



2022 WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Focus Themes and Topics

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council meetings include routine meeting topics (e.g., annual budget/work plan, legislative priorities, grant funding recommendations, etc.), 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 2022, including example meeting topics.

- **Supporting existing priorities – status updates and opportunities for action**
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee recommendations
 - Ballard Locks repairs to improve fish passage
 - 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
 - Seek to increase and/or leverage resources/support for implementation locally
 - Advance multi-benefit projects
- **Addressing priority knowledge gaps**
 - Clarify, prioritize, and address bottlenecks in juvenile salmon survival during outmigration through the lakes and Ship Canal
 - Continue leading process to address elevated temperature and low dissolved oxygen in the Ship Canal
 - Assess impacts of predation on juvenile salmon survival and support management interventions to reduce predation impacts including impacts of invasive, non-native predatory fish in the Ship Canal
 - Identify and support actions to reduce effects of artificial light on salmon
 - 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
 - Climate change effects – What does it mean for salmon recovery in WRIA 8?
 - 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
 - Better integrating and coordinating salmon recovery and stormwater management
 - Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan update
 - Orca recovery
- **Telling the story**
 - Identify opportunities to raise public and decision-maker awareness and be a leading voice for salmon recovery in the watershed and beyond