

# WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) Meeting Notes

Zoom Video Conference || March 18, 2021 2:00 – 4:15p.m.

<b>Members Present</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1)	Councilmember (CM) John Stokes, Chair	City of Bellevue
2)	CM Mark Phillips, Vice-Chair	City of Lake Forest Park
3)	CM Bruce Dodds	City of Clyde Hill
4)	CM Diane Buckshnis	City of Edmonds
5)	CM Victoria Hunt	City of Issaquah
6)	CM Melanie O’Cain	City of Kenmore
7)	CM Neal Black	City of Kirkland
8)	CM Lisa Anderl	City of Mercer Island
9)	CM Adam Morgan	City of Mill Creek
10)	CM Ryan McIrvin	City of Renton
11)	CM Susan Boundy-Sanders	City of Woodinville
12)	CM Ted Frantz	Town of Hunts Point
13)	CM Carl Scandella	Town of Yarrow Point
14)	Corinne Helmer	Cedar River Council
15)	Larry Franks	Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH)
16)	Kirstin Haugen	King Conservation District
17)	Noel Gilbrough	Mid-Sound Fisheries Enchantment Group
18)	Tor Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
19)	Eric Adman	Sno-King Watershed Council
20)	Connie Grant	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
21)	Mary Shustov	Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts
22)	Cleo Neculae	Washington State Department of Ecology
23)	Stewart Reinbold	Washington State of Fish and Wildlife
24)	Jordanna Warneck	Washington State Department of Natural Resources
<b>Alternates Present</b>		
25)	Jeanne Zornes, Deputy Mayor	City of Bothell
26)	CM Kim Muromoto	City of Clyde Hill
27)	CM Laura Johnson	City of Edmonds
28)	CM Lorri Bodi	City of Lake Forest Park
29)	Carol Volk	City of Seattle
30)	Josh Thompson	Snohomish County
31)	David Bain	Sno-King Watershed Council
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
32)	Cheryl Paston	City of Bellevue
33)	Christa Heller	City of Bellevue
34)	Janet Geer	City of Bothell
35)	Paul Crane	City of Everett
36)	Allen Quynn	City of Issaquah
37)	Richard Sawyer	City of Kenmore
38)	Rachel Konrady	City of Kirkland
39)	Mike Todd	City of Mill Creek
40)	Peter Holte	City of Redmond
41)	Tom Hardy	City of Redmond
42)	Kristina Lowthian	City of Renton
43)	Toby Coenen	City of Sammamish
44)	CM Tom Odell	City of Sammamish

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45)	Diana Hart	City of Woodinville
46)	Kelly Steffen	Environmental Science Center
47)	Larry Reymann	Environmental Science Center
48)	Robin Kelley	Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH)
49)	Kayla Luft	Friends of North Creek Forest
50)	Eli Tome	Forterra
51)	Abby Hook	King County
52)	Denise Di Santo	King County
53)	Joan Lee	King County
54)	Judy Blanco	King County
55)	Sarah Heerhartz	Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
56)	Ben Saari	Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
57)	John Velimesis	NORFMA
58)	Hank Myers	Public
59)	Roger Urbaniak	Public
60)	Jim Vanden Brook	Public
61)	Alexandra Doty	Puget Sound Partnership
62)	Erika Harris	Puget Sound Regional Council
63)	Dani Kendall	Seattle Aquarium
64)	Ryika Hooshangi	Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts
65)	Whitney Neugebauer	Whale Scout
66)	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager
67)	Jason Wilkinson	WRIA 8 Project Coordinator
68)	Lauren Urgenson	WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator
69)	Carla Nelson	WRIA 8 Administrative Coordinator

## I) Call to Order / Introductions

Councilmember (CM) John Stokes (Chair) called the March Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Chair Stokes welcomed everyone, conducted introductions.

## II) Public Comment – No public comment.

## III) Consent Agenda - SRC Meeting Minutes from [January 21, 2021](#) were discussed.

*Action: The Council unanimously approved the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes.*

## IV) [Updates & Announcements](#)

Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (Jason M-K), WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager, highlighted the following updates:

- Puget Sound regional update; new WRIA 8 logo; status of legislative priorities; four-year Work Plan additions; 2021 grant round update; Lake Washington Ship Canal synthesis report on elevated water temperature and low dissolved oxygen and next steps; and, Coastal watershed grant awarded to Snohomish County's Meadowdale project.

At the end of the updates, CM Melanie O'Cain from the City of Kenmore addressed the Council to share that the City has made salmon recovery and the environment a priority. She welcomes the opportunity to partner with others to make significant improvements to conditions in the north end of Lake Washington.

### Updates Discussion:

- CM Mark Phillips asked what determine the use of soft versus green shoreline armoring. Jason M-K replied there are a gradation of soft/green shoreline alternatives that can be used as opposed to hard armoring (i.e., bulkheads), and those are determined by site characteristics and conditions. Paul Crane offered the term-living levees for armoring that uses riparian vegetation. CM Diane Buckshnis asked if

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Jason M-K knew if ports commented on this issue, noting that the Port of Edmonds plans to build a seawall. Jason answered that he is not aware of the ports' position.

- Chair Stokes asked for clarification of what it meant to be on the 4-Year Work Plan list? Jason M-K clarified that the Work Plan is a near-term project list, which is used as an eligibility tool to help screen projects seeking WRIA 8 grant funding.
- CM Ted Frantz asked if there was more data available on the Ship Canal dissolved oxygen issue. Lauren Urgenson replied that King County is monitoring the data made available by the Army Corps of Engineers. She added that the report provides data that was not previously available on the biological impact of dissolved oxygen.
- CM Mark Phillips asked for more details on the Meadowdale Beach and Estuary Restoration project. Jason M-K said the project received all permits and is set to begin construction in spring 2021. He added how this project will get WRIA 8 close to its marine nearshore restoration goal. CM Diane Buckshnis asked if Jason M-K could send the cost estimates and benefits on the project.

## V) [2020 WRIA 8 Service Provider Client Survey](#) – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

Jason M-K presented the responses received on King County's 2020 WRIA 8 Service Provider Client Satisfaction Survey, which is used to assess how the County performed as a Service Provider to WRIA 8.

### Discussion:

- Recognizing only 28 survey responses were received, Chair Stokes asked SRC members to send Jason ideas to net more responses on future surveys.

## VI) [King County Clean Water Healthy Habitat \(CWHH\) Initiative](#) – Abby Hook, King County

Abby Hook presented King County Executive Dow Constantine's Clean Water Healthy Habitat initiative. Abby explained the importance for King County to create a central architecture to implement this work across multiple departments and divisions, and expressed how the County is seeking opportunities where the CWHH objectives, goals and measures will enhance work currently in place in watersheds, including salmon recovery. She connected the key principles and strategies to salmon recovery, the importance of partnerships and how CWHH focuses on centering people to benefit all marine species. She added that the intent of the initiative is to shift how we work and invest resources to restore habitat and improve water quality over the next 30 years.

### Discussion:

- Noel Gilbrough asked why the tire residue contaminant poisoning fish via stormwater runoff was not on the list of contaminants. Abby explained that the model used to inform the CWHH objectives was released before the discovery of the tire contaminant impacted. She added more emerging chemicals will be added to this list and will be published as the Plan is updated.
- Susan Boundy-Sanders asked who is responsible for paying for repairs caused by septic failures? Abby said those costs are a private landowner issue, but they are included since there is a regional need to address this due to the bacterial contamination in waterways. Susan Boundy-Sanders asked if other counties are in a similar position? Abby explained that there are large costs involved with some of these water management issues. It is important for this issue to be widely discussed and the responsibility for resolution will need to be shared. Abby articulated the importance of working through challenges to determine net gain where you can.
- CM Ted Frantz asked if it were possible to analyze the chemical components of runoff, adding that environmentally friendly pesticides could be used in place of dangerous chemicals. Abby stated that the focus of CWHH will be on source control to remove chemicals, so they do not get into stormwater. She added that proper chemical disposal is a key message being communicated. CM Carl Scandella stated that the chemical contaminants issue is an important one. He said that herbicides used to kill weeds around Lake Washington should also be addressed. Abby agreed that there are numerous issues with chemicals in the waterways; however, it requires state and federal intervention to remove these

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contaminants from the shelves. She added that King County can provide the data to help push legislation.

- CM Tom Odell asked if King County could reinvigorate a public campaign about disposal?
- Mary Shustov asked if a reduction of Nitrogen within Puget Sound would be a major benefit to salmon? Abby said King County is looking at what kind of treatment can be done; however, there is a focus on actions that have measurable dissolved oxygen outcomes. Chair Stokes noted it will be important for the SRC to pay attention to these issues. Jason M-K concluded the discussion by stating that he is looking forward to bringing emerging information regarding contaminants to the SRC later this year.

## VII) [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Strategic Plan](#) – Lauren Urgenson, WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator and Carla Nelson, WRIA 8 Administrative Coordinator

Lauren Urgenson and Carla Nelson, WRIA 8 staff and Co-Chairs of the SRC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee presented the draft DEI Strategic Plan along with DEI Subcommittee members (Chairman Stokes (Bellevue), Councilmember Buckshnis (Snohomish County), Councilmember O'Cain (Kenmore), David Bain (Sno-King Watershed Council), Corrine Helmer (Cedar River Council), and Alexandra Doty (Puget Sound Partnership). The Strategic Plan includes a vision statement, DEI goals, purpose and ground rules for the DEI Subcommittee, DEI definitions and related terms, and an action framework.

The DEI Subcommittee's first action focused on strengthening DEI language and scoring criteria in the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) and Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SFRB) supplemental grant applications. Janet Credo, a member of King County's Equity and Social Justice Team, assisted the Subcommittee in scoring the DEI criteria and provided feedback to project sponsors. The purpose of the updated grant language and review is to advance our thinking on diversity and inclusivity in the review of WRIA 8 projects to better reflect the watershed's diverse communities and support more equitable outcomes for salmon recovery and people.

### Discussion:

- Using on-line survey technology, the SRC provided input on which goals in the strategic plan they are most interested in working on and identified opportunities for advancing DEI principles in WRIA 8's salmon recovery work.

*Action: The SRC unanimously approved the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.*

## VIII) [WRIA 8 Progress Report](#) – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

Jason M-K provided the SRC an overview of the 2020 Progress Report, produced as an online "StoryMap." He described the content of the report and provided several highlights, including the next steps for WRIA 8 to advance salmon recovery efforts. The WRIA 8 team hopes the report format will enable partners to easily review and use the information.

### Discussion:

- There were no questions or discussion.

IX) **Next Meeting:** Chair Stokes noted the next SRC meeting is May 20, 2021, 2:00 – 4:15 pm, via Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:11 pm.**