



## **Steering Committee Meeting**

### **FINAL MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, July 20, 2020 1 pm – 3:30 pm  
(JULY 2020 ONLY) Meeting ID: 841 2461 4138  
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#### **Welcome/Introductions**

Tami Pokorny, Jill Silver, Bernard Bormann, , Frank Hanson, Jean Fletcher, Julie Ann Koehlinger, Betsy Krier, Bridget Kaminski-Richardson, Henry Haro, Jamie Bass, John Davis, Mike Ericsson, Raena Anderson, Steve Morrow, Theresa Powell, Mara Zimmerman, Luke Kelly, Wendy Largent, Jessie Huggins, Roger Oaks, Carson Willard (sp?)

#### **Agenda Changes/Additions**

None

#### **Approval of June 15, 2020 Draft Meeting Summary**

Hearing no objections, meeting minutes approved by consensus

#### **Announcements/Comments**

##### **Old Business**

1:05 – 1:10 Survey Update (take it online at <https://forms.gle/TZN9dFpCRc2HoLJdA>)  
– Tami Pokorny, JCPH

Tami provided an update and shared that the County has received a couple surveys.

##### **New Business**

##### **1:10 – 1:35 Introduction/Discussion: Local Restoration Jobs Chapter**

– Luke Kelly, Trout Unlimited

Luke Kelly presented chapter outline ideas and invited feedback. JulieAnn recommended defining 'local' in layers, for example Forks vs county vs, O.P., vs WA Coast vs State, etc. Wendy recommended tiering by county and then on up.

Stephen Morrow gave update on UHRR project. Contract package will be ready to go in Sept. Planning to bid this Fall/Winter.

Jill recommended the findings from Natural Systems Design's analysis for this project help inform the chapter. Wendy noted that addressing the glacial retreat data gap is much needed. Frank asked if there is a model to predict the impacts of glacial retreat. Jill noted that structure for motion is one model



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example. Tami, Jill, Bernard, and the group discussed utilizing students (e.g. grad student) to help with glacier retreat modeling (like Paul Kinnard did on Mt. Rainier).

Luke will report back with draft outline

### **1:35 – 2:35 Presentation/Q & A: OESF T3 Project (includes a portion of the Middle Hoh watershed) – Bernard Bormann, ONRC**

Dr. Bormann gave a presentation introducing the T3 Watershed Experiment study.

Project goals: 1) Develop a learning-based collaboration effort and model; 2) Innovate to increase both community and environment wellbeing together; 3) Scientifically evaluate alternatives to DNR standard practice.

This is a long-term study with 16 watersheds, and it will take time to complete and review results. Dr. Bormann explained the goal framework of ecosystem sustainability and how environment wellbeing and community wellbeing are connected. Bernard noted that a learning element is an essential to reach true resiliency. Dr. Bormann shared a book: *People Forests and Change, Lessons from the Pacific Northwest*. He noted how sustainable human forest ecosystems are reached through learning-based collaboration.

Social sciences and ecosystem wellbeing are a part in this study (e.g. three PhD students are participating in the project). The study is looking at 4 different forestry management strategies, to be compared at watershed scale: 1) OESF Standard Management (e.g. riparian no entry); 2) Environment-inspired integration (e.g. riparian restoration); 3) Community-inspired integration (e.g. Riparian alder under-rotations & and OESF variable-width buffers); 4) No action / Control.

The project has many evaluation elements, such as: Are current practices effective at meeting current DNR goals?; Can new practices be more effective at DNR goals or ecosystem wellbeing?; Will salmonid populations respond to watershed treatments?; Aquatic food chain response(s) to treatments; Stream biochemistry response; Will responses at smaller scale be observed at watershed scale?

Jill asked about age of alder for under rotation treatments. Dr. Bormann responded that we don't yet know, but 35 years is likely.

Mr. Bernard noted that they are looking for help with monitoring field work (fish surveys, macroinvertebrate sampling, water sampling, acoustic monitoring, etc.).

### **2:35 – 2:55 NSD Updates: Data Gaps, Field Collection, Steering Committee Timeline and Deliverables – Mike Ericsson, Natural Systems Design**

Mike updated the group on several items. Contracting has been delayed, so work has also been a bit delayed. Once contract is executed, NSD will get into data review and reporting. Mike explained NSD's work timeline for the project. January 2021 NSD will be presenting all the findings from assessment work. Feb 2021 NSD will present draft outline of resiliency plan (for review/comment); July 2021 presenting revised draft resiliency plan (for review/comment); Sept present final resiliency plan.



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LiDAR was also discussed, and NSD / County is updating scope to complete work without using LiDAR. There is a chance that LiDAR could still be acquired and utilized if funding comes through. Hoping to get contract executed next week.

### **2:55 – 3:25 Watershed/project updates, including project library and invasive species control – All**

Mara gave update on 'Coast Digital Library' that includes articles, reports, papers, etc. The library is now available, but it is not yet complete. Library can be found on Coast Salmon Partnership website ([www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/resources/coast-digital-library/](http://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/resources/coast-digital-library/)). Information can be filtered via several options (e.g. author, sources, keywords, etc.).

Jill gave an update on invasive plant monitoring and management in the Middle Hoh. She presented on the newly found reed canary grass infestations on the south side of the river that are very problematic and threatening spread.

Roger Oaks gave an update on his story telling writing project and reported that he is making good progress.

Tami noted how Roger's story(s) will become a story map. Tami also invited one-minute videos/cameos from individuals in the group to tell their story.

### **Announcements/Comments**

None

### **Next Agenda**

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 3:30pm Location TBD

### **Adjourn**

Notes by Luke Kelly