

Island County
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Notes
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, July 07, 2016 2:30—4:30 PM
Camano Center
606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island

Call to Order and Introductions

Present:

Citizen Members: Julius Budos (Co-Chair), Dave Thomas, John Lovie, Al Williams, Jay Lawrence, Barbara Brock, Tom Vos, Tom Fox, Maddie Rose

Island County Staff: Dawn Pucci, Matt Zupich

Guests: Ryan Elting (WCLT), Katherine Wells (SCD), Suzanna Stoike (via phone, PSP)

New WRAC Member

Julius Budos introduced new WRAC member, Maddie Rose. Maddie briefly discussed her background and interests in water resources.

Adoption of May WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Carol Gillespie moved to approve the May 05, 2016 meeting summary notes as amended. Dave Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Matt Zupich shared a letter from the Board of Island County Commissioners to the WRAC thanking past and present members for serving as the WRIA 6 salmon recovery program citizen committee. This letter is in response to the BOICC's decision to separate salmon recovery duties from WRAC responsibility and form a new salmon recovery citizen committee. Matt sent each member a copy of the letter via email.

Salmon Recovery Projects

Dawn Pucci provided a brief background on the process for selecting local salmon recovery projects. She also discussed the WRAC's role in this selection process.

She then shared the salmon technical advisory group's (TAG) recommendation for project ranking. Due to the nature of the State's "clearing" process for proposed projects and the complex funding structure this year, the TAG developed 3 alternate plans to ensure appropriate use of the available funds.

Julius Budos called for a motion to accept Plan A at this time and further discuss Plans B & C. Al Williams moved to accept Plan A as proposed. Dave Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

The group discussed in greater detail and suggested revisions to Plans B & C as follows:

Revised Plan B - if Barnum Point is not "cleared" by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Technical Review Panel, the Seahorse Siesta project will receive all of the unobligated 2015-2017 PSAR funds plus some 2016 SRFB funds (about

\$34,000) to cover the balance. The remaining 2016 SRFB funds (about \$140,000) will be subsequently allocated per WRAC decision.

Revised Plan C – if neither Barnum Point nor Seahorse Siesta are cleared by the SRFB Technical Review Panel, the Maylor Point project will receive the requested amount (\$282,705) of unobligated 2015-2017 PSAR funds. Remaining 2015-2017 PSAR (\$102,626) funds will be offered to the Stillaguamish Lead Entity for the Leque Restoration Project, if allowed, and 2016 SRFB funds (\$174,000) will be subsequently allocated per WRAC decision.

Tom Vos moved to accept Plan B and Plan C as revised. Al Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Dawn informed the group that the Federal contract for WA salmon recovery funding was cut by \$1.5 million for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This has resulted in a 26% reduction in capacity funding for the Island County Lead Entity which, if not resolved by the state, may prompt a proposal to request Clean Water Utility funds to fill the gap. If neither state nor local funds are available, the result may be a reduction of hours for the Lead Entity Coordinator position. Dawn should know by the end of July if additional state funding will be allocated. The WRAC offered to provide support if/when necessary.

Dawn updated the group on the Iverson Improvement Project. She showed a draft newsletter which provides a summary of Task Force meetings held over the past several months. She indicated that the Task Force has turned out to be an excellent group of people and model for similar projects in the future. Dawn also discussed the proposed sedimentation study for which a contract is expected to be approved by the BOCC.

Water Quality

Matt Zupich reported on a study being conducted by Kitsap County using human-based chemical compounds, such as pharmaceuticals, to help identify surface water pollution sources. A newspaper article that Matt sent out recently describes how this study has helped Kitsap's water quality staff solve a long-standing pollution problem in at least one watershed. Kitsap is working with the University of Washington to establish a set of thresholds for a number of these compounds to serve as a reference for other jurisdictions to use with their source identification efforts.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next Meetings:

August 04 (Oak Harbor Public Works)

September 01 (Oak Harbor Public Works)

October 06 (Oak Harbor Public Works)