

**Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood 2.0
Implementation Oversight Committee
DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via King County Zoom Account**

Committee Members Present (Y/N) * = denotes caucus co-chair					
Fish Caucus		Farm Caucus		Flood Caucus	
Cindy Spiry, Snoqualmie Tribe*	Y	Josh Monaghan, King Conservation District*	Y	Angela Donaldson, Fall City Community Association*	Y
Denise Krownbell, Snohomish Forum	Y	Cynthia Krass, Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance	Y	Stuart Lisk, City of Carnation	N
Mike Remington, Snoqualmie Forum	Y	Bobbi Lindemulder, farmer	Y	Lara Thomas, City of Duvall	Y
Micah Wait, Wild Fish Conservancy	Y	Meredith Molli, Agriculture Commission	N		
Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes	Y	Libby Reed, Sno Valley Tilth	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Gary Bahr, WSDA	Y	Brendan Brokes, WDFW	Y		
Josh Baldi, KC DNRP	Y	Tom Buroker, Dept. of Ecology	Y		

1) Introductions/Welcome by Co-Chair (Tamie Kellogg, Josh Monaghan)

Tamie Kellogg called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Josh Monaghan welcomed all and spoke briefly on learning more about racism as a white man, and how this group should look and listen together to determine how its work can be fully inclusive and equitable.

2) Buffers Task Force – Transmittal Letter and Scope of Work (Josh Monaghan, Beth leDoux)

Ms. leDoux presented a draft letter to be sent to Executive Constantine regarding continuing work needed by the buffers task force. Mr. Monaghan said while some aspects of FFF are scheduled to end this year, the effort is only partly done. Caucus co-chairs and Daryl Williams were asked at a prior meeting to work up this draft, while staff mapped out a scope of work (SOW). Mr. Monaghan asked for feedback on the draft. Cindy Spiry reminded all that establishing minimum buffers should be included. An informal vote showed a majority approval of the letter.

Attention was turned to the proposed task force SOW. Mr. Monaghan said its purpose is to write out the actions expressed in the letter. Ms. leDoux said it sets out the next phase of implementation for the task force, including aspects such as incentives and information for Valley residents. The draft SOW is directed to DNRP leadership, but can be adjusted as time progresses. Several points of revision and discussion were brought up:

- It was asked if it is too soon to look into funding, and when this SOW might be completed. Joan Lee of DNRP replied there is funding to move forward on this now and through the end of this year.
- Include a tracking tool towards goals and progress.
- Be more explicit about agriculture interests/impacts, including the goals to protect farmland for the future and keep track of the land base.
- Specify that work goals should be “time-bound.”
- Revise language about the continuation of buffer plantings to be less tonally aggressive.
- Include more agriculture representation on the task force, such as American Farmland Trust.

Tamie Kellogg asked for a formal proposal to send the packet, finessed by co-chairs to include today’s suggested edits. Mike Remington motioned to move forward with transmittal of the letter to the Executive. Angela Donaldson seconded the motion, which carried with a majority approval.

3) Floodplains by Design Multi-Benefit Grant Application – Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project (Cindy Spiry)

Ms. Spiry presented a draft IOC letter to the Executive to support a Floodplains by Design (FBD) grant application for the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project. This was a priority area included in FFF. Landowner engagement will continue. Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance is working on third-party reviews of the project. Funding for drainage work would be included. Ms. Spiry noted this project would be multi-benefit, in the spirit of FFF.

Project manager Fauna Nopp clarified the grant would be for project construction, not design. The construction estimate totals \$15 million, with \$10 million from FBD and \$5 million from PSAR. Current project design level is at 30%, meaning a finishing of preliminary design. She noted a \$250,000 sum, for agriculture drainage work, mentioned in the letter is a portion of the aforementioned \$10 million, not an additional amount.

Letter feedback and discussion points included:

- Finesse language about a removal of regulatory barriers to instead use words like “address” and “hurdles,” as in the original FFF transmittal letter.
- Include a statement to clearly communicate the meaning of “multi-benefit” in the context of FFF.
- If IOC approval of this suite of actions is needed again, no new vote is needed unless substantive changes are made. However, IOC members should be granted a review period for any changes before co-chairs approve.

Mike Remington motioned to send the proposed letter to the Executive. Lara Thomas seconded the motion, which carried almost unanimously.

4) **FFF Next Steps/Outcomes by End of 2020 (Tamie Kellogg, Beth leDoux)**

Ms. leDoux conducted a live poll to determine what goals the IOC wants to complete by the end of this year, and how much capacity members expect to have in the next three months to accomplish those goals.

Poll results indicated that the top topic to address is the buffers task force. In second place was a three-way tie for the Fall City Restoration Project and the two other task forces (regulatory and agriculture strategic plan). On member bandwidth, a majority favored attending two virtual IOC meetings, and virtual caucus meetings.

Discussion points and feedback on the results, with additional topic ideas, included:

- Ensure balance of participation between the three caucuses.
- Acknowledge difficulties farmers are facing under the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The regulatory task force and fish caucus should have input on the alluvial fan report and policy.
- Develop more basin steward capacity, to make progress on projects inside and outside the APD.
- Assess opportunities to improve flood-safe road access.
- Ensure assessment of low summer flows for fish.

Ms. Kellogg advised that some of these topics could be addressed at the caucus level, and that she and Ms. leDoux would work with the caucuses’ staff liaisons on these.

5) **Communications (Beth leDoux)**

- **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment during this period.
- **FFF Masthead:** Ms. leDoux presented a proposed FFF masthead by DNRP’s graphics team, for use in external FFF communications. With minor discussion, the IOC expressed majority approval for the design.
- **Actions Progress:** Ms. leDoux reminded IOC members to review and send her feedback on the updated table of 42 FFF actions. She also noted the County is working on one-page progress summaries for each caucus, to inform people at all levels of expertise. There will be more on these at the next IOC meeting.
- **County Budget Update:** Josh Baldi said budget situations at the state and County level are “not good” now. Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) is largely funded on various rates, mainly the Surface Water Management (SWM) rate, meaning it feels fewer impacts than organizations more dependent on the general fund and sales tax. Some County services will see cuts. WLRD has not been asked for targeted cuts yet, and there is an effort to mitigate its vulnerability in areas such as the agriculture program. WLRD has advanced to the Executive a 0% proposed SWM budget increase, but is allocating funds in its proposal for FFF. Mr. Baldi assured that FFF is a priority commitment for DNRP. Fish passage is also a priority for the Executive. Final decision on the budget will fall to the King County Council.
- **Online Meeting Feedback:** IOC members offered thoughts on the virtual platform, including – approval of short video and more written updates between meetings; approval of the poll and chat options; and an idea to use the “breakout rooms” feature for caucus talks. One member voiced appreciation for Josh Monaghan’s opening comments today on racism and praised the diversity of participants in the ongoing public marches.

6) **Adjourn**

Tamie Kellogg adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm.

Next IOC Meeting: Date and time TBD