

Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Zoom - Register in advance for this meeting:

Facilitator: Tamie Kellogg

Meeting Purpose: IOC update on Flood Caucus. Discuss IDP and progress on two pilot drainage projects. Update on the Agriculture Strategic Plan. Discussion and input on the Future of FFF 2021 and Beyond. Approve the Ag caucus co-chair recommendation. Approve the Ag caucus co-chair recommendation.

2:30 – 2:55	<p>1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome from Co-Chair Angela Donaldson b. Native Lands Acknowledgement c. Recognize the passing of Chief De Los Angeles d. Rotating check-in from Flood Caucus. 	<p>Angela Donaldson Josh Baldi IOC Flood Caucus members Tamie Kellogg</p>
2:55- 3:10	<p>2. Integrated Drainage Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial integrated solution center pilot projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Griffin Creek (Capital solution center) ii. Cherry Creek (Regulatory solution center) 	<p>Josh Baldi Beth LeDoux</p>
3:10- 3:20	<p>3. Ag Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brief update on status. 	<p>Patrice Barrentine Richard Martin</p>
3:20- 4:20	<p>4. Inquiring into the Future of FFF 2021 and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FFF Project Symposium in the Snoqualmie Valley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Brief overview of symposium and discussion b. FFF Shared Vision and Activities to Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Zoom Poll Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you feel everyone shares the same vision of FFF? What is that vision? 2. Are the actions or activities we are focused on now priorities for achieving that vision? ii. Share information about the transformative scenario planning concept. iii. Breakout group discussions <p>Materials: Project Symposium Concept Outline</p>	<p>Beth LeDoux and Tamie Kellogg</p>
4:20- 4:30	<p>5. Updates/Housekeeping/Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Comment b. SVPA recommendation for Cynthia Krass to stay on as their representative for the next 6 months. FFF Ag. Caucus has asked Cynthia to step in as co-chair for Ag. Caucus during those 6 months. <p>DECISION POINT: Approve AG CAUCUS recommendation for Co-chair.</p>	<p>Tamie Kellogg Melissa Borsting</p>
4:30	<p>6. Adjourned</p>	

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

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (scheduled)
Video Conference Call via King County Zoom Account**

Committee Members Present (Y/N) <i>* = denotes caucus co-chair</i>					
Fish Caucus		Farm Caucus		Flood Caucus	
Cindy Spiry, Snoqualmie Tribe* <i>(proxy: Matt Baerwalde - Y)</i>	Y	Cynthia Krass, Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance	Y	Angela Donaldson, Fall City Community Association*	Y
Denise Krownbell, Snohomish Forum	N	Bobbi Lindemulder, farmer	Y	Stuart Lisk, City of Carnation	N
Mike Remington, Snoqualmie Forum	Y	Meredith Molli, Agriculture Commission	Y	Lara Thomas, City of Duvall	Y
Micah Wait, Wild Fish Conservancy	Y	Dave Glenn, Sno Valley Tilth	Y		
Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes <i>(proxy: Kurt Nelson – N)</i>	Y				
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Gary Bahr, WSDA	Y	Brendan Brokes, WDFW <i>(proxy: Stewart Reinbold – N)</i>	N		
Josh Baldi, KC DNRP	Y	Tom Buroker, WDOE <i>(proxy: Joe Burcar – Y)</i>	N		

1) Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review (Tamie Kellogg, Angela Donaldson)

- **Call to Order:** Ms. Kellogg called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.
- **Welcome:**
 - Ms. Donaldson said she is optimistic about a great year and recommitting to FFF, and staying connected to community. She thanked all for being present.
 - Beth leDoux introduced Marie Shimada, the new Executive Director for SVPA.
- **Native Lands Acknowledgement:** Ms. Kellogg led IOC members in acknowledging the native lands they reside on, noting the act's intent to show recognition and respect for the tribes and relationships with them.
- **Recognize Passing of Chief de los Angeles:** Josh Baldi spoke on the recent passing of Chief de los Angeles of the Snoqualmie Tribe. He said this is a big loss for the tribe and region, and the Chief was a truly great leader. Mr. Baldi read a memorial proclamation from Executive Constantine, noting Chief de los Angeles's efforts in recognizing many tribes and causes, and how his blessing and support was key to FFF's work. Ms. Kellogg led all present in a moment of silence in the Chief's honor.
- **Rotating Check-In – Flood Caucus:**

The caucus met a week and a half ago to discuss several action items they seek to close out:

 - Improving road safety in the Snoqualmie Valley. Progress has been made, including application for a 2D modeling grant and collaboration with King County's Roads division.
 - Addressing home elevations in the Snoqualmie APD. The caucus has worked with County agencies to review and make recommendations; the agencies have also done internal reviews and dedicated funds are available. A March 12 meeting is scheduled for a formal presentation. The IOC was asked who wants a formal presentation on how home elevations work; this will be confirmed later via email.
 - Availability of more safe/affordable farm housing. Eric Beach created an assessment of housing demand and available housing has been found to meet those needs. A formal trust is not needed, and since the need has been met it was suggested to "close out" this recommendation.
 - Address farm flood safety and community outreach. It was asked for all to answer in the Zoom chat the question "how would you like us to collaborate to see more farm flood safety?"

Praise was also given to SVPA and King County's Flood Control District (FCD) for the success of the citizen flood monitoring program.

2) Integrated Drainage Project (*Beth leDoux, Josh Baldi*)

Ms. leDoux explained today's presentation is about learning where work stands on the idea of integrated drainage. One question being discussed is how to do pilot projects. Two potential pilot projects are in exploratory phases. These look at addressing integrated drainage both on a level of capital projects, and from a regulatory standpoint. Development of these projects should inform how integrated drainage efforts are managed in real time, as well as inform policy interpretation and changes. The timing of these is optimal due to the County's long-term commitment to these issues. The Executive's Clean Water Healthy Habitat (CWHH) initiative focuses on environmental outcomes, which work integrated drainage and agriculture in floodplains are part of. A joint program with Department of Local Services (DLS) is in the works; with leadership there and at DNRP, work should progress once a Scope of Work (SOW) and deliverables are determined. Ms. leDoux urged the IOC to hold the County to account on this issue, and that more updates will come.

- **Pilot Projects: Griffin Creek (Capital Solution Center)**

Griffin Creek is a potential multi-objective project with potential proof of concept for capital projects. DNRP's Agriculture, Forestry, and Incentives (AFI) team are working with landowners and salmon recovery teams to consider how this can be truly multi-benefit. Josh Baldi added that it is helpful when those in FFF raise questions and bring ideas forward, and that these efforts will take a while.

- **Pilot Projects: Cherry Creek (Regulatory Solution Center)**

The Cherry Creek project is sponsored by the Snoqualmie Watershed Improvement District (WID) and indicates a need for clarity on the definition of "multi-benefit." This spotlight project will be teased apart, as it does not neatly fit into a specific category such as flood hazard or salmon recovery. A multi-disciplinary team has been formed, and it was noted regulatory barriers may be a concern as well.

3) Agriculture Strategic Plan Update (*Patrice Barrentine*)

Ms. Barrentine reported the agriculture strategic plan task force is undergoing a massive "reset." This includes establishing a charter with sideboards to fine-tune their process, and be a "how"/"who" of how they will proceed. The plan has outlined nine chapters; the task force's six members are distilling the information and hope to find the right level of information to include in the plan for key audiences.

4) Inquiring into the Future of FFF, 2021 and Beyond (*Tamie Kellogg, Beth leDoux*)

Ms. Kellogg reminded the IOC that at December's meeting many shared thoughts about the power of this group and good being done that wasn't being done before. To ensure things are grounded, IOC feedback is wanted on the idea of a symposium, and developing a "shared story" for FFF.

- **FFF Project Symposium in the Snoqualmie Valley**

Ms. leDoux suggested an FFF-sponsored project symposium before construction season begins. The proposal is, in spring, for people to create presentations to communicate their projects over the next two years. The event would likely be held virtually via Zoom, depending on COVID-19 vaccination rollout. The expectation is there will be a recording of the meeting and a map of projects developed, to develop synergies and a full picture of activities in the Valley. These can be capital projects, studies, or assessments.

Follow-up discussion and feedback raised the following points:

- Love the idea. Would like to develop a story map, perhaps maintained by County, consolidating data collected by all projects. This would include locations, progress, and connections between projects.
- The symposium can be a public meeting, so people in the Valley can attend. The recording can be posted online for future review.
- Should see measurable accomplishments in terms of projects and project types, including quantified data. The most important measurables should be used to guide presentations and groups involved.
- What level of detail should be expected for each project? What kind of sideboards? It was agreed for Ms. leDoux to draft a template slideshow to gauge appropriate detail level.
- Anyone interested in serving on a steering group for the symposium should contact Ms. leDoux.
- Should be sensitive to what level of detail is appropriate or legal to share with landowners.
- Sideboards are needed for defining expectations and the intended audience.
- There may be two detail levels needed: one for partners/collaborators, another for public.
- Sharing project progress can demonstrate collaboration; this can also be done by newsletter or map.
- Contextualize how public and private interests can meet, how people can be oriented on these topics.
- The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum would be a good nexus for this proposal.

Ms. leDoux agreed to draft sideboards and slideshows to gauge appropriate detail level and audience by next IOC meeting. Most planning for this symposium will occur over email.

- **FFF Shared Vision and Activities to Support**

Ms. Kellogg prefaced that while a lot of good work has been done in FFF, a lot of actions set up, it has not yet been made clear how to “on-ramp” or “off-ramp” this work: if it means simply completing the action list, or if priorities need to be shifted and a new shared story needed. She noted many new people are involved in FFF now that weren’t at the start, and asked if this presents a chance to seek new opportunities.

Cynthia Krass noted a situation where SVPA had concerns on if the Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project met King County code guidelines to minimize APD soil loss. There was a short window of time to comment, and the situation raised a question of what it means to support each other’s projects. SVPA supports FFF but had concern their comments may seem unsupportive. Ms. Krass said supporting something shouldn’t mean giving up a right to challenge an aspect of it. She clarified there had not been any signs of dissonance around SVPA’s comments, but a lot of internal concern.

Josh Baldi agreed no one should give up any rights in this process. Ms. Kellogg asked if more clarity is needed on a definition of “mutual support.” Daryl Williams added that the original assumption had been that any King County project moving forward would come to the IOC for discussion if something about it didn’t seem good for one side. He said a 10-year old agreement should not mean people cannot comment on projects. Ms. leDoux queued up a poll to clarify views on the commitment all present have made to one other.

- **Zoom Poll Questions**

- **Do you feel everyone shares the same vision of FFF? What is that vision?**

About 2/3 of participants agreed or strongly agreed, and about ¼ were neutral/uncertain. Angela Donaldson said differing opinions are what makes this group powerful, as well as being respectful of each other. She believes the vision is a community that collaborates on shared items and listens to each other’s concerns to find solutions; a give-and-take relationship.

- **Are the actions or activities we’re focused on now priorities for achieving that vision?**

Most participants agreed with this. It was noted there may be need for more follow-up input.

Meredith Molli said there are things the group knows now that they believe more important and support making a priority. Libby Reed agreed. Mr. Williams said he would be surprised if priorities for the caucuses hadn’t changed somewhat over the years, and this should be recognized. Priorities may need to be re-evaluated going forward. He noted “reconfirm” may not be the best term; Ms. Kellogg suggested “revise,” “revisit,” or “re-prioritize” might be more suited.

- **Share Info on “Transformative Scenario Planning” Concept:** A video will be sent to IOC members on this concept. Ms. Kellogg advised it might be interesting for this group to think about, and that members should look at the video and give their thoughts if possible.

- **Breakout Group Discussions:** This was not addressed due to time constraints.

5) Updates/Housekeeping/Public Comment

- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment given.
- **DECISION: SVPA Recommendation that Cynthia Krass stay on as SVPA Representative/Agriculture Caucus Co-Chair for six months**

Melissa Borsting reported that while KCD is filling Josh Monaghan’s former staff position, his departure has left the farm caucus with no co-chair and only four members. Cynthia Krass left SVPA but has been hired as a consultant for six months to support SVPA in FFF duties in this transitory space. Farm caucus members have agreed Ms. Krass should serve as interim co-chair while they determine next steps and how to fill this gap.

Beth leDoux said there is no need for the IOC to formally approve the co-chair nomination, as Ms. Krass qualifies as a current IOC member. The IOC must approve SVPA’s recommendation; this allows Ms. leDoux to send a letter to Josh Baldi and DNRP Director Christie True to put forth a recommendation from the IOC.

Angela Donaldson motioned to accept SVPA’s recommendation for Ms. Krass to continue to serve as their FFF representative. Mr. Baldi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6) Wrap-Up/Adjourn (Beth leDoux, Tamie Kellogg)

Ms. leDoux shared a “WordCloud” graphic compilation of FFF keywords from last meeting’s breakout chats, to be sent out with other promised materials. She will also send a poll to decide a date for next meeting, likely April.

Tamie Kellogg adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

FFF IOC Updates
February 23, 2021

1. Cooperative Watershed Grant Notice of Intent (NOI) –between the December IOC meeting and the February IOC meeting the 2021-2022 Cooperative Watershed Management Grant program, run by the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, was opened. With co-chair approval, the FFF Project Manager submitted a FFF work packet that includes:
 - a. Building on work of the Regulatory Task Force by exploring pathways that would build in flexibility to allow for off-site mitigation for drainage projects allowing for increased benefits for fish and farmers. This includes funding staff time and engaging in a proof of concept if a path forward is identified.
 - b. Requesting match dollars for the FEMA Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant (FHMG) supporting 2D modeling. We are still waiting to hear about the FHMG, if awarded, the CWM dollars would be used as match and allow for more in-depth modeling is done. If the FHMG is not awarded, the CWM would allow for the initial build of the model.
 - c. Requesting dollars to tell the story of the Snoqualmie Valley through a program called Photo Voices. This work would use the FFF IOC to use photos to tell the story of their personal strong connection to the land and water of the Snoqualmie Valley. IOC members will be trained in using photography to share their individual and community connection to the land – creating a visual story that spans communities and connects all who love the land and sharing how it sustains them and their culture.
2. The IOC letter with recommendations for next steps related to RTF was sent to the Executive early January. We are currently awaiting a response.
3. Fall City Floodplain Restoration Project
 - **Schedule:** Targeting end of March to have all permit applications submitted and 60% design complete. On schedule for 2022 construction.
 - **SEPA** comment period ended on Feb 5th with just one comment from SVPA regarding how the project will adhere to the KC Ag Code 21A.24.381. Appeal period scheduled to start Feb 19th.
 - **Funding:** Should hear back from state funding sources (FbyD & PSAR) by March/April regarding construction funding.
 - **Current site work:**
 - Ecology blocks from the former Rainier Wood Recycling site are being removed and the land manager (Rivers section) is exploring options to potentially auction the structures.
 - Snoqualmie tribe is planting left bank.

- Working w/SVPA to install a new Floodzilla water level gauge within the project area.
- **Hydraulic modeling status:** Completed. Will be engaging downstream landowners very soon regarding small non-regulatory water changes.
- **Engagement:** Videos of Public Meeting and Legislator Tour are posted on the [website](#) along with Engagement Hub comments.

4. 2D Model

- a. Bathymetric LiDAR (aka Blue Green LiDAR) for the mainstem Snoqualmie was delivered to King County February 2021. The flight occurred in fall of 2020 and is the first piece of data needed to help build the 2D model. This data will also be useful for others that can use mainstem bathymetry in their work – surveys, capital projects, etc.
- b. Draft Roughness Coefficient Memo from Watershed Science Engineers (WSE) is expected this week. WSE performed a literature review to document current scientific understanding regarding roughness coefficients for shrubs and trees. This will be used to better understand if a 2D model is suitable for modeling riparian vegetation impacts on floods.

5. The Clean Water Healthy Habitat strategic plan was published by the Executive in January 2021. Fish, Farm, Flood work is listed as a highlight (p.9) of King County's work.

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FFF Project Symposium in the Snoqualmie Valley

Brief overview of draft symposium concept

1. **What:** Host an information sharing online meeting about projects in the Snoqualmie Valley to promote collaboration and communication.
2. **Who:** FFF IOC, Ex Officio members, and others share projects they are currently doing or planning to do over the next 1-2 years in the Snoqualmie Valley. This could be CIP, studies, educational, or other. While most projects will likely be at the intersection of FFF it is encouraged to bring other projects into the fold, forestry, roads, etc.
3. **When:** Spring 2021 – likely May.
4. **Format:** Zoom or other online meeting.
5. **Products:** Powerpoint presentation and a map of project locations.

ii. Share your thoughts on the concept

1. Any additional suggestions for the scope?
2. Any presenters, participants, organization or individuals we should include?
3. Format or design suggestions?
4. Beneficial to record and share via website/ gov delivery?
5. Product suggestions?
6. Do you have any considerations for timing? Lead time needed by your organization or others?