

**Kennedy-Goldsborough (WRIA 14)
Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee
December 6, 2018 Meeting Summary**

Please send corrections to Angela Johnson (angela.johnson@ecy.wa.gov) by January 7, 2019.

Committee website:

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1962/37326/watershed_restoration_and_enhancement_-_wria_14.aspx

Next Meeting: January 10, 2019, 9 am – 12:30 pm – 525 W. Cota St., Shelton, WA 98584

Meeting Information

Thursday December 6, 2018

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Shelton Civic Center, 525 W. Cota St., Shelton, WA 98584

Agenda

	Topic	Time	Action	Handouts	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	9:00 am	None		Chair
2.	Approval of agenda and October meeting summary	9:10 am	Vote	- Agenda - October meeting summary draft	Facilitator
3.	Operating Principles	9:20 am	Activity, presentation, and discussion	- Draft Operating Principles	Facilitator
4.	Break - 10 minutes	11:00 am			
5.	Committee needs – training, information, collaboration, etc.	11:10 am	Discussion		Chair
6.	Next steps	12:00 pm	None		Chair
7.	Public comment – limited to 3 minutes per person	12:15 pm	None		Facilitator
8.	Adjourn	12:30 pm	None		Chair

**all handouts are available on the Committee website*

Committee Representatives and Alternates in Attendance

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Angela Johnson	Department of Ecology	Seth Book	Skokomish Indian Tribe
Jeff Dickison	Squaxin Island Tribe	Craig Gregory	City of Shelton
Kevin Shuttly	Mason County	Dave Windom	Mason County (alternate)
Theresa Nation	WDFW	Darrin Masters	WDFW (alternate)
Shelley Spalding	Washington State Chapter Sierra Club	Marilyn Vogler	Sierra Club (alternate)
Allison Osterberg	Thurston County	Cindy Wilson	Thurston County (alternate)
Erin Hall	Olympia Master Builders		

Committee members not in attendance: Mason PUD 1, Agricultural Representative (temporarily vacant).

Other Attendees

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
John Bolender	Mason Conservation District	Susan Gulick	Facilitator
Rebecca Brown	Department of Ecology	Mike Noone	Department of Ecology
Larry Boltz	Mason-Kitsap Farm Bureau	Fern Schultz	Dept. of Health
Neil Aaland	Aaland Planning	Kell Rowen	Mason County
Josie Cummings	Building Industry Association of Washington	Paul Miller	Shelton Farmers Market
David Merriman	Oyster Daves		

Decision Items

The October meeting summary was approved the by the committee.

Meeting Summary

Committee Chair Angela Johnson introduced Susan Gulick, the temporary facilitator for the Committee. Ecology is in the process of hiring a long-term facilitator for the Committee.

The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the draft Operating Principles and Charter, which was distributed prior to the meeting. Prior to the discussion on the Operating Principles and Charter, the committee was asked to participate in an activity which posed the questions “What is the single most important think you’d like your fellow committee members to know about why you’re here?”, and “What makes you feel like a respected member of a group?”.

Comments from activity:

What is the single-most important thing you'd like your fellow committee members to know about why you're here?	What makes you feel like a respected member of a group?
Help develop a creative and scientifically robust plan to offset permit exempt well impacts.	When people listen—don't talk over each other.
Serving a goal statewide to balance rural development and environmental needs.	Disagree but understand each other's positions.
Solve/mitigate instream flow. Protect city's water.	See everyone's points of view.
WRIA 14b, and the groundwater resources that discharge to the Skokomish Valley.	Being heard.
Preserve fish, wildlife resources, and streamflow. Provide technical assistance. Science!	Good manners. Civil discourse. Good dialogue.
Represent interests of citizens of Thurston County. Balance natural resources and keep affordable rural community. Find a way that solutions can be consistent for all of the committees the County is participating on.	Speak honestly. Have an understanding that we are representing interests vs. your personal interests.
Write policy to be a good steward of environment and economy. Divergent opinion on what good policy looks like. Working closely with the other commissioners.	Disagree without being disagreeable. Work towards consensus.
Tribes are sovereign governments. There are opportunities in this process.	Ask questions when you don't understand something someone else has said.
Balance the needs for humans and fish. Support for a new program.	We are representing our entities but we are also individuals deserving respect.

The Committee went through the Operating Principles and Charter raising concerns, sharing suggested changes, and clarifying language. A common theme was the mechanism for decision-making, and considering a consensus-based process rather than majority voting. Revisions to the draft will be made by Ecology and the facilitator reflecting the discussion and suggested changes. A revised draft will be distributed to the Committee prior to the January meeting.

The group discussed the needs of the Committee, considering available data, training needs, and opportunities for collaboration. The information from that discussion is listed below. Additionally, Mason County has requested to broadcast the Committee meetings on MasonWebTV, and will be setting this up at the January meeting as well as subsequent meetings.

Data available:

- USGS Model – consider having a presentation.
- Thurston County – population growth, water quality, hydro model, patterns of development.
- Squaxin Island Tribe – various data. There have been coordinated efforts both with Ecology and Mason County.
- Mason County – currently working with Squaxin Island Tribe on flow and consumptive use.

- Try to identify sources that are data rich vs. data poor
- The Mason Conservation District is the Lead Entity for the Salmon Recovery Plan. The Committee should coordinate with them for any available information relevant to this program, and start to review Salmon Recovery Plan in February
- Committee needs to ID data gaps, and identify funding available for data collection

Training:

- Training available from Ecology technical staff includes: Instream flows, hydrogeology, water rights 101, water rights acquisitions
- Tribal/Federal Water Use
- Water reuse (City of Shelton)
- Fish ecology (WDFW)

Collaboration:

- Salmon Recovery Plan Lead Entity – Mason Conservation District

Public Comment

- Marilyn Vogler (pending alternate for Washington Chapter Sierra Club) stated that the committee should keep in mind the context and the hierarchy in which we work. Tribal treaties are on par with the US constitution. The committee should be aware of those connections.
- Fern Schultz with the Department of Health Office of Drinking Water stated that the DOH has data which the committee might be interested in, such as SWAP maps, community wells, etc. The DOH is interested in being an ex-officio member. Committee should consider the greater needs to support moving from private wells to public water supply.

Parking Lot

Parking lot items will carry over to future meetings until the Committee agrees they have been addressed.

- 10/31/18: How do permit-exempt wells impact/interact with instream flow rules, and how are they governed by them?

Action Items

- Ecology and facilitator will work to make edits to the Operating Principles and Charter based on the group discussion and feedback provided. A new draft will be distributed to the Committee two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- The next meeting will focus on finalizing the Operating Principles and Charter. Ecology expects committee members to review the revised draft document, provide input ahead of the meeting if necessary, and come prepared to discuss the document at the January meeting. It is hoped that the Committee can finalize the language at the January meeting, and come back to the February meeting prepared to vote on adopting the document.
- Ecology will continue conversations with Salmon Recovery Lead Entities and Local Integrating Organizations to discuss opportunities and concerns regarding formal/informal engagement in the planning process.

- Ecology will set up a number of trainings over the next few months to bring everyone up to a similar level of base knowledge to ensure we can have informed discussions and decisions going forward. A tentative schedule will be available for discussion at the January meeting.