

## 2021 WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Meeting Topic Focus

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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 2021, including example meeting topics.

- **Supporting existing priorities – status updates and opportunities for action**
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee recommendations
  - Ballard Locks repairs affecting fish passage and survival
  - King County Flood Control District implementation of Cedar River and Sammamish River Capital Investment Strategies and advancing multiple benefit projects
  - WRIA 8 Communications and Outreach Framework goals and priority strategies/activities
  
- **Accelerating recovery plan implementation**
  - Highlight, support, and celebrate project implementation
  - Opportunities to increase resources/support for implementation locally
  - Opportunities to advance multi-benefit projects
  
- **Addressing priority knowledge gaps**
  - Convene a process to address elevated temperature and low dissolved oxygen in the Ship Canal
  - Assess impacts and support management of predation on juvenile salmon by invasive, non-native predatory fish in the Ship Canal
  - Document effects of artificial light on salmon behavior and survival and develop/support standards
  - Understand effects of toxics and contaminants in water on salmon behavior and survival (e.g., tire rubber chemical in runoff causing pre-spawn mortality in coho salmon, etc.) and support efforts to reduce known priority toxic substances
  - Work with local government and community partners to integrate findings into local codes, regulations, and outreach and incentive programs.
  
- **Influencing regional and statewide priorities and decisions**
  - State and federal funding and legislative priorities
  - Climate change effects – What does it mean for salmon recovery in WRIA 8?
  - Better integrating salmon recovery with stormwater management  
Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan update
  - Regional funding strategy and creative funding mechanisms for salmon recovery and Puget Sound restoration
  - Orca recovery
  - Fish passage – State and local priorities
  
- **Telling the story**
  - Identify opportunities to raise public awareness and be a leading voice for salmon recovery in the watershed and beyond