

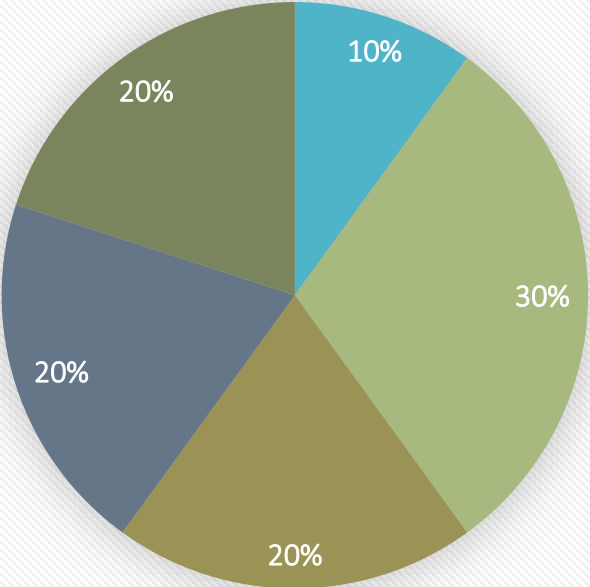
Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Client Satisfaction Survey 2022

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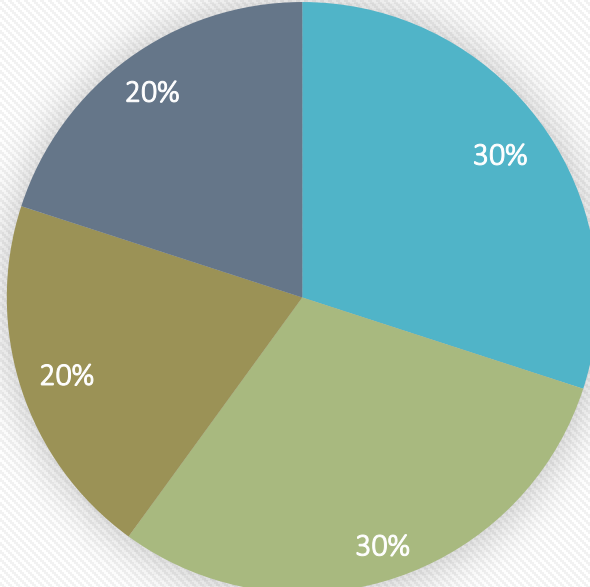
Survey Demographics

What is your affiliation with the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum?



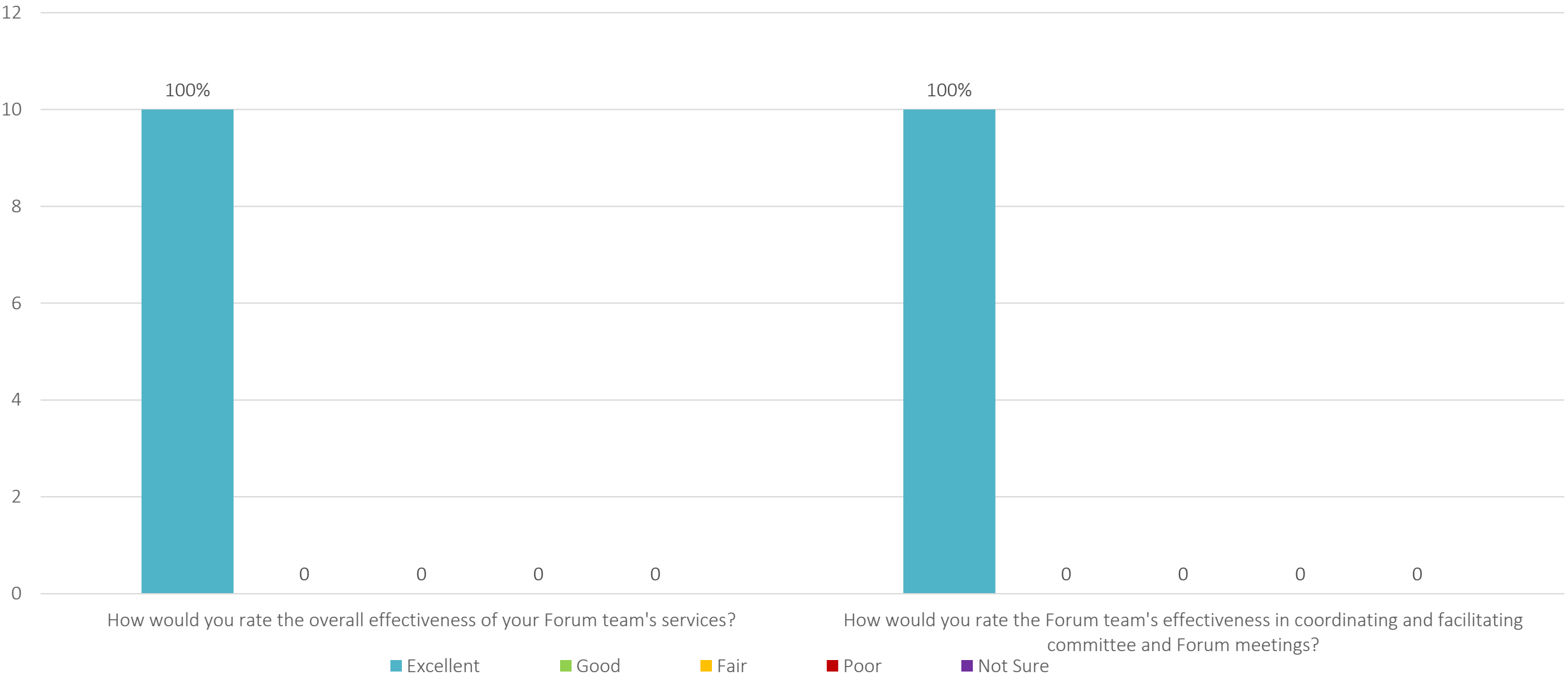
■ Elected Official ■ Jurisdiction staff ■ Tribal Staff ■ Non-profit ■ Landowner/Citizen

How Long have you been a part of Snoqualmie Watershed Forum?

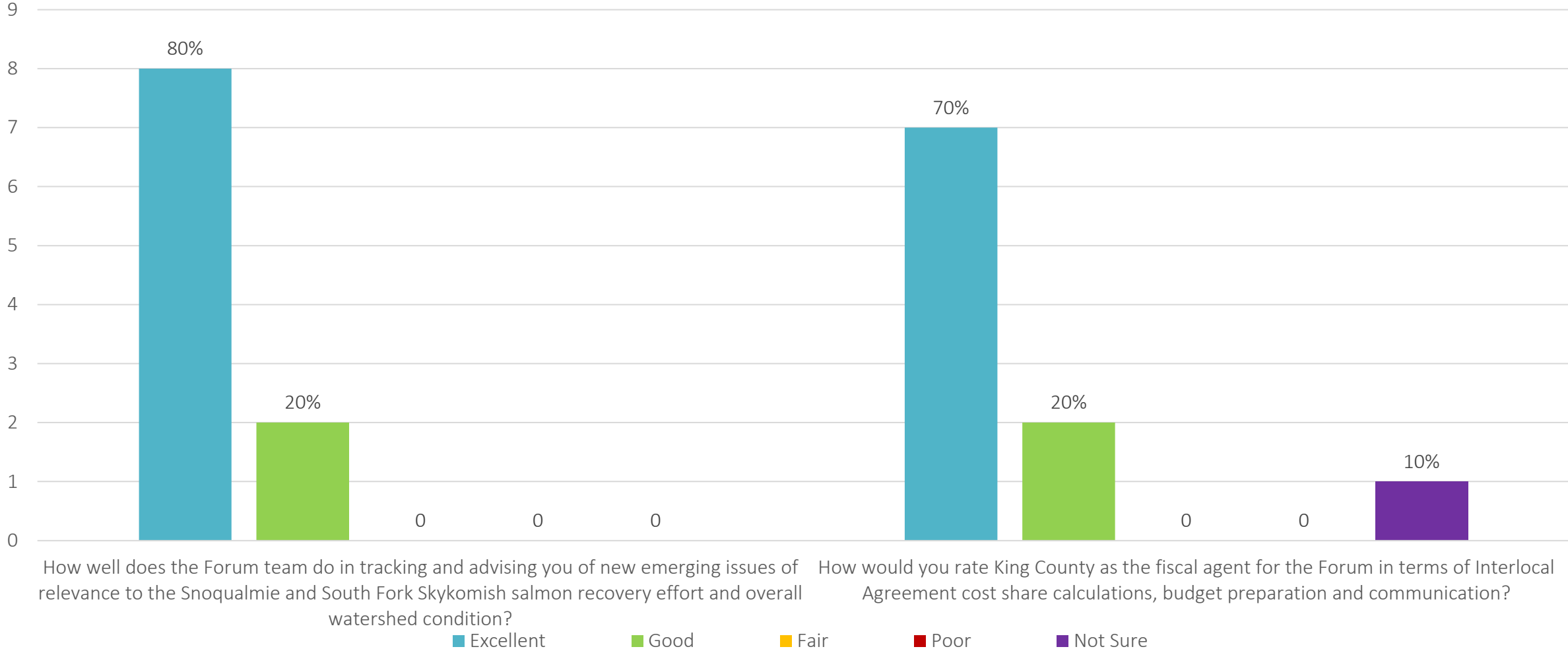


■ 0-2 Years ■ 3-5 Years ■ 6-10 Years ■ Over 10 Years

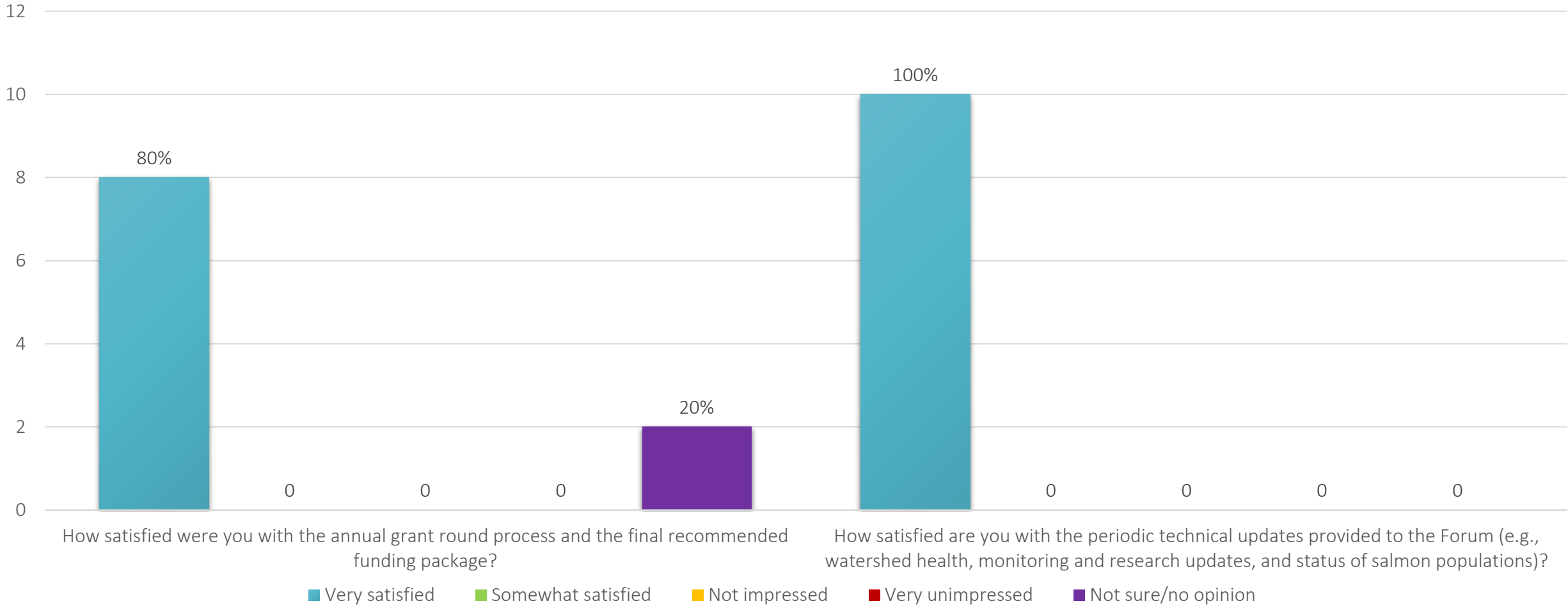
Forum Team Effectiveness with Coordination and Tracking of Issues and Budget Preparation



Forum Team Effectiveness with Emerging Issues and as the Fiscal Agent



Satisfaction with Grant Round Process and Periodic Updates



Feedback for services provided by the Forum Team

- Sometimes the information shared is really great but either too much detail or relevance to a jurisdictions needs.
- I think the entire team had always done a great job!
- Staff at the SWF have been so engaging, collaborative, and supportive it really makes being a part of the forum so easy and productive.
- The Team has been doing a great job across the board.
- The Forum staff do a great job of keeping the members and partners informed about local and regional salmon recovery and watershed health issues. They're always professional and well-informed.
- Excited for the forum to be staffed up and ready to take on projects!

What do you see as the most valuable services the Forum staff provides for your jurisdiction or interest?

- Technical expertise and grant support. Awareness of regional issues and attendance of many regional meetings which City staff may not have time for.
- Grant funding for watershed projects. Equally valuable is all the education provided in the form of presentations and updates.
- Keeping a regular meeting place for all interested government and tribal entities to continue to have a dialog about the health of the Snoqualmie watershed.
- Focusing on science and monitoring, setting goals for projects and project areas, convening stakeholders, and of course funding projects.
- Funding opportunities and support.
- Connecting Snoqualmie and King County areas to the broader Snohomish and Puget Sound salmon recovery efforts, and vice versa.
- Informing members and partners on relevant issues, coordinating CWM grant program, carrying out monitoring and studies to support conservation decision-making.
- Sharing information and latest science.
- Collaboration with external partners and a place to provide project and funding updates.
- An opportunity to share information regarding salmon recovery activities and knowledge within the watershed. a standardized process to disperse salmon recovery funds to local salmon recovery efforts.

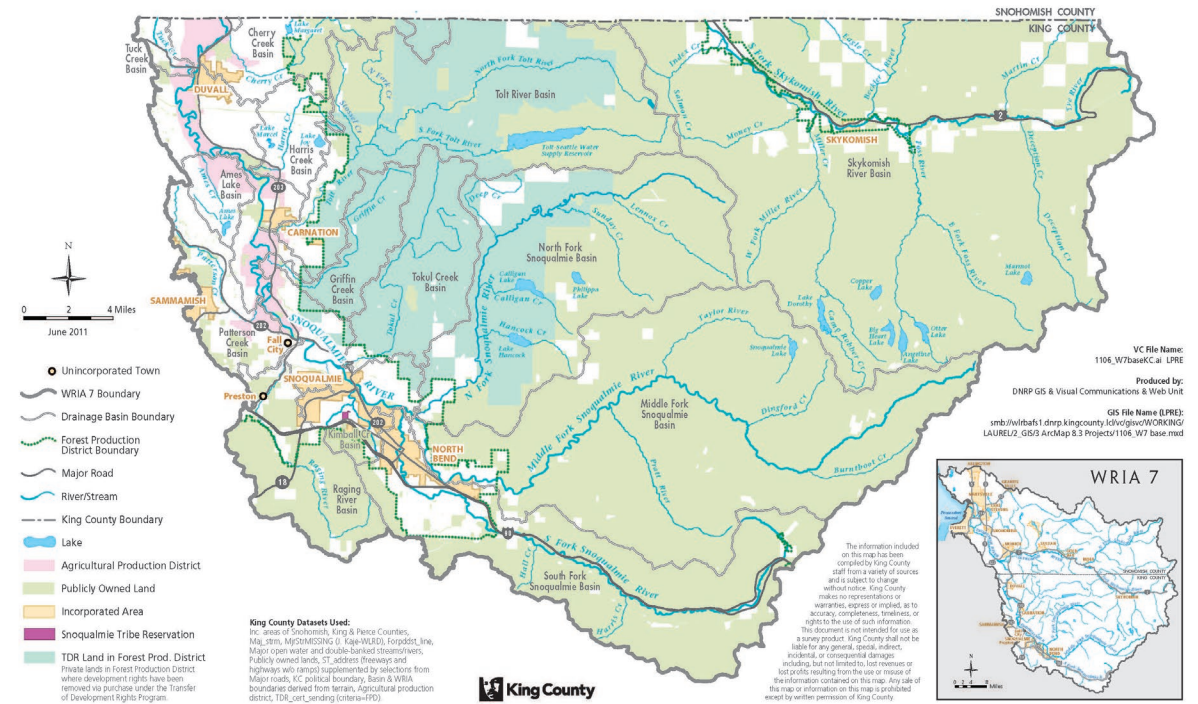
Do you have any specific areas of interest or topics that you would like to see presented or discussed at future Forum meetings?

- Regularly scheduled updates: updates on projects that have been chosen for funding, projects that have been in the works or have been completed, salmon runs and kokanee population updates.
- Spend more time at Forum meetings discussing ongoing projects, could either be deeper dives with presentations, or quicker round robin updates.
- More site visits in the summer
- Additional understanding of how low elevation (100-1000ft) forest management impacts water quality and fish recovery. Understanding of and emphasis on the complete biodiverse, ecosystem as critical to salmon recovery efforts.
- More discussions about how projects funded and supported by the Forum fit into larger regional recovery and conservation plans.
- Climate adaptation: Can we figure out now where the best places for habitat, farming and infrastructure are in the floodplain? If not now, can we start to plan to adapt as it becomes more and more necessary and fiscally responsible?

Thank you for your participation.

Any questions?

WRIA 7 SNOHOMISH - SNOQUALMIE: KING COUNTY PORTION



2023 Meeting Topics:

Do you approve of the proposed list of meeting topics sent by email today and presented at this meeting?

Discussion:

Highest priority topics

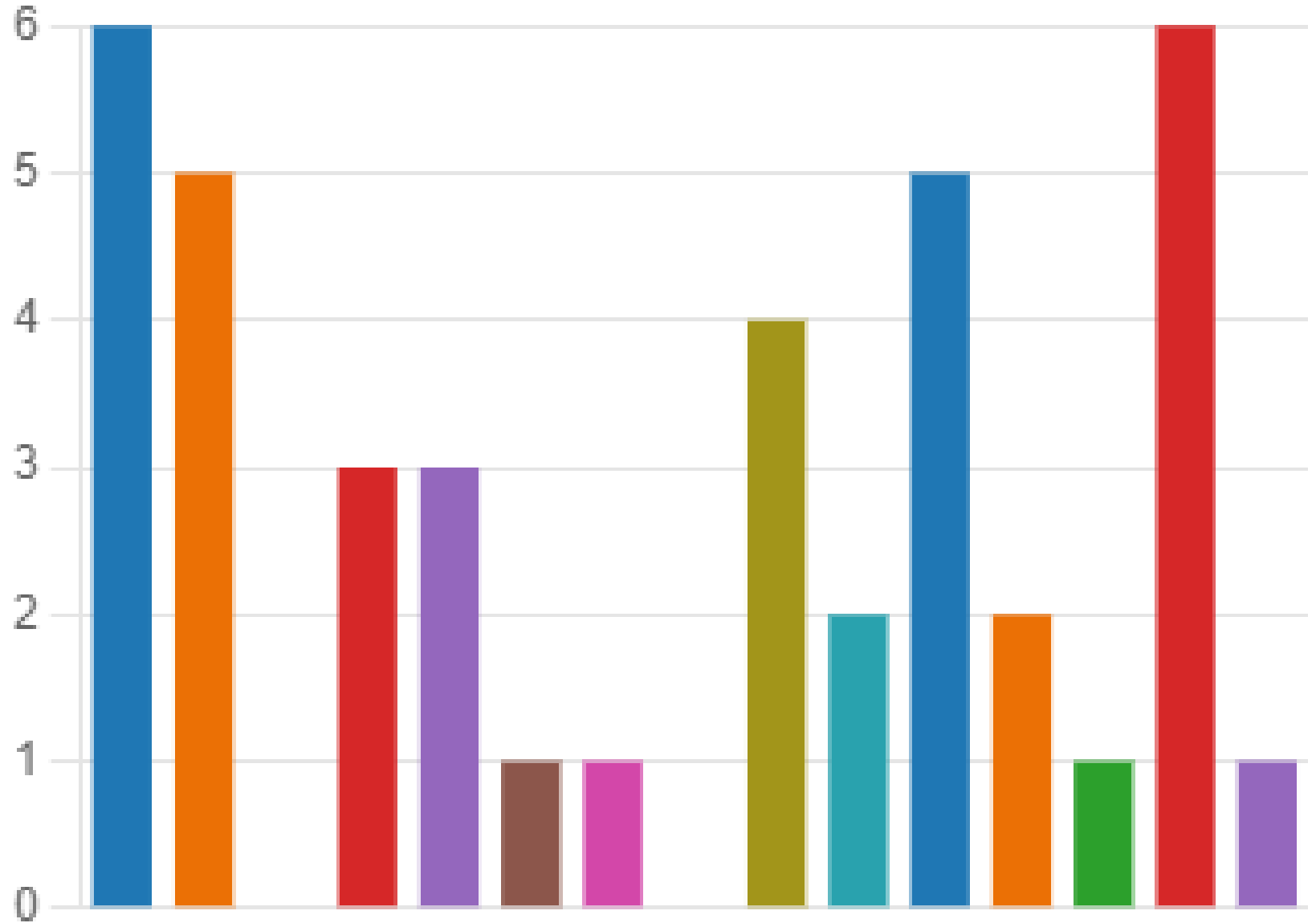
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2023 Meeting Topics (tentative)

Forum Meeting Dates	Proposed Topics (Subject to change – Decision items in BOLD)
<p>January 18 Virtual meeting via Zoom 3:00-5:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tulalip smolt trap & funding • Cold water refugia for salmon in the Snoqualmie – Josh Kubo • Forum Project Ignite – updates from project sponsors • Client survey results review
<p>March 15 Virtual meeting via Zoom 3:00-5:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snoqualmie 15-year Status Report • State legislative update • Coho urban runoff mortality in WRIA 7 – project update • Project updates: Griffin Creek avulsion, Beckler River ELJs, bull trout eDNA, fish passage barrier removals
<p>May 17* Location TBD (in-person) 6:00-8:30 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Grant Review & Funding Recommendations • 2024 Work Program for Forum Staff • State legislative update
<p>July 19** Location TBD (in-person) 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Project Tour tentatively from 3:00-5:00 p.m.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Budget Discussion • Temperatures in the Snoqualmie and SF Skykomish – Dan Restivo, USGS • KC River & Floodplain Management – projects and capital investment strategy updates • Round robin/project updates
<p>September 20*** Location TBD (in-person) 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Budget Approval • Legislative priorities for 2024 • Salmon SEEson • Monitoring priorities for the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish basins • Flood model for the Snoqualmie Valley – results • Annual Forum & Partners Celebration of accomplishments (with refreshments)
<p>November 15 Virtual meeting via Zoom 3:00-5:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Grant Round Launch • 2024 Forum meeting schedule & topics • Habitat project update - Fall City, others completed in 2023 • Tulalip Tribes' floodplain acquisition strategy • Note: Annual Fish In, Fish Out will be scheduled for January starting in 2024.

Please select the **top five** topics you would like to see presented or discussed at Forum meetings in 2023.

- Project updates from sponsors ... 6
- Water quality: stream temperat... 5
- Snoqualmie & Skykomish Rivers... 0
- Tribal history, near-term and lon... 3
- Coho urban runoff mortality syn... 3
- Freshwater mussels in the Snoh... 1
- Large wood management and b... 1
- Farmland Preservation Program ... 0
- Fish, Farm, Flood 4
- Forest management impacts on ... 2
- Climate adaptation: best places... 5
- How WRIA 7 recovery efforts fit ... 2
- Lamprey and best practices 1
- Ecosystem health, biodiversity a... 6
- Legislative updates - state and/... 1



Ranked Meeting Topics

Priority	Topic	Description
1	Project updates and what's in the project pipeline	Updates from project sponsors about projects that have been directly funded or closely followed by the Forum.
1	Field visits to see projects	Opportunities to see projects in the field with details from those who have been involved.
1	Ecosystem health, biodiversity and salmon recovery, and prioritizing recovery efforts	How does an intact, biodiverse ecosystem affect salmon recovery efforts? Where are the most important places to focus on restoration and protection?
2	Water quality: stream temperatures, nutrients, toxic chemicals in juvenile salmonids	Forum staff and partners have been synthesizing the state of water quality in the Snohomish Basin for the Salmon Plan Update. Agencies like WDFW are looking into aspects of water quality such as: how do chemicals in wastewater affect baby salmon survival?
2	Climate adaptation: where are the best places for habitat, farming and infrastructure in the floodplain.	Ongoing planning is needed to determine the best way to reduce risks to people and property while also recovering salmon and being financially responsible.
3	Riparian conditions and targets in the Snohomish basin	Riparian forest cover is important for salmon, and provides many benefits. What is the current condition of riparian canopy across the basin? What are the updated riparian restoration targets in the WRIA 7 salmon conservation plan?
3	Fish, Farm, Flood (FFF)	Update on the latest FFF developments from the Implementation Committee and Fish Caucus.
4	Tribal history in the watershed short-and long-term priorities	The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe and Tulalip Tribes each have unique history in the Snoqualmie and SF Skykomish watersheds, and near- and long-term priorities for the area.
4	Coho urban runoff mortality in WRIA 7 – project update	Forum staff have been leading an effort to investigate coho pre-spawn mortality across urban areas of the Snohomish Basin. The last project update was at the March 2021 Forum meeting . The project will run from Oct 2020-Dec 2023.
4	Tulalip Tribes' Snohomish Floodplain Acquisition Strategy	Tulalip Tribes' online geographic information system (GIS) tool will soon rank sites for floodplain reconnection in the Snoqualmie/SF Skykomish watersheds. Floodplain units are ranked based on importance, acquisition feasibility and amount of degradation. It also determines whether a site is a better candidate for restoration or conservation.

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5	Forest management impacts on water quality, salmon and wildfire risk.	How management of upland forests, especially in the lowlands (100-1000 ft elevation) impact water quality, fish and wildfire risk reduction.
5	How do WRIA 7 recovery efforts fit into the Puget Sound and western Washington conservation picture?	How projects funded and supported by the forum fit into larger regional recovery and conservation plans (for salmon and other species of concern, aquatic and terrestrial). How does our work fit into the larger conservation picture in Western WA?
6	Freshwater mussels in the Snoqualmie Basin	Freshwater mussels are a culturally important species to many Coast Salish peoples. They are also ecologically important and have a unique relationship with salmonids. Recently, organizations such as King County and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe have been surveying for this ‘underdog’ species and incorporating mussel salvages into river restoration.
6	Large Wood Management	Presentation on large wood opportunities and coordinated management in the mainstem. KC and Sheriff play a role in managing wood in the mainstem, and WA DNR is proposing a large wood bank in the basin.
6	Lamprey and best practices	What and where are lamprey in the watershed, and what are best practices for protecting them and restoring their habitat?
6	King County plans: flood hazard reduction, comprehensive plan	Overview from King County staff on planning effort for flood reduction strategies, anticipated investments, nexus with salmon recovery, and opportunities to comment.
0	Snoqualmie and Skykomish Rivers smolt trap analyses	Smolt traps help us to count baby salmon as they migrate out to the ocean. This would be an update on smolt trap operations and the results of a recent, extensive analysis of multiple years of data.
0	Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and non-tillable policies	Overview and discussion about King County’s policy of designating buffers as non-tillable and limiting their extent on FPP lands.

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