



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Site Visits

Island County - WRIA 6

05/03/2019

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: John Lovie (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-chair), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair), Matt Kukuk (MRC), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Tom Vos (SWS), Rick Baker (WWS), Kristen Marshall (SnoCD) (WebEx), Ryan Elting (WCLT)

Review Panel: Jennifer O'Neal, Paul Schlenger, Marc Duboiski

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP), Tim Hillman (Guest), Lori Clark (IC DNR), Barbara Bennett (guest, Greenbank), Judi Moore (guest, Greenbank), Sally King (guest, Greenbank), Anna Toledo (MRC), Gwendolyn Hannam (guest, WICD), Jessica Côté (guest, Blue Coast Engineering), Tansy Schroeder (guest, IC Planning), Tom Slocum (guest, WICD, Greenbank), Lisa Kaufman (guest, NWSF, Hidden Beach), Sue Madsen (guest, SFEG, Culvert List), Jason Lewis (guest, SFEG, Culvert List), Will Hallberg (guest, WCLT, Elger Bay), Bob Monroig (guest, Greenbank), Michael Cuddy (guest, Greenbank)

1) Introductions – Thanks to Matt K for bagels!!!

2) Elger Bay Phase 2 Acquisition

- Discussions included timing and likelihood of acquiring the parcel to the south that has the tidal opening.
- One neighbor showed up to the site visit. Stated that they support preservation of the land and concerns that the proposed parking lot would be huge. She was assured it would not be. Dawn, Barbara and Ryan offered to follow up with her in the coming weeks to clear up misconceptions about the project.
- A second neighbor showed up while driving by and stated his support for the project. He and his neighbors want to preserve the view.

3) Island County Culvert Prioritization, Area 1 (Private) & Area 2 (Private and Public)

- Budget has been increased to provide for double the number of barrier assessments. If not spent on barrier assessments, it will be put to more habitat assessments.
- Potentially add funding to proposal to add 3-4 CAFs (Correction Analysis Forms). Designs will assist with future funding opportunities.

- Going door to door to request permission to access has been successful in Snohomish (50-75% positive response). Recommended that SFEG try this. They may increase the budget request to facilitate this outreach.
- “Level T” (tidal) barrier assessment protocols are currently being developed by WDFW. Could this project be a pilot project to try those new protocols? Paul stated that developing a prioritization process that uses something other than just the Priority Index (PI) may be appropriate for tidal systems.

4) Hidden Beach Restoration

- Jen requested the number of plantings and other such details be included in the final proposal. This was the intent all along now that the pre-design documents are a little more settled.
- [Didn’t hear the questions or conversation]

5) Greenbank Phase 3 Design

- Possible Match ideas:
 - donation of an easement on the freshwater wetland parcel that GBBC owns
 - acquire parcel or two the immediate south that don’t have functioning wells or septic (landowner willingness unknown)
 - IC Public Works contribution to North Bluff Rd culvert
 - Diking District assessments
- Mitigation ideas:
 - Port or IC pay for pump design
 - IC pay for restoration as mitigation for CIP projects
- Explore idea of hooking at-risk wells up to group system rather than paying for saltwater intrusion studies
- Consider increasing scope and funding for 2017 project so work can start in July 2019 rather than waiting for Jan 2020.
- Mitigation (reduced) will likely be required for temporal loss of freshwater function while it converts to a salt water system, as per IC code.

6) Adjourn

Next meetings:

May 15 – Coupeville Rm 131 - Draft comments for projects based on site visits.

June 19 – Camano Library – Pre-scoring. **Attendance Required for scoring and ranking.**