

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Meeting Notes

Bellevue City Hall

May 15, 2014 3:05-5:20 p.m.

Members Present		
#	Name	Affiliation
1.	Councilmember Larry Phillips, Chair	King County
2.	Councilmember Jay Arnold	City of Kirkland
3.	Councilmember Eileen Barber	City of Issaquah
4.	Mayor Bruce Bassett	City of Mercer Island
5.	Councilmember Diane Buckshnis	City of Edmonds
6.	Don Davidson	Long Live the Kings
7.	Councilmember Chris Eggen	City of Shoreline
8.	Nancy Eklund	The Boeing Company
9.	Councilmember Ted Frantz	Town of Hunts Point
10.	Councilmember Don Gerend	City of Sammamish
11.	Noel Gilbrough	Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
12.	Brian Goodnight	Snohomish County
13.	Peggy Marcus	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
14.	Councilmember Hank Myers	City of Redmond
15.	Kathy Minsch	City of Seattle
16.	Joan Nolan	WA Department of Ecology
17.	Councilmember Mark Phillips	City of Lake Forest Park
18.	Councilmember Ed Prince	City of Renton
19.	Gary Schulz	WA Association of Sewer & Water Districts
20.	Gary Smith	Water Tenders
21.	Richard Sowa	Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
22.	Councilmember John Stokes	City of Bellevue
23.	Councilmember Paula Waters	City of Woodinville
Others Present		
24.	Alison Bennett	City of Bellevue
25.	Hans Berge	King County
26.	Diana Forman	Portage Bay Coalition for Clean Water
27.	Jerallyn Roetemeyer	City of Redmond
28.	Stacey Rush	City of Kirkland
29.	Ron Straka	City of Renton
30.	Jean White	King County
31.	Bruce Wulkan	Puget Sound Partnership
32.	Linda Grob	WRIA 8 Team
33.	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8 Team
34.	Scott Stolnack	WRIA 8 Team
35.	Jason Wilkinson	WRIA 8 Team

Chair Larry Phillips opened the meeting, introducing new Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) member Peggy Marcus, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). He then invited all attendees to introduce themselves.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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2. Approval of Meeting Notes for November 21, 2013

Larry Phillips inquired if there were comments on the meeting notes. Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (Jason MK), Watershed Coordinator, said one change was made to Shoreline representative Jesse Salomon's question on knotweed per his request.

By consent of the Salmon Recovery Council the meeting notes for the November 21, 2013 meeting were entered into the record.

3. Updates & Announcements

General Announcements:

Jason MK elaborated on several items from the WRIA 8 Updates and Committee Report handout:

- **Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Minimum Buffers Guidance:** The Recreation and Conservation Office is considering a proposal to require minimum riparian buffers of up to 100 feet for projects seeking SRFB grants on salmon bearing streams, lakes, and rivers. This is challenging for our watershed, since buffer sizes are limited in urban areas and we would not want such minimum requirements to limit our ability to implement priority projects or limit property owner willingness to allow restoration on their property. On April 30, WRIA 8 submitted a letter to SRFB with comments to that effect. SRFB will discuss the comments received at a June 4, 2014 public meeting in Olympia.
- **Billy Frank Jr.**, Nisqually Tribal leader, who passed away last week, will be missed on a number of levels. He was a huge advocate for salmon and Puget Sound recovery, and several great obituaries about him have been published. Jason MK will distribute the obituaries to the SRC.
- **Royal Arch Landslide:** Last week's landslide on the Cedar River occurred at the site of an actively eroding bluff that has slid in the past. The river was blocked for a short time, but the main river channel quickly broke through and re-established itself. Approximately seven properties were flooded with some minor property damage, and the slide deposited a lot of wood in the river. Jason MK noted that this is a natural process and supports gravel recruitment important for salmon spawning habitat. This section of the river was indefinitely closed by the King County sheriff. Jason MK showed a video taken few days after the slide, which showed the bluff still sliding.
 - Larry Phillips said his annual October raft trip on the Cedar floats through this section, and he asked if this is the same spot where there was a major slide in the past. Jason MK said it was, and that this is an actively eroding bluff.
 - Frank Urabeck inquired if the river was dewatered downstream. Jason MK explained that people knew a slide had occurred when downstream neighbors noticed a significant drop in the river level, but it wasn't dewatered. Frank said he thought steelhead and Chinook smolts have already gone out.
 - Don Davidson asked what King County (KC) is doing about this area. He said the county continues to put wood in the river, and some have raised concerns about potential risk of wood to public safety. Larry Phillips replied that there are two sources of wood in the river, one natural and one intentionally placed. KC addresses this as a safety issue, and we've debated for some time the engineered log jams that have been installed as part of habitat restoration. Not all the log jams have been effective, so they have been reengineered and there haven't been any issues since. He said natural and engineered wood is treacherous, and people need to be careful when using the river.
 - Jean White, King County, added that one issue resulting from the slide is two logs that are spanning the river. KC has applied for a permit to remove the logs, which would require mitigation.

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- **Proposed WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Renewal Schedule:** Jason MK presented a proposed schedule (see below) for reviewing and approving a renewed ILA over the next 18 months, which reflects feedback from the Implementation Committee (IC). Changes to the current ILA will likely include technical cleanup changes and more substantive topics that will need more discussion.

ILA Renewal Schedule	
July/September 2014	Review and feedback on ILA language by IC & SRC
July/September – November 2014	SRC members seek feedback on language from jurisdictions
November 2014 – May 2015	Presentations to ILA partner jurisdictions/councils
May/July 2015	Staff incorporates feedback, works with IC & SRC to finalize language
July 2015	Final ILA available for partner signatures
November 2015	Renewed ILA signed by all partners by 11/20/15 SRC meeting

- Diane Buckshnis inquired when SRC members will have time in the process to review the ILA with their city attorneys. Jason MK responded that that review is intended to happen between September/November and May.
- Mark Phillips asked if WRIA 8 staff will visit all the cities with ILA renewal presentations. Jason MK said yes, we will.
- Councilmember Phillips asked what the proposed term is for the new ILA. Jason MK said we are proposing ten years.
- Hank Myers asked if there is something in the bylaws that says you need to visit every city. Jason MK replied he has not seen anything, but will check.

4. Proposed Addition of Town of Woodway to WRIA 8 ILA and SRC

Jason MK reported that Diane Buckshnis had previously wanted to know which cities in WRIA 8 hadn't joined the ILA, and she then went and contacted a couple of them. She helped establish contact and interest with the Town of Woodway. Jason said he subsequently met with the Woodway mayor and town council, describing WRIA 8's priorities and explaining the ILA and the benefits and cost-share commitment of becoming a partner. They were very interested in joining the ILA, and the town council passed the resolution that is included in the meeting packet.

The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the addition of the Town of Woodway as the 28th partner to the WRIA 8 ILA and Salmon Recovery Council.

5. 2015 WRIA 8 Budget and Work Plan

Budget:

Jason MK went over the Management Committee (MC)-recommended 2015 Budget, including review of associated materials in the packet: the ILA Cost Share Comparison and the WRIA 8 Capacity and Capital Funding bar charts. Jason MK reminded the SCR that from 2000 to 2013, the total annual WRIA 8 ILA cost share remained unchanged at \$501,063, despite rising staff and operating costs. In 2014, recognizing that base revenues from the ILA cost share and state Lead Entity grant were projected to be insufficient to fund staff and operating costs, the Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) decided to increase the ILA cost share 3% to \$516,095. As part of the 2014 budget decision, the SRC also approved an increase of up to 5% in 2015, depending on the revenue shortfall for staffing and operating costs.

Previous to 2014, base revenues from the ILA cost share and state Lead Entity grant were sufficient to fund staff and operating costs, and excess ILA revenue supplemented other state and federal grants

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to provide capacity to advance high priority WRIA 8 work (e.g., Green Shorelines outreach, Land Cover Change Analysis, wadeable stream surveys, etc.). While WRIA 8 has successfully secured grants to supplement base revenues and advance important WRIA 8 Plan priorities, grant revenues typically have limited duration, specific tasks and deliverables, and are not reliable.

WRIA 8 expects additional high priority demands on staff in the near future, including:

- Renewal of the WRIA 8 ILA (current ILA ends at the end of 2015)
- Coordinating the 10-Year WRIA 8 Plan update, including development of a monitoring and adaptive management framework and plan
- Providing technical assistance and project development for priority capital projects
- Supporting implementation of Green Shorelines and riparian area stewardship strategies

In 2014, the 3% ILA cost share increase helped close the majority of the funding gap in staffing and operating costs. The remaining funding gap is being covered by a combination of grants that offset ILA funds and carryover ILA funds from staff salary savings in previous years.

Management Committee recommendation: Based on the Salmon Recovery Council's decision in 2014 to increase the 2014 ILA cost share 3% and up to 5% in 2015 and the anticipated staffing and operating revenue shortfall in 2015, the Management Committee recommends the Salmon Recovery Council approve the 2015 proposed WRIA 8 Budget and Work Plan, including a 5% increase to the ILA cost share to completely cover the anticipated revenue shortfall for staffing and operating expenditures and to continue to support WRIA 8 implementation priorities.

Discussion:

- Diane Buckshnis asked about the drop in Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Capacity Grant funding. Jason MK explained that we only get PSAR Capacity funding every two years, based on a biennial appropriation from the legislature. We hope they approve it again in the upcoming 2015-2017 biennium budget, and if they do we will show it in the 2015-16 WRIA 8 budget.
- Gary Schulz inquired what happened in 2013-14 that doubled capital funding. Jason MK explained that King County received a Floodplains by Design grant for a priority WRIA 8 project in the Cedar River. We're hopeful that the legislature will support the Floodplains by Design funding again in 2015. Chris Eggen asked why the MC recommended a 5% increase when a 4.25% increase appears sufficient to cover the anticipated funding shortfall. Jason MK replied that the MC looked at the difference between a 4.25% and 5% ILA increase, and decided it made sense to do recommend a 5%, given the lack of increase to keep pace with rising staffing and operating costs since the ILA's inception in 2000 and to fully support implementation of anticipated WRIA 8 priorities.
- Ted Frantz, MC member, explained that for more than ten years the cost shares were kept level, so we are now increasing them to cover staffing and operating costs.
- Larry Phillips, MC member, said it is remarkable we were able to get through 13 years with no budget increase, and the difference between 3% and 5% is not a lot.
- John Stokes, MC member, clarified that we are adding more into project and program work, and not increasing staff.
- Kathy Minsch noted that the Green Shorelines work has stalled because of a lack of funding.
- Noel Gilbrough commented that ILA money is seed money, leveraging significantly more money for projects on the ground.

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- Diane Buckshnis stated that a 4.25% ILA increase sounds a lot better than 5% if I'm taking this to my council.
- Chris Eggen said, acting as the Shoreline alternate, he thought a good argument is being presented for the 5% budget increase. He said it is important to communicate clearly the rationale for the increase in order to avoid pushback councilmembers who are not as well informed about the WRIA 8 salmon recovery effort.
- Ted Frantz explained that during the last update of the ILA back in 2006, the MC did consider having a consulting firm be service provider. The MC conclusion was that it is more cost-effective for KC to be the service provider and that we are well served by the WRIA 8 KC staff. Don Gerend stated that he supports the 5% increase, especially because of the project development and priority programs that we would not receive without an increase.

The Salmon Recovery Council approved the Management Committee recommendation to increase the ILA cost share by 5% in 2015, with Edmonds opposed.

Work Plan:

Jason MK went over the draft 2015 WRIA 8 Work Plan, which shows highlighted changes from the 2014 work plan. The main work items for 2015 are the ILA renewal and 10-Year WRIA 8 Plan Update. He said we are also looking to better tell the salmon recovery story, which we haven't been able to do well with the current limited budget.

Discussion:

- Jay Arnold inquired how the ILA renewal processes will be coordinated with 10-Year Plan Update. Jason MK explained that staff looked at that, and we think it's a parallel process. The 10-Year Plan Update probably won't be done by the end of 2015, more likely by the end of 2016. He said we are figuring it out, and we may have a Watershed Summit again in 2015 to share implementation progress and new information, and gather feedback from partners that would inform the 10-year update.
- Don Davidson reported that the Puget Sound SRC is also working on the Puget Sound Plan Update. He said he sits on the Monitoring Subcommittee.
- Don Gerend commented that some of our streams support the native run of kokanee in Lake Sammamish. He said he would encourage WRIA 8 to include support of the work of the Kokanee Work Group in the Work Plan.
- Diane Buckshnis asked why the Ballard Locks strategy is not in the 2015 Workplan anymore. Jason MK said we removed it only because the strategy changed as we learned more information about how to best advocate for the critical infrastructure improvements.
- Frank Urabeck stated that fish passage is an issue, not just at the Locks but in the Ship Canal where high temperatures affect the salmon. He said he still thinks we could have a great run of scokeye in 2016, and he said significant work has been done on the Ship Canal temperature issue. Scott Stolnack, Technical Coordinator, said he was at the recent meeting with the Corps about Ship Canal temperatures. Peggy Marcus reported that the Army Corps of Engineers talked about moving colder water further into the canal. Frank said he would like the temperature issues in the Ship Canal to be explicitly called out in the Work Plan.
- Hank Myers said he would like the Work Plan to align with the budget, so it would be clearer how work plan topics were being funded. Jason MK responded that he would look into how to make that more clear in future budgets and work plans.

The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the 2015 WRIA 8 Work Plan.

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6. 2014 Cooperative Watershed Management Funds – Project Subcommittee Grant Recommendations

Jason Wilkinson (JW), Actions and Funding Coordinator, reported that SRC members Diane Buckshnis and Tor Bell participate on the Project Subcommittee (PSC). He described the project-ranking process, which included site visits or presentations, applying WRIA 8-approved grant criteria, ranking the proposals, and recommending funding. Total available 2014 funding is \$1,520,273, which includes \$11,427 in returned funds. We received 15 requests for \$1,505,598—it is rare that the amount requested is less than the amount available. The SRC-approved allocation of CWM funds is at least \$1,112,846 (~74%) for site-specific projects, \$300,000 (~20%) for monitoring, and \$96,000 for outreach and education (~6%). Jason went over the proposals and recommended funding:

Rank	Site-Specific Project Proposals (Sponsor)	Requests	PSC Recom.
1.	Issaquah Creek Knotweed Control & Reforestation, Phase II (Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust [MTSGT])	\$50,000	\$50,000
2.	Calkins Point Shoreline Restoration (City of Mercer Island)	\$150,000	\$150,000
3.	Little Bear Creek Knotweed Control & Reforestation, Phase II (MTSGT)	\$30,000	\$30,000
4.	Juniper Street Park – Issaquah Creek Restoration Design (City of Issaquah)	\$130,000	\$130,000
5.	Issaquah Creek Restoration at lake Sammamish State Park (MTSGT)	\$50,000	\$50,000
6.	Beaux Arts Shoreline Restoration, Phase III (Western Academy of Beaux Arts)	\$161,000	\$161,000
7.	Issaquah Creek Conservation (King County)	\$260,000	\$260,000
8.	Sammamish River Corridor Enhancement (Snoqualmie Tribe)	\$58,875	\$58,875
9.	Swamp Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration, Phase I (Sno-King Watershed Council)	\$211,140	\$0
	Subtotal	\$1,100,915	\$889,875
Rank	Monitoring Proposal (Sponsor)	Requests	PSC Recom.
1.	WRIA 8 Fish In/Fish Out Monitoring (King County)	\$299,965	\$299,965
	Subtotal	\$299,965	\$299,965
Rank	Public Outreach & Education Proposals (Sponsor)	Requests	PSC Recom.
1.	Beach Naturalist Program (Seattle Aquarium)	\$13,200	\$13,200
2.	Mountains to Sound Greenway Forests & Fins Education Program (MTSGT)	\$7,500	\$7,500
3.	Cedar River Salmon Journey (Friends of the Cedar River Watershed)	\$38,422	\$38,422
4.	Salmon-Safe Puget Sound Urban Initiative (Stewardship Partners)	\$16,000	\$16,000
5.	Salmon Watcher Program (King County)	\$29,596	\$20,878
	Subtotal	\$104,718	\$96,000
	Salmon Watcher Program (with 2013 returned funds): PSC recommendation		\$8,718
	Total	\$1,505,598	\$1,294,558

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Jason W reported that because the Swamp Creek project was not recommended for funding, the PSC recommended carrying over to 2015 the remaining \$234,398 (or \$225,715 if the Salmon Watcher Program is fully funded) for site-specific projects.

Discussion:

- Frank Urabeck stated that fish in/fish out is important monitoring. The Chinook in Lake Washington grow the fisheries, so knowing what is going on is important for more than just our work.
- Hank Myers commented that knotweed is everywhere, and we have been trying to figure out how to get rid of it in Redmond. He asked if these proposed knotweed projects will share their information. Jason W said he thought so. Seattle is also doing knotweed control on the Cedar River. Jean White added that King County Noxious Weeds also has workshops on knotweed that she can connect members with.
- Diane Buckshnis said she totally agreed and supported putting extra money into site-specific projects, even though Edmonds is in Snohomish County and ineligible for CWM funding.
- Jay Arnold inquired if having matching funds is something the PSC looks at when ranking proposals. Jason W explained we do look at matching funds as a component of cost effectiveness, but match is not a requirement for this grant program.
- Larry Phillips questioned if we have ever carried over that amount before. Jason MK said no. Chair Phillips asked what big projects are coming up. Jason W replied that King County is initiating design for the Riverbend Levee Setback project and has requested SRFB funding. Also, the Evans Creek Relocation project in Redmond is a large-ticket construction project that will require near-term funding.
- Mark Phillips asked if there was a study that looks at prioritizing all our projects over the region. He said this process is scattershot, but it seems to work well right now. He said he wondered if we could identify projects in advance and have RFPs rather than waiting to see what comes in the mail. Jason W said the WRIA 8 Three-Year Work Plan contains the highest priorities from the WRIA 8 Plan, and the M&AM work of the Technical Committee is going to help focus how we move forward with implementation. One of the goals of the project development work in the 2015 Wrok Plan is to identify priority projects we want to see implemented and proactively work with project sponsors to develop projects for funding.
- Frank Urabeck inquired if there is a report from Salmon Watchers. Jason W replied that annual reports are on the Salmon Watcher website:
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/salmon-and-trout/salmon-watchers/reports.aspx>.
- Gary Smith asked if the additional money will go to King County or FCRW for Salmon Watchers. Jason W clarified it goes to King County.

The Salmon Recovery Council unanimously approved the 2014 Project Subcommittee Cooperative Watershed Management grant recommendations.

7. WRIA 8 Monitoring and Adaptive Management (M&AM) Project

Scott Stolnack, Technical Coordinator, reported that with the M&AM project we gain a framework that we didn't have before for tracking changes in the health of our watershed. Using a mountain climbing analogy, he said we have a prioritized list for which "mountain" (habitat elements) we are going to tackle now, and a strategy that will get us from base camp to the summit. We have a complex system that is hard to communicate (spaghetti diagram), and now have a tool to help us more effectively and simply communicate our progress, logic and needs. He said what we don't have

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yet is assurance from the region of meaningful future support for M&AM Phase 2. We are at base camp now, and need funding to figure out how to get to the summit.

Discussion:

- Ted Frantz questioned if there is a time frame for PSP to consider the Phase 2 funding. Bruce Wulkan, PSP, explained that the money for Phase 1 came from EPA Region 10, and we haven't heard whether they will fund it again. He praised Scott Stolnack's work on the M&AM project, saying he is doing a fantastic job leading the effort, the best of any watershed.
- Kathy Minsch suggested the SRC could perhaps write a letter to EPA Region 10 to support the funding. By head nod, all SRC members supported writing the letter.
- Frank Urabeck asked what Phase 2 would include. Scott Stolnack explained that Phase 1 is taking what's in our plan and translating it into the common regional framework and language. Phase 2 is more about developing the monitoring and adaptive management plan itself. Frank said so it involves more than just WRIA 8. Scott said yes it's a Puget Sound-wide effort within each of the 14 salmon recovery watersheds.

8. Fish In/Fish Out Monitoring

Hans Berge, King County, gave his annual presentation to the SRC, reminding members that fish in/fish out monitoring measures the effectiveness of WRIA 8 Plan implementation in terms of salmon population numbers, using the Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) parameters (abundance, productivity, distribution, diversity). Fish in/fish out monitoring consists of three monitoring programs: spawner surveys (fish in), fry/smolt trapping (fish out), and PIT-tag monitoring (fish out).

Hans explained that spawner surveys monitor escapement, redd counts (timing and abundance); estimates of total eggs, prespawning mortality (productivity); relative use of streams and rivers in core, satellite, episodic areas (distribution); and age structure, hatchery or natural origin (diversity). Fry/smolt trapping monitors juvenile abundance (timing and abundance); egg to smolt survival % (productivity); relative comparison of Bear Creek vs. Cedar River (distribution); and fry vs. smolt numbers and migration timing (diversity). Pit-tag monitoring monitors migration survival estimates (productivity); relative use and importance of migration areas (distribution); and migration timing to ocean (diversity).

Hans said for timing and abundance live counts were done once per week in all streams with chinook, along with dead counts and carcass sampling. Redd location and identification was done two-three times per week. He said for productivity we looked at potential egg disposition, migrants at the scoop and rotary traps (mouths of the Cedar and Bear), PIT tagging (screw traps, Issaquah Hatchery, and interrogation at the Locks), and returning unmarked adults.

Hans provided the updated numbers for 2013. He reported that 20,000 fish went out through the Locks, 10% of which were unclipped. In 2013 ~900 came back into the Cedar, and ~200 returned to Bear Creek. The proportion of hatchery origin chinook spawning in the three major WRIA 8 basins in 2013 was ~75% in Bear, ~10% in Cedar, and ~95% in Issaquah Creek. He noted that the incidence of pre-spawning mortality (PSM) was higher in hatchery fish in each basin: 32.2% of marked (hatchery) females versus 10.1% of unmarked females.

Hans explained that chinook productivity means: survival from life stage to life stage; a full life cycle (redd to redd); and population replacement (redd to redd ratio >1). Fish that leave in March leave as

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fry, while fish leaving in May-June are larger parr. They have two strategies: go to the lake and grow; or stay in Cedar or Bear and grow there.

He said in considering parr production, results show that flows really have an effect on parr in the Cedar, which is why he is excited about some of the big projects happening on the river (which will increase flood refuge habitat for Chinook parr).

Hans explained that PIT tags are radio-frequency transducers the size of little grains of rice, which are activated when tagged Chinook go through the smolt flumes at the Locks. In 2014 the Issaquah Hatchery tagged 5,000 chinook and we will see the results next year. Bear Creek and the Cedar generally track one another every year. For 2013 ~29% wild Cedar chinook and ~27% wild Bear chinook were detected at the Locks. For redd to redd productivity, Bear Creek redds don't replace themselves, while some years they do in the Cedar.

Hans concluded his presentation by listing the importance of long-term annual monitoring to stakeholders: understanding status and trends in chinook population dynamics in order to compare goals for recovery; predictive relationships between fish in and fish out data that will help devise future management actions; and understanding how projects relate to productivity, which is essential for de-listing.

Discussion:

- Gary Smith asked about the Bear Creek numbers. Han Berge responded that sometimes we have more numbers on Bear than the Cedar River. He said the bell curve always looks the same in Bear Creek.
- Don Davidson commented that hatchery fish stray. Dr. Davidson said once they go out and come back in, they look the same as wild salmon. Hans Berge remarked that it is his personal opinion that if a fish in that situation lives to be a smolt, lives to be a fry, goes through the lake, goes to Alaska and comes back, he considers it wild.
- Ted Frantz asked if there is some other reason for low fish levels (in 2012). Hans explained the difference is probably climate and temperature. He said for juveniles, it's usually the opposite. They grow fast when warm.
- Mark Phillips questioned the pre-spawn mortality focus. Hans said the pre-spawn mortality focus is on coho, not chinook, and we are focusing on other streams. We found consistent difference between hatchery and wild fish. For coho, we are looking at hatchery fish in non natal streams.
- Don Gerend said he would like to thank Hans for his work on the Kokanee Work Group. He announced we had a great fry release event, attended by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Frank Urabeck asked if we can tell we are making a difference, with all this monitoring going on. Hans Berge said not with this work. But in the Cedar River, we had nodes with chinook, and then deserts without chinook, and the nodes are getting bigger.
- Frank Urabeck commented that everybody is trying to do our best collectively for salmon. Hans noted that whatever aggregate is happening, this population is stable.

9. Next Meeting

The next SRC meeting is July 17, 2014, 3:00-5:15 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, room 1E-112.