Padilla Bay acquisition. Looking at connection between Padilla Bay and Samish Bay.
- Whidbey Basin Coordination
  - NOAA grant 24 funding to WDFW coming soon. Talk of aligning and being closer to Skagit in their LE site visits. Stillaguamish is in the same grant round time as Island County. Port Susan looking at explosives to dig channels. Lesson learned in the end it does not look cheaper to use explosives with permits required. Eric mentioned that March is good for site visits with water in the streams.
- No PSP representative but update on carry over from last year funding around 800K. Because Keystone is moving towards Large Cap funding, we were asked to show that we are able to use all of last years roll over in the coming year. Todd asked about the time limitation on the carry over funding. Large Cap decisions in July will help us understand how much funding we will have. The request for proposals has the breakdown of what Alex and Dawn projected for 2023.
- Funding/SRFB -Reviewed the timeline of Grant Round. Snapshots of projects were included in the email sent out. Other information will be coming out in email prior to the site visits. Asked the sponsors if they have questions or other information to share based on previous comments from LOI review. Discussed the upcoming meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> where the presentations of projects will be shared. Mathew mentioned that we will not be going on the property at the Mouth of Deer Creek site so make sure and look at pictures. Clea shared how the snapshot links work to find details and photos of projects. Clea asked about changing the date of our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and move to another date after the Salmon Recovery conference. Clea will be sending out a poll for a date change (Poll found April 24<sup>th</sup> works best). Lauren asked to talk to Todd Zackey about questions related to his resources. Mathew Lauren and Bridget talked about match for feasibility projects. Conceptual and preliminary report difference questions. Bridget said they are found in manual 18.

No match has a shorter timeline. Mathew talked about Deer mouth situation of how to have houses and have better fish passage.

- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Salmon/Pages/SFRB-Grant-Funding.aspx>
- Project proposal updates – ICPW withdrew their project proposal from the culvert 271 proposal.
- SRTCC members reviewed the criteria for project scoring. Pre-scores will be due by April 15<sup>th</sup> by email or by submitting the Cognito form. Discuss presentations and Site visit attendance and who will rank.
- Site visit itinerary-Final itinerary, WRIA 6 Grant Round Timeline and site visits details will be distributed to SRTCC Members after the conclusion of the meeting.
- Clea shared the recent report- [Final Island County Fish Passage Barrier Inventory report.pd.pdf](#)

Barbara suggested we put it on our committee website. Clea talked about getting the information reflected in maps. Todd said a link to Prism on the website. Bridget suggested part 1 go up as well. The reports are already in the public domain. Erik mentioned that SFEG members have moved on to other jobs.

- Camano Country Club update

Project funding end date June 30<sup>th</sup>. There have been delays in a presentation with staff turnover at the conservation district. Today will be a brief update by Kristin Marshall of SCD on finding a time for the subcommittee to meet she expressed that their project team would like to wait to meet until the end of March. This project Agreement has already had extensions. If we wait until the end of March to get feedback on the alternatives there is concern that there will be time to get the Special Condition satisfied and that all requests for payment be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to review documents associated with this project, then please use this link to the snapshot-Snapshot of Camano CC Tidegate Feasibility and Preliminary Design

<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/projectsnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=18-1382>

Kristin reports they are contracting with ESA. One change is that they brought in a person to help with community engagement. ESA has been collecting data and looking at septic systems. ESA- Dan, Hannah and Rachel were going to reach out to Todd Z and Barbara as ESA is interested in history of this project. They have contacted Dawn as well. They launched two surveys as needed due to the relationship with the two communities and understanding of property and access. Clea shared out one of the links but Kristin reminded us the surveys are for the separate communities to get their feedback. They want to share the preliminary design to SRTCC in April. SRTCC final input would be June 15<sup>th</sup>. Todd suggests the creation of the sub-committee. Clea will work with Kristin to send out a poll on setting up a meeting time. Beach access and easement between communities is conflicting and causing setbacks. Question of access and how to work and the most benefit for salmon. Need to get alternatives analysis to RCO. Progress report needs to be submitted. Subcommittee created- Clea, Barbara, Todd, Fred ,Jessica ,Nick Tuttle ,Ashley. There is a in person meeting scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.There is an active permit on the upper property at this time as well as an enforcement case related to tree cutting. Barbara mentioned Pigeon Guillemot in the area. PSP update- Hannah Liss is our PSP person and Matt Colston has moved to LIOs and are unable to attend meetings.

#### Adjourn

- March 1 – Site Visits and March 15<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Presentations
- April 11-12 LE call with review panel
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Prescores due- email or Cognito
- April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting SRTCC members who are also sponsors may participate in the pre scoring of all projects will be moved to April 24<sup>th</sup>.April 18-19 Salmon recovery conference

Grant Round – Site visit attendance was- Member Participants: Doug Kelly (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-Chair), Eric Mickelson (SRSC), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-Chair), Ashley Kees (WDFW), Lela Chavez ( WWS), Renee Zavas Silva (ICCAO), Mathew Lander (ICPW), Tom Vos (SWS), Doug Kelly, James Watson (WICD), Scott Chaplin (COG), Fred Kiga Others: Clea Barenburg (LE Coordinator), Jessica Reed (Watershed Planner IC DNR), Sage Ince and Carlie Miller(IC DNR), Hannah Liss (PSP), Lauren Burch (ICPW), Bridget Kaminiski (RCO), Jen O'Neal(SRFB Review Panel), Tom Smayda (SRFB Review Panel) at Crescent site – John P(NAVFAC), Ralph V property owner and Kirk Schlimme (Land Trust).

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