

2019 WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Meeting Topic Focus

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council meetings include routine meeting topics as well as topics that address timely and emerging priorities for Council discussion and/or action. Below are proposed themes for non-routine meeting topics in 2019, including example meeting topics.

- **Supporting existing priorities – status updates and opportunities for action**
 - Ballard Locks repairs affecting fish passage and survival
 - Large wood management (Cedar River)
 - Cedar River Capital Investment Strategy implementation and advancing shared interests with the King County Flood Control District
 - Support incentive programs for streamside and lakeshore property owners to “do the right thing”

- **Accelerating recovery plan implementation**
 - Priority capital project development and implementation – aside from funding, what would help WRIA 8 partners execute projects more quickly?
 - Track and report progress – status of habitat goal metrics (e.g., Are goal metrics being met? If not, how much more needs to happen? How can we pick-up the pace?)
 - Opportunities to increase resources for implementation locally
 - Opportunities to better integrate salmon recovery elements into other capital projects (i.e., advancing multi-benefit projects)
 - Using WRIA 8 Plan to support/inform development and implementation of protective local regulations

- **Addressing priority knowledge gaps**
 - Address elevated temperature and low dissolved oxygen in the Ship Canal
 - Assess impacts of predation on juvenile salmon by non-native predatory fish in the Ship Canal and consider management options
 - Assess effects of artificial light on salmon behavior and survival and consider management options
 - Advance implementation in the face of uncertainty

- **Influencing regional and statewide priorities and decisions**
 - Funding and legislative priorities
 - Orca Task Force recommendations
 - Watershed streamflow restoration planning and implementation
 - Fish passage – State of Washington priorities and coordination
 - Climate change effects – What does it mean for salmon recovery in WRIA 8?
 - Stormwater management

- **Telling the story**
 - Identify opportunities to raise public awareness and be a leading voice for salmon recovery in the watershed