

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – 2019 Draft Meeting Topics

Date and Time	Location	Routine Meeting Topics
Thursday, January 17	Dept. of Ecology Northwest Regional Office Bellevue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Legislative priorities update • Success Story
Thursday, March 21	Mercer Island Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success Story
Thursday, May 16	Dept. of Ecology Northwest Regional Office Bellevue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Grant recommendations (decision) • 2020 Legislative Agenda (decision) • Draft 2020 WRIA 8 budget and work plan review • Success Story
Thursday, July 18	Mercer Island Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 WRIA 8 budget and work plan approval (decision) • Success Story
Thursday, September 19	Mercer Island Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRFB/PSAR Grant recommendations (decision) • Success Story
Thursday, November 21	Mercer Island Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWM Funding Guidance (decision) • Project implementation progress update – virtual watershed tour • Fish return numbers • 2020 meeting schedule and topics • Success Story

Potential Meeting Topics:

- Large wood management on the Cedar River – King County / King County Flood Control District update on policy and programmatic permit development process
- Fish passage
 - Consider thematic meeting, including state Fish Barrier Removal Board, King County fish passage program, and other local government partner fish passage program.
- Ballard Locks critical infrastructure repairs and fish passage improvements
- Orca Task Force recommendations
- King County Mitigation Reserves Program update – projects implemented through mitigation and identifying potential future sites
- WRIA 8-specific climate change presentation – Climate Impacts Group, Northwest Climate Adaptation Center (USGS/UW), SPU, others?

- Cedar River Capital Investment Strategy implementation status update (King County Flood Control District)
- Watershed streamflow restoration planning and implementation (i.e., “Hirst fix”)
- SalmonSafe certification program
- Assessing land use effects and regulatory effectiveness on streams in rural watersheds of King County
- Coordinated Sammamish River restoration partnership
- Priority project updates:
 - Riverbend Floodplain Restoration (Cedar River, King County)
 - Meadowdale Nearshore Restoration (Nearshore, Snohomish County)
 - Willowmoor Floodplain Restoration project (Sammamish Transition Zone, King County)
 - Mouth of Taylor Creek (Lake Washington, City of Seattle)
- Continued discussion/consideration of alternative funding sources for multiple benefit watershed health priorities
- Ecology update on the municipal stormwater permit and discussion of local governments using salmon recovery priorities to meet permit requirements.
- Cedar River Habitat Conservation Plan
- King County Land Conservation Initiative and Cedar River acquisitions update
- Cedar River Sockeye status update
- Steelhead recovery update
- Options for reducing elevated temperatures in the Ship Canal
- Predator monitoring in the Ship Canal
- Summary of wood survey and status of those streams surveyed—how do current conditions compare to what we are aiming for?
- Effects of artificial light on salmon behavior and survival
- Kokanee emergency actions update

Success Story Ideas:

- Salmon Heroes program (Environmental Science Center)
- Locks pit tag reader – King County / Corps funding partnership
- Mountains to Sound Greenway Issaquah Creek knotweed removal work (i.e., Stewardship in Action)
- SalmonSafe program (Aurora Bridge runoff management)
- Bellevue Stream Team (City of Bellevue)
- Sno-King Watershed Council stream water quality monitoring
- Zackuse Creek culvert removal (City of Sammamish and King County)
- Redmond NE 95th street project on Bear Creek (construction summer 2019)
- King Conservation District planting project at mouth of May Creek