



*Puget Sound Nearshore Steering Committee  
Meeting Notes March 19, 2008*

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Attendees: Bernie Hargrave, Curtis Tanner, Paul Cereghino, Dick Ecker, Debby Hyde, Doug Myers, Doug Osterman, Jacques White, Terry Wright, George Hart, Si Simenstad, Fred Goetz, Margen Carlson, Debbie Rick.

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----- **Agenda Topics** -----

Coordination Updates

9:00 – 9:30 a.m

*Objective: Informational.*

Coordination Efforts

Environmental Advisory Board at Seahurst Park on April 26 to view restoration

Coastal Engineering Research Program (Corps) pitching/suggesting LiDAR of Puget Sound ~ Puget Sound visit in November 2008 timeframe **Colonel recommends preparing for the opportunity.**

Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine – Hugh Shipman and Kathy Taylor had put together Puget Sound research proposal. While unsuccessful at CICE, Bernie feels deserves Steering Committee assistance to get funding PSP? **700K total**

Congressional Funding

Pacific Coast Salmon Fund ~ standard \$90M for region; \$23M for NOAA (CRP)

Coastal & Estuarine Lands Fund - \$60M

USACE \$1.279 M last year, request this year, \$1.9M request for next year for PSNERP GI

PSAW ~ \$2.592 M last year, '09 request is \$5M ~ good congressional support

EPA request for PSP ~ \$30 M.

**Wildlife Conservation Funds to the states \$65M; Ask Tim how this is spent.**

Rumor is that feds will be operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) into first part of federal fiscal year ~ means increases will not come through until late in the year.

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**Action items:**

**Person responsible:**

**Deadline:**

Report on congressional funding on behalf of Lisa Bellefond's recent trip to DC (below)

Jacques White

Completed

## Priorities: Federal FY 09 Requests related to Puget Sound

### Requests for NOAA

**Title** Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund  
FY09 Request Amount \$90 million (Washington State: TBD through competitive process)  
FY08 Approp Amount \$67 million (Washington State request: \$25.0 - \$27.5 million)  
Brief Description Funds habitat, harvest and hatchery projects related to recovery  
Scale (N, S, R, L) National  
Lead Fed Agency NOAA/NMFS  
Local Match Req'd Yes

**Title** Community-Based Restoration  
FY09 Request Amount \$23 million  
FY08 Approp Amount \$13 million (WA had \$54 million in requests but rev'd \$2 million.)  
Brief Description Funds local marine habitat restoration projects  
Scale (N, S, R, L) National  
Lead Fed Agency NOAA  
Local Match Req'd Yes

**Title** Coastal and Estuary Lands Conservation Program  
FY09 Request Amount \$60 million  
FY08 Approp Amount \$8 million  
Brief Description Land conservation -WA had 3 projects that fell below fund level  
Scale (N, S, R, L) National  
Lead Fed Agency NOAA  
Local Match Req'd Yes

**Title** Open Rivers Initiative  
FY09 Request Amount \$12 million  
FY08 Approp Amount \$6 million  
Brief Description Funds barrier removal projects (Skokomish, Quwloot)  
Scale (N, S, R, L) National  
Lead Fed Agency NOAA – Jen Steger  
Local Match Req'd Yes

**Title** Cooperative Endangered Species Grants  
FY09 Request Amount \$5 million  
FY08 Approp Amount 990,000  
Brief Description Recovery of NMFS listed species. Funds grants for management, outreach, research, and monitoring projects that have direct conservation benefits.  
Scale (N, S, R, L) N  
Lead Fed Agency NOAA-NMFS  
Local Match Req'd Yes

### Requests for US Army Corps of Engineers

**Title** Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project  
FY09 Request Amount \$1.9 million  
FY08 Approp Amount \$1.279 million  
Brief Description Corps G.I .to identify large-scale nearshore restoration programs  
Scale (N, S, R, L) Regional  
Lead Fed Agency Corps of Engineers (Bernie Hargrave)  
Local Match Req'd Yes  
Local Contact WDFW (Curtis Tanner)

<b>Title</b>	<b>Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters</b>
FY09 Request Amount	\$5 million
FY08 Approp Amount	\$2.592 million
Brief Description	Funds construction of habitat restoration programs
Scale (N, S, R, L)	Regional
Lead Fed Agency	Corps of Engineers (Bernie Hargrave)
Local Match Req'd	Yes

**Dept. of Interior Requests**

**EPA**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Puget Sound Partnership</b>
FY09 Request Amount	\$30 million
FY08 Approp Amount	\$20 million
Brief Description	Funds administration and activities related to PSP Action Agenda
Scale (N, S, R, L)	Regional
Lead Fed Agency	EPA, Section 320 – Tom Eaton
Local Match Req'd	Yes

<b>Title</b>	<b>National Estuary Program</b>
FY09 Request Amount	\$20 million
FY08 Approp Amount	\$17 million
Brief Description	Provides support to 28 National Estuary Programs
Scale (N, S, R, L)	National
Lead Fed Agency	EPA
Local Match Req'd	Yes

*Objective: Highlight policy level items for the Steering Committee.*

### **Federal Project Manager:**

Colonel McCormick is being reassigned to Commander, Hurricane Protection Office. Replacement at the Seattle District Office unknown at this time.

Change Analysis: A modification to the early data derivative task order is expected to be awarded by 14 Mar (a one week slip while the negotiators completed their tasks). The Change Analysis scoped in the first Task Order will begin so that Anchor (contractor) will understand what is expected of their team for the comprehensive analysis and to prepare for the Nearshore Science Symposium. Whidbey Basin will be used as the example for the symposium. Meanwhile, we are preparing the scope of work for the comprehensive Change Analysis.

### **Local Project Manager**

Need for additional capacity and allocation of resources for Implementation Team highlighted. SNAR – ESRP are two subjects that need more specific attention Additional time needed than 3 hours a month. More strategic in planning use of meeting time. Split into two workgroups to focus.

New Members – Ginger Phalen, USFWS, Deb Hunemuller (replaced Theresa). Doug Myers, People for Puget Sound, 0.10 FTE to spend on the SNAR.

RAE Conference – The NST has submitted proposal for a series of three coffee houses that address three of the eight meeting themes; the proposal identified people for each panel, most have accepted. Curtis has submitted proposal for eight posters. If proposed involvement in RAE 2008 develops, PSNERP could have prominent position in this nationally significant meeting. 4th National Conference on [Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration](#), October 11-15, 2008 Providence, RI.

### **Discussion:**

How strategically does Nearshore Partnership want to interact with Action Area construct?

How to capture small-scale fill of coastal stream mouth?

✓ <b>Action items:</b>	<b>Person responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
Circulate data gaps/data discovery reports (Attached)	Bernie Hargrave	Complete

*Objective: BRIEF update – understand process by which retreat is being developed.*

**Nearshore Partnership Retreat, June 9-11, 2008 at Fort Worden**

From Last Month's Steering Committee- identified planners for the retreat and a high-level agenda.

**Agenda Outline**

Revision of Work Plan (Pathway)

- a) Scope
- b) Schedule
- c) Budget

Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

- a) PSNERP Priorities
- b) 09-11 Round
- c) How does ESRP flow back into GI
- d) ESRP/Plan Formulation/PSAWR
- e) How does ESRP pick next round projects?
- f) ESRP Goals & Objectives (Protections/Acquisition/Regulation) Management Measures

Goals and Objectives Workgroup

- a) ID that piece of the puzzle

Knowledge Transfer Strategy

- a) BAS Workshops – info data
- b) Avoidance of mitigation
- c) Target Consultants
- d) Share strategy with others
- e) Develop mitigation plans
- f) Frame need – What problem is that we are trying to fix?
- g) Stakeholder involvement
- h) Understanding local priorities

Puget Sound Action Agenda – Nearshore Contribution

Peer Review

RAE Conference

✓ <b>Action items:</b>	<b>Person responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
Curtis/Debbie: Will convene a retreat work group to develop draft agenda for April Steering Committee meeting.	Debby Hyde, Si Simenstad, Simon Geerslof, Curtis Tanner, Bernie Hargrave, Kurt Fresh	ASAP

*Objective: To provide project managers with specific guidance about agenda for symposium.  
Purpose of the Science Symposium - Informational on Stage III portion of work plan*

**May 12, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Nearshore Symposium**

Pierce County Environmental Services

9850 - 64th Street West

University Place, WA 98467

Purpose of the symposium is communicating the technical details of the program to the committee members.

- Include results AND how will these be used to produce final products.
- Agenda to include presentations on change analysis, strategic needs assessment, and future scenarios plus discussions about how these technical items will be used in the decision-making process and Nearshore Partnership more broadly.
- Questions from Steering Committee to guide discussion?
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- Transition from science project to policy project ~ implementation.
- Symposium will be by invitation only to facilitate open discussion between StC, IT, and NST.
- Presentations to broader audiences, including Puget Sound Partnership to follow shortly after, drawing on presentation materials developed for the symposium.

**Action items:**

Draft an Agenda for the Symposium for the April Steering Committee

**Person responsible:**

Curtis Tanner  
Bernie Hargrave  
Debby Hyde  
Dick Ecker

**Deadline:**

April StC.

*Objective: Preliminary guidance on ESRP Work Plan – Compel the Steering Committee to read the draft ESRP work plan/policies; Convene a Executive workgroup to work on Legislative strategy; April StC for final Work Plan and ratification including legislative strategy.*

List of new projects and list of projects already reviewed as part of an RFP

Point: how does ESRP represent early action to support the GI?

Project Manager's Report

Contracting Issues – positive conclusion for this round. Out the end of this week.

ESRP databases – PRISM, HWS, Nearshore database opened up to new projects in April.

**Action items:**

Cover Memo – memo of guidance to send out with Draft Work Plan due to Paul by March 31, 2008.

Reminder email will outline preview guidance; focus on approach and working policies. Remove Step 9 for review.

**Person responsible:**

Paul Cereghino/Debbie  
Rick

**Deadline:**

This week  
3/20/08

Objective: Overview of NST meetings (December 2007 through March 2008)

**December Highlights:** Alternative approaches & pathways to Change Analysis, FWOP, shoreline armoring, RAE 2008. Science morning topic: Ecosystem goods & services.

**January Highlights:** Science morning topic: Hood Canal Hypoxia: Update, Implementing Change Analysis – Charles Kiblinger, Jessemine Fung and Jen Burke explained Nearshore Change Analysis structure, with examples from Hood Canal (e.g., Skokomish delta), Elwha River delta, Puyallip River estuary, Smith Cove, Samish River delta. Purpose: Consistency in rules that guide GIS delineation of accounting, processing, etc. units

**February Highlights:** Science morning topic: “The Prioritization of Conservation and Restoration Sites Using Marxan” by Tim Quinn and George Wilhere, WDFW, and “Human Dimensions of Large-Scale Restoration” by Tom Leschine and Justin Boevers.

Future Without Project Working Group update: The FWOP workgroup received the final draft from UW Urban Ecology; it is available for individual NST reviews, but not an official (mandatory) request for coordinated NST review due to lack of time; after reviews, Marina Alberti will present findings to WG, IT, NST, and SC. *At present, it appears that there is a place for Phase 1, scenario development report in Feasibility Report, but it needs to be more explicitly related to potential changes in nearshore environments of Puget Sound, and likely won't directly facilitate Strategic Needs Assessment.*

Shorelines Armoring Work (SAW) Group update: SAW is planning ‘State of the Science Workshop’ to focus on Puget Sound beach types, sheltered shorelines; designed in two parts – 1<sup>st</sup> day open meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> day technical with selected audience; primary goal is research and monitoring plan as demonstration for new Seahurst Park restoration: how to measure effects of seawalls, and demonstrate method to do multi-disciplinary monitoring

Monitoring Working Group update: By June, the Working Group will have prepared a draft monitoring and adaptive management plan for the GI; presently waiting for: (1) Ron Thom’s (BMSL) revised contractual report; and (2) lessons learned from Justin’s thesis project. Some concern over emphasis on indicator development, as this will at least drive status and trends monitoring; but, if PSNERP can describe what programmatic (effectiveness) monitoring is, it will likely be used by PSP; final NST suggestion was to focus on monitoring for program (PSNERP GI), before worrying about all else that is happening in Puget Sound, but to coordinate where possible

**March Highlights:** Science morning topic: “Future Climate Change in Puget Sound” by Philip Mote (UW CIG) Phil described observed climate change trends, and future climate, stream flows, and sea level rise, from Mote *et al.* (2008; “*Sea Level Rise in the Coastal Waters of Washington State*”). *Presently, scientific assessment of nearshore ecosystem responses to future climate change predictions is very poor; little that PSNERP can draw on directly to assessment alternative restoration portfolios.*

**Action items:**

April NST ~ FWOP draft for RFP for review (modeling contractor) Need to include guidance in RFP about how to treat scenarios

**Person responsible:**

Si Simenstad

**Deadline:**

*Objective: Update; Involve Steering Committee in framing issues.*

Overview of the process – Invitation, scope (review of website and technical documents), narrow the list of 20 potential participants to 5?

Discussion:

Draft Questions – Questions help candidates understand what we’ll be asking of peer reviewers

Becoming familiar with program; understand history of project, schedule, and constraints

Review if Background material

Report out is answers to “five big questions”

Design 1-day site visit, by air and land, that effectively captures problem statement

Schedule?

Support?

Understanding the assignment:

*Goal is to have Strategic Science Review Panel in place and previewing materials by early May.*

**Action items:**

Email in Word format for feedback on 9 initial questions to Si by March 26; Consistent Technical Product Peer Review Policy?

**Person responsible:**

Si Simenstad  
PMT

**Deadline:**

Completion of the FWOP - All

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

*Objective: To identify some specific ways the Steering Committee can help complete FWOP.*

Discussion:

Future Without Project scenarios must serve needs of both the 1) COE GI, and Nearshore Partnership.

Need reminder of where FWOP fits in the “flow chart” of our program development.

Marina Alberti’s product needs to go through peer review (Dick Ecker)

**Action items:**

Next mtg summary of FWOP methods with pros & cons

Focus on alternatives for moving forward with one or dueling recommendations

**Person responsible:**

Fred Goetz, Si  
Simenstad, PMT  
NST and FWOP Work  
Group

**Deadline:**

Membership & Attendance – All

2:20 – 2:50 p.m.

*Objective: Finalize membership table*

The Steering Committee worked down the list – line by line. Progress to date below.

Action items:

Not completed

Person responsible:

ALL

Deadline:

<b>Executive Committee</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Jeff Koenings	CONFIRMED	NONE
US Army Corps of Engineers	Colonel Michael McCormick	Reassigned	Bernie will advise when announcement made
US Army Corps of Engineers	Mona Thomason	CONFIRMED	NONE
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Ken Berg	CONFIRMED	NONE
NW Straits Commission	Ginny Broadhurst	CONFIRMED	NONE
NOAA - NW Fisheries Science	Tracy Collier	Participation ?	Paul Cereghino
Puget Sound Partnership	David Dicks	New participant	Tim/David/Bill
People for Puget Sound	Kathy Fletcher	CONFIRMED	NONE
Department of Ecology	Jay Manning/(Josh Baldi)	How to get full rep/participation?	Tim Smith/jpk letter
Department of Natural Resources	Fran McNair	CONFIRMED	NONE
U.S. Enviro Protection Agency	Rick Parkin	New position?	Bernie Hargrave
U.S. Department of Energy	Rod Quinn	Participation ?	Curtis/Bernie/Dick
Puget Sound Partnership	Bill Ruckelshaus	no longer chair of SRFB Chair of PSP Leadership Council	Tim/David/Bill
U.S. Geological Survey	Frank Shipley	Acting?	Bernie Hargrave
Representing Local Governments	Ron Sims (Theresa Jennings)	How to get participation?	Debby to strategize/jpk letter
U.S. Navy	Captain Reid Tanaka	CONFIRMED	NONE
Representing Tribal Government	Terry Williams	How to get participation?	jpk letter to Mike Grayum
Salmon Recovery Funding Board	Steve Tharinger	New membership	CONFIRMATION NXT EXEC
The Nature Conservancy		New membership?	
Trust for Public Land		New membership?	
Industry: port, railroad, quarries, real estate			

<b>Steering Committee</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Followup</b>
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tim Smith	CONFIRMED	NONE
US Army Corps of Engineers	Bernie Hargrave	CONFIRMED	NONE
Local Project Manager	Curtis Tanner	CONFIRMED	
NW Straits Commission	Simon Geerlofs	New	confirmed at next exec
NOAA - Restoration Center	Jen Steger	*Paul Cereghino Alternate	Paul
Puget Sound Partnership	Joe Ryan	NEW	confirmed at next exec
People for Puget Sound	Doug Myers	NEW	confirmed at next exec
Department of Ecology	Josh Baldi/Brian Lynn?	participation??	Tim/Curtis
Department of Natural Resources	Rich Doenges	participation??	Tim/Curtis/jpkletter
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Michael Rylko	participation??	Bernie
U.S. Department of Energy	Dick Ecker	CONFIRMED	NONE
U.S. Geological Survey	Rob Koeppen	participation??	Bernie
Representing Local Governments	Debby Hyde	CONFIRMED	NONE
Representing Lead Entities	Doug Osterman	No longer chair of LEAG; Jeanette Dorner	Curtis/Doug O/Jeanette Dorner
U.S. Navy	Daniel Hayes	George Hart	George to follow up- confirmed at next exec
Representing Tribal Government	Terry Wright	CONFIRMED	NONE
Salmon Recovery Funding Board	Mike Ramsey	CONFIRMED	
The Nature Conservancy	Jacques White	CONFIRMED	
Trust for Public Land		NEW IDEA	
Representing Industry	Bill Dewey Diane Cooper	Bill may prefer to be on Executive Diane Cooper Alternate? Steering Committee?	Tim Smith
Representing Ports	Eric Johnson	participation??	Curtis
National Wildlife Federation	Patricia Gillick	James Schroeder Left NWF	Jacques White
WS Dept of Transportation	Brian Smith/Phil Bloch	NEW IDEA	Tim/Curtis

## Nearshore Science Team

Organization	Person	Status	Followup
Discipline: Intertidal Ecology & Habitats	Si Simenstad, Co-Lead		
Discipline: Fish Biology	Fred Goetz	no longer co-chair	
Discipline: Zoology, Marine Ecology	Megan Dethier		
Discipline: Marine Plants, Ecology	Tom Mumford		
Discipline: Biology	Kurt Fresh		
Discipline: Nutrient Dynamics	Jan Newton		
Discipline: Oceanography, coastal geology	Guy Gelfenbaum		
Discipline: Shoreline Geology, Marine Sediment Dynamics	Hugh Shipman		
Discipline: Social Science	Tom Leschine		
Discipline: Sediment Geochemistry	Randy Shuman		
Discipline: Spatial Modeling, Data Management	Miles Logsdon		
Discipline: Nearshore Restoration	Curtis Tanner		
Implementation Team Liaison	vacant	replace Doug Myers	
Discipline: Monitory and Adaptive Management	Ron Thom	NEW??	Dick Ecker to check
Discipline: iterrestrial, riparian, modeliiing	Tim Quinn	NEW??	

## Implementation Team

Organization	Person	Status	Followup
Co-Lead	vacant	Doug Myers no longer co-lead	
USACE Co-Lead Change	Jeff Dillon	Confirm?	
USACE	Miriam Gilmer		
WDFW	Randy Carmen		
The Nature Conservancy	Betsy Lyons	maternity leave	
WDFW/NOAA	Paul Cereghino		
WDFW/USFWS	Curtis Tanner		

People for Puget Sound	Robin Clark		
USACE	Nancy Chin		
The Nature Conservancy	Jacques White		
NW Indian Fisheries Commission	Terry Wright		
WDFW	Deb Hunemuller		
WDFW/RCO	Mike Ramsey	Add	
USFWS	Ginger Phalen	New	

### Next meeting

Wednesday, April 16

Steering Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Olympia - NRB Conf Rm. 172](#)

### Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

Draft Agenda for the Symposium for the April Steering Committee

ESRP Final Work Plan ratification, including legislative strategy

Next mtg summary of FWOP methods with pros & cons

Membership and Attendance

Outreach with PSP – Targeted Outreach Group