

WRIA 8 Team – Draft 2014 Work Plan

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WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council & Regional/State Coordination	
<p>WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Schedule and staff WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) meetings at key decision points to inform and approve WRIA work products. Coordinate overall WRIA 8 implementation effort under auspices of the WRIA 8 SRC. Schedule and staff WRIA 8 Management Committee for their annual review of draft budget and work plan. Highlight for WRIA 8 SRC how work plan aligns with priority actions for salmon recovery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-6 meetings of WRIA 8 SRC • 1 meeting of WRIA 8 Management Committee • 1 meeting of the WRIA 8 Membership Committee if needed • 1 field trip for SRC members, state legislators , federal congressional staff • Meeting materials – agendas, briefing documents, presentations, minutes • 2014-2015 Work Plan & Budget • New member briefings
<p>Coordination with Puget Sound Partnership <u>and regional salmon recovery effort</u> Support WRIA 8 SRC on work with the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council (PS SRC), the Puget Sound Watershed Leads Group, <u>and the South Central Puget Sound Caucus Group</u> to seek funding, <u>inform policy</u>, and provide other appropriate assistance for WRIA 8 plan implementation.</p> <p>Coordinate with NOAA Fisheries, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Co-Managers, <u>Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT)</u>, PSP and other watershed groups on implementation of overall Puget Sound Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (of which WRIA 8 Plan is a chapter). Negotiate for benefits to WRIA 8 ILA partners for plan implementation and resources to assist in plan implementation.</p> <p>Respond to requests for technical review, meetings, data sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at <u>6 meetings of the PS SRC</u>, <u>12 meetings of the PS Watershed Leads</u> and <u>4 meetings of the South Central Puget Sound Caucus</u> to represent WRIA 8's interests/concerns • Regular updates to WRIA 8 SRC on regional salmon issues • Responses to frequent requests/tasks from the Puget Sound salmon recovery process • Coordination with other watersheds on shared interests, particularly increasing capacity/funding for implementation such as Watershed Investment District proposal • Meeting notes, work plan revisions, data, presentations, and other products as required

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<p><u>and reporting</u>, and other technical interactions as needed and feasible.</p>	
<p><u>Coordination with Recreation and Conservation Office</u> <u>As salmon recovery Lead Entity for WRIA 8, participate on Lead Entity Advisory Group (LEAG) to coordinate with other watershed Lead Entities across the state.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Biannual Lead Entity grant progress reports</u> • <u>Participation in 7-9 Lead Entity Advisory Group meetings/conference calls</u>
<p>Support Plan Implementation</p>	
<p>WRIA 8 Implementation Committee Coordinate with staff of WRIA 8 ILA signatories and other stakeholders and partners on plan implementation. Prioritize implementation actions and seek partnerships and develop strategies to implement priority plan recommendations and any new priorities identified as plan implementation progresses such as WRIA 8’s new focus on protecting and improving riparian areas.</p> <p>Seek ways to implement programmatic actions (land use and public outreach) on start-list and comprehensive lists through other processes, e.g., flood plan implementation, critical areas ordinances, shoreline master programs, stormwater management programs, stewardship, and other education programs. In particular, focus on the programmatic actions that have been identified through the programmatic implementation survey and WRIA 8 Summit as needing more implementation effort.</p> <p>Track and report progress in plan implementation. Work with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-8 WRIA 8 Implementation Committee meetings, regular email updates, phone calls, responses to questions • <u>2014 WRIA 8 state and federal legislative priorities</u> • <u>Coordinate with partners and stakeholders to support funding for Corps’ prioritized list of Ballard Locks facility improvements, including critical fish passage improvements; focus support in 2014 on anticipated proposal for a major rehabilitation study of Locks infrastructure.</u> • Presentation of recommendations regarding implementation of programmatic actions to the WRIA 8 SRC; other deliverables to be determined as strategies are developed • Regular progress reports to WRIA 8 SRC

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<p>W8TC and Implementation Committee to assess overall progress in implementing plan and identify implementation gaps.</p>	
<p>Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Grants Support the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (in their role as citizen-based committee under RCW 77.85) in developing, prioritizing, and presenting grant proposals to the state’s Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) <u>for SRFB and PSAR funds</u>, based on the WRIA 8 plan conservation strategy and start-list actions. Track SRFB policies and procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-Year Work Plan Update <u>20132014</u> • Request for proposals, outreach to project proponents • Project subcommittee field trip • Facilitation of Project Subcommittee review, ranking • Presentation of SRFB recommendations to WRIA 8 SRC • Assistance to applicants to get grants into PRISM and Habitat Work Schedule • Responses as needed to SRFB Technical Review <u>and RCO grant managers</u> • Attend SRFB meetings, as necessary, to represent WRIA 8 interests
<p>King Conservation DistrictKing County Flood Control District Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) Grants Support the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council in developing, prioritizing, and presenting project <u>and program grant</u> recommendations to King Conservation DistrictCounty Flood Control District (KCDFCD) for funding, based on the WRIA 8 plan conservation strategy, <u>three-year work plan</u>, and start-list actions. Track KCDFCD policies and procedures, <u>and coordinate with King County as the grant program administrator</u>. (<u>Assuming 2013 assessment is passed and includes WRIA 8 funding2012 FCD resolution provides approximately \$1.2 million in CWM grant program funding through 2015</u>).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to W8 SRC <u>for</u> decision on KCD-CWM Guidance for <u>20132014</u> • Request for proposals, outreach to project sponsors • Project development assistance • Project Subcommittee field trip to review proposals • Facilitation of Project Subcommittee review, ranking • Presentation of KCD-CWM Recommendations to WRIA 8 SRC • Work with FKCD Board/staffand King County as CWM grant <u>program administrator</u> on their review <u>and management</u> of grants; respond as needed to their requests
<p>Habitat Project Tracking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Progress report to WRIA 8 SRC

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<p>Track implementation of approved KCD, CWM and SRFB/PSAR grants and actions from other regional funding sources as appropriate. Management of WRIA 8 data in State’s Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) database. Continue to improve HWS as an implementation tracking tool for WRIA 8. Track HWS policies and procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to KCDKing County Flood Control District, Project Managers on KCD-CWM reporting • Assistance to SRFB staff, Project Managers on SRFB reporting • Outreach to project managers to update information on their projects in HSW database • Updated WRIA 8 HWS project database
<p>Seek Funding for Plan Implementation Coordinate with WRIA 8 partners and organizations, including Puget Sound Partnership, the Recreation and Conservation Office and other watersheds, to develop a funding strategy that seeks federal, state, and other funding opportunities for start-list actions and plan priorities.</p> <p>Research new grant and funding opportunities. Help to establish partnerships and seek funding for start-list actions. Identify grant-funding opportunities that benefit regional fish habitat, water quality, and flood hazard reduction. Use the WRIA 8 plan to guide priorities for action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings/emails to WRIA 8 SRC and partners regarding 2013 2014 state and federal legislative priorities • Emails to WRIA 8 list regarding grant opportunities • Promotion of potential grant funding sources on WRIA 8 website. • Contract with grant writer to identify funding opportunities for high priority actions and assist in writing grants • Could include seeking sSupport and consider participating in for legislatively-convened stakeholder group process to develop consensus Watershed Investment District legislation if such legislation is supported by WRIA 8 for 2014 • Report to WRIA 8 SRC regarding funding strategy for WRIA 8 Plan Implementation
<p>Telling the Salmon Recovery Story – WRIA 8 Communications/Outreach & Education Seek funding and partnerships with WRIA 8 jurisdictions and partners, agencies, non-governmental organizations to implement outreach and education efforts supportive of WRIA 8 Plan. Focus will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Salmon SEEson to promote awareness and support for salmon recovery efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Salmon Recovery Tour (typically held in the fall) to highlight priority projects and share implementation progress with local and state elected officials, partners, and the state Congressional delegation • Habitat project Implementation metrics in HWS database, which quantifies habitat restoration and protection efforts • Annual Salmon SEEson campaign (78th season) • WRIA 8 website updates

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Green Shorelines effort to reach out to lakeside property owners to create more salmon-friendly shorelines • Encouraging stewardship of riparian areas • Support the development of a new salmon segment in the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed’s Watershed Report to help share WRIA 8 success stories and build support for salmon recovery • Build public support for Cedar River restoration <p>Conduct outreach to jurisdictions, organizations, and individuals about the plan in general and in support of implementing actions in the plan. Coordinate with other watersheds on regional outreach and education related to salmon recovery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press releases for Salmon SEEson, other WRIA 8 topics as appropriate • Seek funding/partnerships to continue Green Shorelines <u>and riparian area stewardship</u> outreach efforts • Deliverables for encouraging stewardship of riparian areas and partnering with the Watershed Report to share success stories to be determined. Dependent on partnerships and funding. • Assistance to King County in public outreach to Cedar River community regarding planned Cedar River restoration project, including attendance at public meetings. • <u>Meetings with local governments and other partners to maintain a working understanding and knowledge of the WRIA 8 Plan and share priorities and opportunities for implementing actions.</u>
Technical Coordination	
<p>WRIA 8 Technical Committee Coordinate and facilitate 8-10 meetings WRIA 8 Technical Committee meetings. Provide technical support and analysis to WRIA 8 SRC and Team.</p> <p>Implement Habitat/Harvest/Hatchery (H-I) subcommittee recommendations as appropriate and feasible.</p> <p>Work with Implementation Committee to assess overall progress in implementing plan and identify implementation gaps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agendas • Meeting notes – records of decisions made by Technical Committee • Analysis/reporting/presentations as required

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<p>Coordinate Monitoring Efforts Work with the WRIA 8 Technical Committee (W8TC), NOAA Fisheries Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT), WRIA 8 jurisdictions and other state and regional efforts to implement basin-wide monitoring framework for tracking watershed trends, project effectiveness and Conservation Plan effects.</p> <p>EPA Wadeable Streams Status and Trends monitoring grant: Coordinate wadeable streams surveys with King County (lead), contractor (USFWS) and other stakeholders over period of grant (2010-2013).</p> <p>Coordinate reporting to SRC, PSP, and others</p> <p>Coordinate and produce other monitoring products arising from monitoring framework development (e.g., juvenile and adult Chinook abundance trends, flow characterization, lakeshore change assessments).</p> <p>Organize and oversee technical services contractors to carry out specific technical tasks (e.g., related to monitoring and data management).</p> <p>Seek funding and partnerships to continue monitoring activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to compile and assess ongoing and proposed habitat and salmon monitoring to identify existing information beneficial to WRIA 8 and identify monitoring and evaluation gaps • 4th year of <u>Complete</u> EPA grant-funded wadeable stream surveys (5th year overall) <u>and report</u> • Stream access permission request letters • Updates to streamside owners • Wadeable streams status report • Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (BIBI) scores posted on regional web-based database • Reports, documentation and presentations to WRIA 8 SRC • WRIA 8 monitoring framework presentations to local conferences (e.g., Puget Sound Georgia Basin Ecosystem Conference) • Scopes of work, requests for proposals, other work products created by contractors • Grant proposals, other funding packages and partnerships to conduct elements of monitoring framework
<p>Adaptive management Work with the W8TC, Implementation Committee, RITT, PSP, WRIA 8 jurisdictions, SRC and other state and regional efforts to develop and implement a robust adaptive management framework <u>by July</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WRIA 8 monitoring and adaptive management framework.</u> • Reports and recommendations for adaptive management

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<p><u>2014.</u></p> <p>Develop grant proposals to advance research into topics where gaps in technical knowledge hinder Chinook recovery</p>	<p>actions in WRIA 8 to SRC, jurisdictions, PSP and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant proposals, scopes of work, etc.
<p>Other potential Technical Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess Chinook plan effects on steelhead and other species as required and feasible • Build partnerships to evaluate effectiveness of specific restoration and conservation projects and programs – may involve initiating assessments or reviewing other work (e.g. SRFB or King County effectiveness monitoring activities) • Coordinate implementation of other WRIA 8 monitoring activities with local jurisdictions, agencies, stakeholders, other WRIAs, and tribes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliverables to be determined, will depend on staff time and funding
<p>Administration</p>	
<p>Conduct general administration work in support of implementation of the interlocal agreement and MOU. Includes supervision and leadership of WRIA 8 Team, hiring of staff when necessary and evaluation of staff performance. Also includes development and management of WRIA 8 budget, development and monitoring of WRIA 8 Team work plan, grant billings/reporting, trimester billings to ILA parties, and the progress reports that accompany trimester billings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRIA 8 Team Meetings • Hiring of staff when necessary • ILA Trimester Billings/Reports • Grant Billings/Reports