

Puget Sound Nearshore Steering Committee Meeting Notes

April 16, 2008

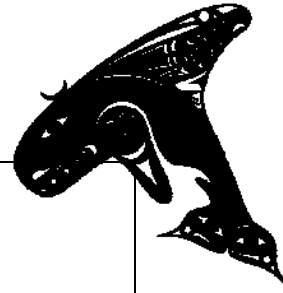


Attendees: Bernie Hargrave, Curtis Tanner, Paul Cereghino, Rich Doenges, Dick Ecker, Simon Geerlofs, Debby Hyde, Rob Koeppen, Doug Myers, Mike Ramsey, Tim Smith, Jacques White, Joe Ryan, Fred Goetz, Debbie Rick, Toni Lick, Margen Carlson.

Nearshore Retreat	Margen Carlson	10:00 - 10:20 a.m.
<p><i>Objective: Review of draft agenda. Informational briefing.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Planning for the retreat. The process for planning etc. Group decision or group action.</p> <p>High Level: Talent Show, opening retreat with the vision for PSNERP; Science Symposium reflection; Corps GI process. Nearshore partnership where we at what left to be done; Stakeholder involvement (defining our needs) co-retreat with PSP. ESRP. Closing discussion on strengths and weaknesses. Not a lot of briefings. Critical mass needed for this retreat.</p>		
Action Items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Review of Agenda Discussion at the next StC Meeting in May.	Debbie to send ahead	
Nearshore Symposium	Curtis Tanner	10:20 – 11:30 a.m.
<p><i>Objective: BRIEF informational.- Monday, May 12th; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Pierce County Environmental Services.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Overview the principle areas of research supporting the GI Study. Taking the Work Plan out in detail. Conclude the GI with spatially explicit. Much more frequent interaction with stakeholder groups. Social perspective. What the gaps are. Working diligently with the PSP how the PSNP fits in. PSP understand the technical aspect of the Nearshore Partnership. How to bring to a conclusion. Co-retreat with PSP</p> <p>Make sure that this stays on your calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation with Si and Jen Burke change analysis Followed by clarifying questions • Marina Alberti – Future Scenarios (Risk Assessment piece; Communication w/PSP) • Doug Myers – Strategic Needs Assessment • Nearshore Partnership Discussion • Wrap up and conclusions; and homework assignment <p>Treat as an executive session. Commitment to Mary R for CA briefing. StC Members send in discussion Questions suggestions to Curtis by 4/23 PSP (targeted) listening @ science symposium? in IT? Mary Ruckelhaus & Joel Baker (Chair of the Science Panel) PMs(?) responsible for integrating Nearshore into Action Agenda? Agenda Item for the next StC Bring Coordination/integration w/PSP back at next StC meeting.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Send Marina's report/Change Analysis materials		ASAP
Draft Agenda out by 4/23		
Invitation to Mary and Joel	Debbie Rick	Done

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DRAFT Agenda for Science Symposium
Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership
 May 12, 2008
 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Pierce County Environmental Services Building

Objective: To achieve a common understanding of, and program support for, the scientific approach being undertaken for the PSNERP General Investigation study.

Focus Question: Before the meeting, each participant (NST, IT, Steering Committee members) should consider:

- What is your understanding of the intended purpose and anticipated products for Change Analysis, Future Scenarios, and the Strategic Needs Assessment?
- How would you describe each in 1 or 2 sentences?
- What are the strengths and limitations of these methods and products?

Distribute these questions as a separate template. Have participants answer as “homework” before hand. Ask participants to revise at the end of the day.

Time	Topic	Process	Who
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction	Introductions, review agenda, set the context for the day’s work, and revisit focus questions (ask volunteers to share)	Margen
9:30 – 11:00	Change Analysis	Presentation ~ The “PSNERP Approach” to comparing historic and current conditions in Puget Sound nearshore ecosystems. Discussion of the implications of technical decisions made by the team – trade-offs, strengths, weaknesses.	Si Simenstad & Jen Burke
11:00 – 11:15	Break		All
11:15 – 11:45	Change Analysis	Clarifying questions ~ Do you understand what is being done?	All
11:45 – 12:15	Lunch		All
12:15 – 1:00	Future Scenarios	Presentation ~ Urban Ecology Research Laboratory’s development of Future Scenarios. How were they developed, and how can they be used to evaluate alternatives?.	Marina Alberti
1:00 – 1:30		Clarifying questions ~ Do you understand what is being done?	All
1:30 – 2:15	Strategic Needs Assessment	Presentation ~ Translating what we’ve learned from Change Analysis into identification of restoration strategies and priorities.	Doug Myers
2:15 – 2:45		Clarifying questions ~ Do you understand what is being done?	All
2:45 – 3:00	Break		All
3:00 – 4:00	Nearshore Partnership Discussion	Nearshore Partnership discussion. Potential topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What uses (beyond PSNERP GI) do you see for the Change Analysis? • Where do you see Future Scenarios fitting into our program? Are there uses beyond the GI? • How will the Change Analysis be handed off to the Implementation Team for inclusion in the SNAR? 	All
4:00 – 4:30	Conclusion	Wrap-up, including assignments & next steps. Ask participants about their “revised” answers to the homework questions. Hand out brief survey that asks participants for feedback on presentations to prepare for sharing w/ other audiences.	Margen

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Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

Paul Cereghino

11:35 -

Objective: Agreement on the schedule; Agreement on ESRP strategy RE: project advancement.

Discussion: How to manage IT workload during Sept/Oct? “bifurcate” IT between objectives (CA/SNAR vs ESRP).

How to synch timing and selection criteria with PSP Action Agenda timeline?

Or stand alone program?

Bring program descriptions and draft list of actions?

Early Actions for the GI (identification of actions to inform bring back to an ecosystem-based approach/portfolio)

Strategy development or rapidly generating a spending plan

Proposal: Adopt Paul’s schedule & proceed ~ be prepared to provide a project list from the last round

- Puts us in a position to deliver either way.
- This is our schedule for our program to accomplish the goals of the program.
- Articulate role of ESRP in developing state capacity to implement COE scale ecosystem restoration.

Peer Review Team from the Restoration Community (stronger education component at the outreach).

SRFB Technical Review Panel

Additional conversation w/PSP needed to resolve incorporation of ESRP into Action Agenda as well as share lessons learned

Second Objective point: Framework accepted.

ESRP Strategic Restoration Portfolios

What about acquisitions, linear shoreline projects?

- Address shoreline projects through criteria
- Paul anticipates surprising similarities between these status categories and acquisition (maybe different words to describe in the flow charts)
- Address evaluation phase through criteria (IT)

Will strategic portfolio consume \$? Decide on % division @ some point.

Biennial New Project Competition and Budget and Status Report may be separate competitions (another level of detail in the flow chart- explode to include additional chart).

Action items:

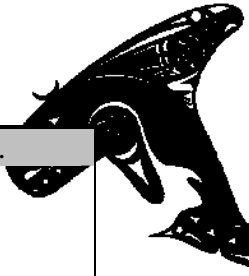
Coordination w/Debbie the legislative meeting

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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Future Without Status Report Fred Goetz 1:45 – 2:40 p.m.

Objective Briefing; informational

Discussion:

Future without Project

- Scenarios: Report, Metrics database, Models (Marina Alberti)
- FWOP-lite case study; (Jen Burke)
- Visioning; Vision to Action Work Shop (stakeholders Q’ what do you want in the future to look like)
- Future Risk Assessment Project; (FRAP)
- 50 year project: land use land cover (spatially explicit) Three futures

Steering Committee feels this subject/product is VERY important.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Have FWOP staff meet with the TNC& NOAA futures Group	Curtis Tanner	
FWOP workgroup discusses these details before May 12.	Fred Goetz	
Final schedule for delivery of Marina’s final report	Fred Goetz	
Have FWOP meeting without Marina to discuss use of her scenarios and other methods ~ develop alternatives for the program	Fred Goetz	

Project Managers Reports 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Federal Project Manager Highlights: The Environmental Advisory Board will tour Seahurst Park on April 28 at 8:30 a.m. On April 30th, the Environmental Advisory Board will hold a public meeting from 9:00 to noon at the Red Lion Inn in Seattle. Bernie recommends StC members attend the EAB meetings/field trip.

Local Project Manager’s Highlights: Change Analysis – NWIFC is on track and delivering quality products. NWIFC is on track. Delivering quality products on time. Bruce (Jones) has asked to attend the Nearshore Science Symposium.

Tim and Curtis traveled to USGS Western Region HQ in Menlo Park, CA. Guy Gelfenbaum arranged briefings on three areas of PSNERP/USGS mutual interest and potential collaboration Ecosystem Portfolio Model. Miami/Dade County case study incorporating ecological, economic, and quality of life models and data layers into decision support system. This approach may help inform SNAR data integration needs. Emerging results on “human dimension” modeling especially impressed them. The development of “hedonic modeling” for land value would likely have great benefit to our work AND the work of the Puget Sound Partnership. WDFW will continue to work with Congressional delegation to seek additional funding to expand USGS capacity to provide science support to Puget Sound.

Programmatic Peer Review - NST recommends Denise Reed be invited to chair Peer Review Panel, and be offered opportunity to help shape her team. Denise accepts both invitations, and has played active role working w/ Si to develop final list. Denise is advocating for six member Panel. This recommendation based on her review of our intended interdisciplinary scope of review, and number of individuals necessary to provide this scope.

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Project Managers Report - Continued

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Tentative date for 1st Peer Review Panel meeting identified as June 3-5. NST offers to give up June meeting time for this activity. WDFW in process of developing contracts to provide stipend and travel support for Panel members. Peer Review Panel estimated to cost approximately \$40K per meeting.

May 12 Nearshore Science Symposium - This “all-hands” meeting is a unique opportunity for all “working level” members of the Nearshore Partnership (NST, IT, StC) to gain a common understanding of our lines of inquiry and analysis. This understanding will be essential for future discussions on work plan, coordination w/ PSP, and stakeholder involvement.

Other Noteworthy Topics

Tom Mumford did good job of highlighting emerging PSNERP data products.

Cascade Land Conservancy currently enjoying cooperative relationship w/ BNRR, and would like to expand focus to nearshore restoration

Need to begin plans to develop Nearshore Partnership display materials for our (RAE) booth.

Nearshore Science Team highlights: The NST recommends Request For Proposal process that optimizes creative ideas of how to approach this need, advises and responds to scenario building report, and draws on potentially new expertise. NST will convene oversight group (Miles leads) to work with WDFW (Curtis) to develop scope of work, let contract, coordinate with Anchor for “DataFrame”, schedule coordination points with contractor, and schedule NST reviews.

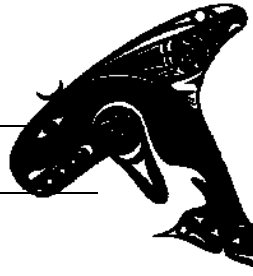
Project could be feasibly divided into three components: (1) Organizing, documenting, creating Template Geodatabase; could be done directly by Anchor under IDIQ (\$5-\$10K); (2) Allocation Modeling of Upland land cover/use change (\$20-\$30K); and, (3) Nearshore modifications and buffer change (\$40-\$60K); component #3 has lots of opportunity for creative thinking and might be expanded by additional funding.

Future Without Project-Scenario Building (Fred): Summarization of NST Review Comments
The NST did not have a uniform recommendation, but believes that the scenarios need to be retained for the Feasibility Report in some context and form, but that spatially explicit modeling for specific nearshore change needs to be pursued by simple modeling approaches. NST does recommend that the scenarios report be sent out to Peer Review. We still need a process and decision on identifying metrics: 1-2 compelling stories on how it makes a measurable difference in ecosystem goods and services.

NST agreed in principle to work with Paul Cereghino to enhance science in ESRP 2009 process.

Change Analysis Issues (Jen Burke): levees/dikes and difference in shoreline vs. delta process units
Jen, Si and other NST advocates of levee/dike inclusion will test effectiveness of several methods, to see if they can be included as estuary modifications and can be specifically identified as requiring unique management action, developing a threshold for minimum levee/dike to be included
Also decided to run SPU and DPU through multivariate analysis both together and separately

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Next Month's Schedule

May 2008

Thursday, May 1	Project Management Team
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Olympia - NRB Conf. Rm. 635 *
Tuesday, May 6	Nearshore Science Team
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Olympia - OB2 SL04
Monday, May 12	Nearshore Science Symposium
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pierce County Environmental Services Building
Thursday, May 15	Implementation Team
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Olympia - NRB Conf. Rm. 635 *
Thursday, May 15	Project Management Team
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Olympia - NRB Conf. Rm. 635 *
Wednesday, May 21	Steering Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Corps - Mercury Room*