

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) Meeting Notes

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

Members Present		
#	Name	Affiliation
1)	CM Mark Phillips, Vice-Chair	City of Lake Forest Park
2)	CM Tom Agnew	City of Bothell
3)	CM Victoria Hunt	City of Issaquah
4)	CM Melanie O’Cain	City of Kenmore
5)	CM Rod Dembowski	King County
6)	CM Neal Black	City of Kirkland
7)	CM Ryan McIrvn	City of Renton
8)	CM Pam Stuart	City of Sammamish
9)	CM Carl Scandella	Town of Yarrow Point
10)	John Sherman	The Boeing Company
11)	Larry Franks	Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (F.I.S.H)
12)	Kirstin Haugen	King Conservation District
13)	Noel Gilbrough	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
14)	Cleo Neculae	Washington State Department of Ecology
15)	Stewart Reinbold	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
16)	Jordanna Warneck	Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Alternates Present		
17)	Jeanne Zornes, Deputy Mayor	City of Bothell
18)	Mike Mactutis	City of Kent
19)	CM Lorri Bodi	City of Lake Forest Park
20)	Michele Koehler	City of Seattle
21)	Josh Thompson	Snohomish County
22)	David Bain	Sno-King Watershed Council
Other Attendees		
23)	Janet Geer	City of Bothell
24)	Paul Crane	City of Everett
25)	Allen Quynn	City of Issaquah
26)	Richard Sawyer	City of Kenmore
27)	Rachel Konrady	City of Kirkland
28)	Mike Todd	City of Mill Creek
29)	Tom Hardy	City of Redmond
30)	Peter Holte	City of Redmond
31)	Kristina Lowthian	City of Renton
32)	Larry Reymann	Environmental Science Center
33)	Kayla Luft	Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (F.I.S.H)
34)	Mason Bowles	King County
35)	Denise Di Santo	King County
36)	Garrett Holbrook	King County
37)	Iris Kemp	King County
38)	Joan Lee	King County
39)	Andrea Mojzak	King County
40)	Mike Burger	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
41)	Warren King George	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
42)	Alexandra Doty	Puget Sound Partnership
43)	Erika Harris	Puget Sound Regional Council
44)	Aaron Bosworth	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
45)	Joe Short	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

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46)	Whitney Neugebauer	Whale Scout
47)	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager
48)	Lauren Urgenson	WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator
49)	Carla Nelson	WRIA 8 Administrative Coordinator

I) Call to Order / Introductions

Councilmember (CM) Mark Phillips (Vice Chair) called the September Salmon Recovery Council (“SRC” or “Council”) meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Vice Chair Phillips welcomed everyone and conducted introductions.

II) Public Comment – Larry Franks presented a video of coho recently observed in a local stream. He noted he is looking forward to seeing Natural Origin fish in the Issaquah Hatchery weir in years to come.

III) Consent Agenda - SRC Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2021 were considered for approval.

Action: The Council unanimously approved the September 16, 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; 2022 legislative priorities; 2022 meeting schedule; WRIA 8 staffing; Lake Washington Ship Canal temperature and dissolved oxygen roundtable process update; December e-newsletter; and WRIA 8 committee reports.

V) WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Vice Chair position – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

Jason announced Vice Chair, Mark Phillips, is not seeking reelection in City of Lake Forest Park and will be leaving WRIA 8 Council at the end of 2021. Jason thanked Vice Chair Phillips for his leadership and dedication as a member of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, including his participation on the Project Subcommittee to annually review grant proposals and his participation in meetings with state legislators and members of Congress to advance salmon recovery priorities. Jason also announced that CM Bruce Dodds, City of Clyde Hill, CM Tom Agnew, City of Bothell, and CM Pam Stuart, City of Sammamish, are retiring at the end of 2021, and thanked them for their service to WRIA 8.

Discussion:

- Salmon Recovery Council members expressed sentiments of gratitude and thanks to Vice Chair Phillips and the other councilmember partners.

VI) Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Addendum Adding City of Everett as WRIA 8 Cost Share Partner – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

Jason M-K reminded the Council that in October 2021, City of Everett executed an addendum that allows them to join WRIA 8 as an ILA partner with the other 28 local governments. He explained that fully executing the addendum requires signature approval by the 28 existing ILA partners, and requested Council partners to assist in expediting execution of the addendum in order for City of Everett to be a fully seated partner as early in 2022 as possible. He walked the Council through the [updated 2022 cost share table](#) to show updated partner cost shares with City of Everett included.

Discussion:

- Paul Crane expressed his pleasure with the prospect of City of Everett joining WRIA 8 and added that they are a part of the WRIA 7 salmon recovery effort as well.
- CM Ted Frantz asked if all the partners received a third and clean version of the addendum, since the prior two addendums were replaced to address two typographical errors. Jason affirmed that all partners received an email with the clean addendum for signature.

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- Noel Gilbrough asked if there was a provision where the Council could vote to accept the City of Everett in place of individual partners signing the letter. Jason noted that the ILA requires individual signatures and when the ILA is up for renewal, amending that provision could be considered.
- Vice Chair Phillips noted that each jurisdiction would receive a 1.1% reduction to their current cost share and asked about the waterways in Everett that flow into WRIA 8. Paul Crane said Everett includes waterways that flow into WRIA 8, including the headwaters of North Creek.

VII) [Draft letter to Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission](#) – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz

Jason shared the opportunity to provide comments to support the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission's approval of a policy to prioritize protection of native salmon populations in the management of non-native game fish to control predation on juvenile salmon. Jason explained that such a policy is a priority salmon recovery strategy in the [WRIA 8 Plan](#), and recently the Council has approved funding to determine the impact of predation and discover which species pose the greatest risk. Vice Chair Phillips clarified that this letter is to endorse the policy to prioritize protection of salmon in management of non-native game fish. Jason agreed, and added that a comment was submitted to remove the term "control/removal" and use the term "manage" instead to provide opportunities for different approaches.

Discussion:

- Noel Gilbrough said he is in full support of the policy to reduce non-native species and noted the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe has implemented gill-netting small mouth bass.
- Larry Franks asked if WDFW could institute a policy to discourage non-native game? Stewart Reinbold said WDFW would need to receive funding dedicated to removal of specific species. Currently, WDFW has a focus on yellow perch, pike minnow, and bass.

***Action:** The Council unanimously approved the draft letter to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission to support adoption of a non-native game fish management policy that prioritizes salmon and seeks to control predation on juvenile salmon.*

VIII) **Tribal treating rights and the cultural and historical value of salmon** – Warren King George, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Joe Hovenkotter, King County (presentations linked below)

Jason introduced Warren King George, Historian for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Joe Hovenkotter, King County Tribal Liaison, who provided a two-part presentation. Warren King George oriented everyone on the [historical importance of salmon to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe](#) and the Tribe's work to secure tribal treaty rights. He also provided insights and historical significance of native plants and animals to tribal culture and the ecosystem and health of the watershed. He explained how the stories were shared and the value and importance of salmon as a tribal cultural resource. Joe Hovenkotter provided the Council with the [history of significant treaties](#) relevant to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, Suquamish Tribe and Snoqualmie Tribe as tribal governments with interests in WRIA 8. Joe explained the interaction of King County, state and federal governments with the tribes to restore ancestral lands, water and fishing rights, and hunting and gathering rights. Joe provided the Council with ways to engage with the Tribes through tribal news media outlets, cultural organizations, podcasts and music.

Discussion:

- Noel Gilbrough commented that many non-Indigenous people do not understand what salmon mean to our Pacific Northwest Indigenous populations. Warren King George replied that the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe sources its identity other ways too, such as the comeback of the Southern Lushootseed language and food sovereignty, which is now being used by young adults as part of their identity. This includes salmon as one of those elements.
- CM Ted Frantz expressed thanks to the presenters for the information and providing Council members with a deeper understanding of treaties and the importance of recovering salmon.

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- Larry Reymann thanked the presenters for equipping the Council with essential information and education. Warren King George mentioned that he used to survey Cottage Creek and North Creek, adding that he greatly values WRIA 8's salmon recovery work.
- CM Lorri Bodi commented that 14,000 years of history is a humbling number, and that Joe Hovenkotter's presentation of the legal history was impressive. She added that access rights to water is an issue that may surface soon now that access rights to fish is becoming contentious.
- David Bain asked if there is a preferred choice of native plants to use in planting projects to preserve and support native plants and habitat. Warren King George answered that any plant that will cool the water is a priority. He added that cottonwood and conifer trees are beneficial.
- CM Melanie O'Cain acknowledged the importance of the voice of the First Peoples, and how their story is meaningful to the DEI work being done.

IX) Next Meeting: Vice Chair Phillips noted the next SRC meeting is January 20, 2022, 2:00 – 4:15 pm, via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:48 pm.