

# WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) Meeting Notes

Zoom Video Conference || March 17, 2022 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 Vanessa Kritzer, Vice Chair	City of Redmond
3)	CM Diane Buckshnis	City of Edmonds
4)	Paul Crane	City of Everett
5)	CM Victoria Hunt	City of Issaquah
6)	CM Kelli Curtis	City of Kirkland
7)	CM Lorri Bodi	City of Lake Forest Park
8)	CM Lisa Anderl	City of Mercer Island
9)	CM Valerie O'Halloran	City of Renton
10)	CM Alex Pedersen	City of Seattle
11)	CM Keith Scully	City of Shoreline
12)	CM Ted Frantz	Town of Hunts Point
13)	CM John Brock	Town of Woodway
14)	Corinne Helmer	Cedar River Council
15)	Larry Franks	Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH)
16)	Kirstin Haugen	King Conservation District
17)	Noel Gilbrough	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group
18)	Tor Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
19)	John Sherman	The Boeing Company
20)	Katie McGillvray	United States Army Corps of Engineers
21)	Cleo Neculae	Washington State Department of Ecology
22)	Stewart Reinbold	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
23)	Jordanna Warneck	Washington State Department of Natural Resources
24)	Hank Myers	Washington Policy Center
25)		
<b>Alternates Present</b>		
26)	CM Jenne Alderks	City of Bothell
27)	CM Tracy Furutani	City of Lake Forest Park
28)	Angela Bolton	City of Mill Creek
29)	CM Ryan McIrvin	City of Renton
30)	Michele Koehler	City of Seattle
31)	Josh Thompson	Snohomish County
32)	David Bain	Sno-King Watershed Council
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
33)	Cheryl Paston	City of Bellevue
34)	Janet Geer	City of Bothell
35)	Allen Quynn	City of Issaquah
36)	Richard Sawyer	City of Kenmore
37)	Eve Henrichsen	City of Kirkland
38)	Rachel Konrady	City of Kirkland
39)	Tom Hardy	City of Redmond
40)	Amy Tsai	City of Redmond
41)	Kristina Lowthian	City of Renton
42)	Toby Coenen	City of Sammamish
43)	Stephanie Sullivan	City of Sammamish
44)	Denise DiSanto	King County

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45)	Joan Lee	King County
46)	Logan Daniels	Snohomish County
47)	Gregg Farris	Snohomish County
48)	Daniel Howe	Snohomish County
49)	Kathleen Pozarycki	Snohomish County
50)	Larry Reymann	Environmental Science Center
51)	Kelly Steffen	Environmental Science Center
52)	Mike Burger	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
53)	Ryika Hoshangi	Sammamish Water Plateau Board of Commissioners
54)	Shari Tarantino	Participant
55)	Angela Harris	Port of Edmonds
56)	Roger Urbaniak	Puget Sound Anglers
57)	Alexandra Doty	Puget Sound Partnership
58)	Erika Harris	Puget Sound Regional Council
59)	Aaron Bosworth	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
60)	Whitney Neugebauer	Whale Scout
61)	Carrie Byron	WRIA 8 Projects Funding Coordinator
62)	Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz	WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager
63)	Carla Nelson	WRIA 8 Administrative Coordinator
64)	Lauren Urgenson	WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator

## I) Call to Order / Introductions

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

II) **Public Comment** – Larry Franks announced that the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery is renovating their native plant garden and thanked King Conservation District for their [Better Backyards](#) program that donated plants. Larry Reymann announced that his opinion piece on low sockeye returns in response to the [salmon forecasts](#) article was published in the [Seattle Times](#). Larry also invited SRC members to join his table for an upcoming Environmental Science Center fundraiser on 4/23.

III) **Consent Agenda** – Council meeting minutes from January 20, 2022 were discussed. Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz (Jason M-K) noted a correction submitted by Larry Reymann to replace Issaquah Salmon Hatchery with Landsburg Fish Hatchery, and to correct stated pre-spawn mortality rate figures.

*Action: The Council unanimously approved the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes.*

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

Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager, highlighted the following updates:

- Puget Sound regional update; approval of City of Everett as 2022 cost share partner; update on 2022 Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant round update; Four-year work plan update, Lake Washington Ship Canal temperature and dissolved oxygen roundtable update; and WRIA 8 committee reports.

Updates Discussion:

There were no comments or discussion regarding the updates.

V) [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Subcommittee 2021 Update and Accomplishments](#) – Lauren Urgenson and Carla Nelson, WRIA 8 DEI Subcommittee Co-Coordinators

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Chair Stokes introduced the DEI Subcommittee to provide the Council with an overview of objectives and accomplishments since its adoption last year. Carla Nelson presented an overview of the Subcommittee's purpose, strategic plan and goals. Carla reminded the Council how the Subcommittee developed their goals and implementation strategies from the [WRIA 8 Salmon Habitat Plan](#) and [WRIA 8 Communications and Outreach Framework](#). Lauren Urgenson, Alexandra Doty and David Bain described how DEI goals were advanced by presenting at the state, regional and local levels to encourage discussion and engagement on how to integrate DEI principles into salmon recovery. Carrie Byron presented the lessons learned from Year-1 to Year-2 in refining Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant application language and proposal review criteria. The Council moved into breakout room discussions about opportunities for intersections between the DEI-related work of individual jurisdictions/organizations and integrating DEI into salmon recovery.

## Discussion:

- David Bain noted his small group would like to encourage more tribal inclusion through relationship development.
- Tor Bell summarized his small group's discussion on various volunteer opportunities in different locations and programming opportunities.
- Vice Chair Kritzer summarized her group's discussion regarding an interest in presenting the WRIA 8 DEI information to their respective jurisdictions as they develop their DEI Plans, discussed ways to engage with local conservation efforts and how other jurisdictions were working with their BIPOC communities to offer information in alternative languages. They also discussed the success of youth seats and youth advisory boards in other jurisdictions.
- Hank Myers commented how Redmond is working with Forterra on City Forest Stewards to actively integrate DEI efforts in their outreach, adding how groups like Water Tenders may have useful data that could be utilized by WRIA 8.
- Jason M-K summarized his group's discussion, which noted the need to account for the changing demographics within WRIA 8 communities and tailoring communication to access and meet with these increasingly diverse communities.
- Chair Stokes stated the importance of seeking meaningful engagement, especially in communities where restoration projects are taking place.

## VI) **Governance review and [2022 Meeting topics and themes](#) – Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz and Vice Chair Kritzer, City of Redmond**

Chair Stokes explained the need to make the Council aware of this important guidance and operating structure especially for its newest members. Vice Chair Kritzer added when discussing the list of annual topics she offered the opportunity to explain the importance of presenting the [Operating Guidelines](#) and [Guidelines for Commenting](#) in an effort to make the operation of the Salmon Recovery Council transparent for everyone and seek input and feedback that could be discussed at a future meeting. Janet Geer, Vice Chair Kritzer and Chair Stokes all commented on how they work to inform their jurisdictions' Councils on the issues and topics discussed at the WRIA 8 meetings. Jason M-K then reviewed the list of topics and themes for future WRIA 8 Council meetings.

## Discussion:

- Chair Stokes stated how he appreciates the depth of the WRIA 8 Council conversations that go beyond just the Council and elected members to include all perspectives and voices.
- CM Ted Frantz asked if there are consequences for delegates missing meetings. Jason M-K reminded Council members if three meetings in a row were missed, that jurisdiction cannot vote on decision items and does not count towards the quorum at the next meeting.
- CM Diane Buckshnis asked the Council to consider adding climate change to the list of topics and themes, commenting that land use, more intense rainfall and increased flooding issues are becoming more prevalent and should be discussed by WRIA 8.

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- CM Ted Frantz would like to add a presentation on a more global picture of salmon status, especially given NOAA's current research on salmon in the oceans.
- Paul Crane asked if biologists/scientists from the Tribes would come and talk with WRIA 8. CM Diane Buckshnis invited Mr. Crane to attend the Puget Sound Partnership meeting where many tribes attend and offer their research and perspective on the status of salmon recovery.

VII) [Meadowdale Beach and Estuary Restoration Project](#) – *Logan Daniels and Gregg Farris, Snohomish County*  
Chair Stokes introduced Logan Daniels and Gregg Farris to discuss the Meadowdale restoration project and give an overview of their lessons learned in their efforts to work with the Burlington North Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad company to restore this estuary along the WRIA 8 marine nearshore. Gregg thanked WRIA 8 for its support and funding for the project, which were critical to moving the project forward. Logan described the historic landscape of the estuary where Lunds Gulch Creek flows into Puget Sound, existing and proposed conditions, their strategic efforts in working with the Tulalip Tribes, receipt of \$6.9 million in grants and their challenges in ensuring the viability of the project. She walked the Council through the extensive work to collaborate with BNSF, projects costs, site constraints and how the size of the pocket estuary proposed many obstacles. Logan described how challenges were overcome to ensure project viability, maximize restoration potential, and support the intended multiple benefits.

#### Discussion:

- The Council thanked Logan and her team for persevering through the challenges to keep the project moving forward.
- Paul Crane asked for details on the rail system, and how the work schedule was worked out. Logan explained that they have obtained two 24-hour working windows, and six 2-hour windows while the rail system is shut down. Paul asked if the pilings for the trestles are prefab? Logan said BNSF offered to complete the piling installation.
- CM Diane Buckshnis said she was impressed by the project and hopes that Edmonds is able to restore the Edmonds Marsh building on some of the lessons learned from this project. Logan noted that Senator Maria Cantwell offered to kayak through the estuary upon its completion, which might offer an opportunity to support additional projects.
- Kathleen Pozarycki commented she appreciated that Puget Sound Partnership has focused on the importance of nearshore coastal stream mouth restoration and is looking at ways to support other projects like Meadowdale.
- David Bain asked if there is a place for community scientists to help with monitoring efforts. Logan offered that Alisa Dawson and Paul Schlenger are good contacts for the project monitoring.

VIII) **Next Meeting:** Chair Stokes noted the [next SRC meeting](#) is May 19, 2022, 2:00 – 4:15 pm, via Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 pm.**