

**AGENDA**  
**King County FFF 2.0**  
**Buffer Task Force Meeting #5**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**  
**12:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**Carnation Library**

**Task Force Objective:** The Buffer Task Force will create a variable buffer width decision-making framework in the Snoqualmie Valley that support salmon health and farming.

**Meeting Purpose:** Arrive as a working definition of the Watercourse Classification for this TF. Agree on an initial working list of attributes and considerations for the logic model (flow chart). Review the Synthesis of Riparian Buffer Science and Ag Tech memo.

12:00 - 12:10	<b>1. Welcome, introductions and grab a bite to eat!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions and meeting purpose</li> </ul>	Beth leDoux Tamie Kellogg
12:10- 12:40	<b>2. Watercourse Classification: (30 min.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss draft classification developed by the workgroup</li> </ul>	Beth leDoux & Tamie Kellogg
12:40 – 1:55	<b>3. Full list of attributes: (1 ¼ hrs.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glossary - Starting point reg. definitions of data, attributes, etc.</li> <li>• Review and discuss the list of attributes to be considered in the decision tool.</li> </ul>	Tamie Kellogg Beth leDoux
1:55- 2:05	<b>Break (10 min)</b>	
2:05 – 3:45	<b>4. Draft Flow Chart Exercise (100 min.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small group exercise of creating a flow chart.</li> </ul>	Tamie Kellogg & All
3:45 – 3:55	<b>5. Synthesis of Riparian Buffer Science and Ag Tech memo (5 min)</b>	Beth leDoux
3:55	<b>6. Next steps and Wrap up.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level meeting agenda and task force deliverables through December 2019</li> </ul>	Tamie Kellogg
4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adjourn</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Important dates and Responsibilities for Task Force Members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep your organizations, colleagues, neighbors up to date on what’s going on with the task force.</li> <li>• Upcoming Task Force meetings: June 19, Aug 21, Oct 16, Dec 18</li> <li>• Next FFF Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC) meeting August 8</li> </ul>		

**Meeting Summary**  
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**Task Force Members in Attendance:** Preston Drew, Bruce Elliott, Wayne Gullstad, Cynthia Krass (sitting in for Erin Ericson), Kurt Nelson, Elissa Ostergaard, Cindy Spiry (sitting in for Matt Baerwalde), Steve Van Ess, Daryl Williams

**Facilitator: Tamie Kellogg**

**Welcome and Material Distribution**

- Beth leDoux and Tamie Kellogg kicked off the meeting.
- Takeaways from previous meeting:
  - o Goal for the BTF to development a riparian buffer decision tool (logic train flow chart)
  - o The riparian buffer decision tool would be structured around select site attributes which influence potential riparian buffer sizes and characteristics; attributes would be considered and selected by Task Force members
  - o Potential site attributes (brainstormed by Task Force members) were collected from the previous meeting which the Task Force sub-group (Wayne Gullstad, Elissa Ostergaard, Colin Wahl) subsequently summarized and detailed
  - o Updated/detailed site attribute list will be reviewed during the current BTF meeting; the Task Force will aim to determine which site attributes will be most applicable and beneficial for the riparian buffer decision tool
  - o Selection and integration of site attributes will be in an iterative process with the potential addition of other attributes as deemed applicable

**Watercourse Classification and Definitions**

- Discussion of how the Task Force plans to characterize watercourse types in the Snoqualmie Valley Agricultural Production District (SVAPD)
- Goal of capturing differences in potential watercourse functions as well as watercourse size
- Suggested watercourse classification (organized by the Task Force sub-group)
  - o Mainstems (e.g., Snoqualmie River, mouth of Raging and Tolt)
  - o Large Watercourses (Cherry, Patterson Griffin, Harris, lower Ames)
  - o Medium Watercourses (upper Ames, Tuck, Langlois, Weiss, Stillwater, Thayer, Deer)
  - o Small Watercourses (unnamed watercourses in the floodplain)
  - o Artificial Watercourses (watercourses that do not have headwaters and were not naturally occurring in historic aerial photos)
  - o Oxbows (open water features from the river isolated or connected)
- Highlighted that most watercourses in the SVAPD would be classified as “small watercourses”
- Additional clarification and detail for each classification type is needed moving forward
- Discussion of including slough in the oxbow category
- Discussion of Artificial Watercourse details
  - o Importance of noting the source of water (whether or not having a headwater source) to emphasize history and functions; also aims to capture potential for year-around flow

- Meant to capture ditches and channels dug into the floodplain
- Suggestion/ modification to “created” watercourses instead of “artificial”.
- Definition of “artificial watercourses” as described in the agricultural drainage assistance program (ADAP) was reviewed
  - Multiple Task Force members liked the ADAP definition and suggested use for the Buffer Task Force watercourse classification
  - Specific definition of artificial watercourses will be built on the ADAP definition will be drafted and brought to the Buffer Task Force
- Need to clarify that definitions and watercourse classifications used by the Buffer Task Force are solely meant for this processes and do not reflect other riparian buffer definitions, regulatory definitions, or watercourse typing efforts; classification and definition unique to the Buffer Task Force and related riparian buffer decision tool.
- Overall Task Force agreement of watercourse classification and revised definitions.

### **Glossary**

- Review of glossary and terms used by the Task Force and specific to this riparian buffer effort
- Need for additional clarification of Agricultural Production District; need to emphasize zoning or comprehensive planning designations.
- Further clarification of “alluvial” in reference to specific reaches identified by corridor planning and salmon recovery efforts.
- Further clarification needed for “riparian buffers”; specifically highlighting the spatial extent as well as clarifying riparian areas from riparian management zones and regulatory buffers.
- Need to add definitions for “hydroperiod”, “riparian” and, “riparian management zone”

### **Site Attributes for the Riparian Buffer Decision Tool**

- Highlighted that the list is meant to capture potential site attributes that influence riparian buffer sizes and characteristics
- Task Force revisions and clarification to site attributes were captured in the Consideration Feedback table; an updated table will be sent out prior to the next Task Force meeting.

### **Decision Flow Chart Exercise**

- After the attribute discussion the Task Force broke into 3 different groups to work through a flow chart exercise. Three watercourse types were used – large, medium and small.

### **Updated on Riparian Buffer Synthesis and Ag Tech Memo**

- The documents are going through final edit and will be available in a few week’s time.

### **Next Steps and Wrap up**

- Next meeting is Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Issaquah Library from 12-4
- The small Buffer Task Force workgroup will get together to work through the watercourse flow charts to bring to the June meeting for discussion.