

AGENDA

WRIA 14 Lead Entity Workgroup

Mason County Public Works

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1/23/2020

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

9:00 – Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

9:05 – Discussion and Decision/Vote RE: WRIA 15 project LOI Submitted for Consideration in WRIA 14

9:35 – Finalize Committee Comments on Draft Existing Conditions Summary Report (Discussion and Decision/Vote)

- *Review written comments from individual committee members and prepare final comments from entire committee to be forwarded to consultant (ESA).*
- *Consensus on inclusion and/or final wording of comments is highly desired, but a vote may be required.*

12:00 – Lunch

12:30 - Continued: Finalize Committee Comments on Draft Existing Conditions Summary Report

1:00 – Discuss Strategy Update Next Steps

- **Phase II: Update Strategy Document vs Fill Data Gap(s)**

3:00 – Adjourn

WRIA 14 - Lead Entity Committee Meeting

Minutes 01/23/2020

Name	Affiliation
Evan Bauder	Mason CD
Erik Schwartz	Mason County Public Works
Shelley Spalding	Citizen
Brian Combs	SPSSEG
Sarah Zaniewski	Squaxin Island Tribe
Allison Cook	WDFW
Scott Steltzner	Squaxin Island Tribe
Allison Cook	WDFW
Jamie Glasgow	Wild Fish Conservancy
Gabe Madel	WDFW
Carolyn Maddux	Citizen
Bill Young	Citizen
Gary Schuyten	Citizen

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

EB led a round of introductions and reviewed the agenda for the day.

Discussion and Decision/Vote RE: WRIA 15 project LOI Submitted for Consideration in WRIA 14

The committee discussed the situation around the eligibility for WRIA 14 funds of the 2020 LOI submitted by Great Peninsula Conservancy for the Coulter Creek acquisition. This proposal was aimed at acquiring land not directly in WRIA 14, but on the border in WRIA 15. The project was discussed to be potentially broadly in-line with the strategy given its proximity and focus on nearshore habitat. However, multiple committee members had brought up between the last meeting and this one the lack of process around handling this type of novel circumstance, as neither WRIA 14's process guide nor does RCO offer explicit guidance regarding this matter. Following this dialogue of uncertainty and concern, GPC withdrew their application before this meeting. This matter thus no longer needed a vote or decision. However, the committee agreed that a process for dealing with this matter should be determined in the future. The LEC agreed to propose future options to discuss at a later point.

Finalize Committee Comments on Draft Existing Conditions Summary Report (Discussion and Decision/Vote)

The committee brought up the compiled comments to submit to ESA. First, the issue of hatchery-integration related issues was brought up. The committee discussed at great length whether this issue was in the purview of the LE Committee. Previous guidance from GSRO and RCO suggested that H-integration was appropriate at the level of the regional organization. The Puget Sound Partnership previously offered guidance that they did not recommend that lead entities engage in harvest and hatchery issues without full support from the salmon co-managers. The committee attempted to reach

consensus on H-integration and was unsuccessful due to multiple dissenting voices, so a vote was required. The following decisions were reached:

1	1/23/2020	The WRIA 14 Lead Entity Committee agrees that harvest and hatchery policy issues (H-Integration) are outside the purview of the Lead Entity at this time. The Committee agrees that H-Integration issues should be dealt with by the regional organization and co-managers. This does not exclude the use of fish data to help assess restoration and conservation habitat priorities.	NOTE: Consensus on this issue could not be reached within the WRIA 14 LE Committee. However, the group decided to make a majority decision in order to move forward with the WRIA 14 Strategy Update. Yes – 7 Abstain – 2 No - 0
2	1/23/2020	The WRIA 14 Lead Entity Committee agrees to limit the scope of discussions and future work related to the WRIA 14 Strategy Update process to issues related to habitat.	NOTE: Consensus on this issue could not be reached within the WRIA 14 LE Committee. However, the group decided to make a majority decision in order to move forward with the WRIA 14 Strategy Update. Yes – 7 Abstain – 2 No - 0

12:00 – Lunch

12:30 - Continued: Finalize Committee Comments on Draft Existing Conditions Summary Report

The committee made consensus decisions on a large number of comments submitted by individual committee members, as to whether to accept, modify or reject each comments. Notes were taken and the LEC will compile summaries of each comment decision to forward to the consultant. Additional dialogue and potentially an additional meeting may be required to resolve all issues.

1:00 – Discuss Strategy Update Next Steps

- **Phase II: Update Strategy Document vs Fill Data Gap(s)**

Discussion of Phase II and data gaps was tabled due to lack of time remaining.

3:00 – Adjourn