

October 15-16, 2015

Maple Hall, 104 Commercial, La Conner, WA 98257

Time: Opening sessions will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by board discussion and then public comment. The board makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Public Comment: If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff. Please be sure to note on the card if you are speaking about a particular agenda topic. The chair will call you to the front at the appropriate time. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

You also may submit written comments to the board by mailing them to the RCO, Attn: Wendy Loosle, Board Liaison, at the address above or at wendy.loosle@rco.wa.gov.

Special Accommodations: If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please notify us at (360) 902-3086 or TDD (360) 902-1996.

Thursday, October 15

OPENING AND WELCOME

9:30 a.m. Call to Order

- Determine Quorum *Chair*
- Welcome
- Review and Approve Agenda (*Decision*) *Chair*
- Approve May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes (*Decision*)

MANAGEMENT AND PARTNER REPORTS

9:40 a.m. 1. Director's Report

- Director's Report *Kaleen Cottingham*
 - Final legislative budgets for 2017-2015 and Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Grant for 2015 and implications on future funding decisions
 - 2015-17 Agency Workplan
- Legislative, Budget, and Policy Updates *Wendy Brown*
- Performance Update (*written only*)
- Fiscal Report (*written only*)

10:00 a.m. 2. Salmon Recovery Management Report

- Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Report *Brian Abbott*
- Salmon Section Report *Tara Galuska*

10:20 a.m. 3. Reports from Partners

- Council of Regions Report *Jeff Breckel*
- Washington Salmon Coalition Report *Amy Hatch-Winecka*
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups *Colleen Thompson*
- Board Roundtable: Other Agency Updates *SRFB Agency Representatives*

10:40 a.m. General Public Comment: *Please limit comments to 3 minutes.*

10:45 a.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

- 11:00 a.m. 4. Monitoring Program Update and Decisions** *GSRO Staff*
Marnie Tyler, Monitoring Panel Chair
- Project Effectiveness Contract
 - Status and Trends / Fish In-Fish Out Contract
 - Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) Contracts
 - Monitoring Panel Contracts
 - Overview of Monitoring Proposals and IMW Treatments
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12:30 p.m. WORKING LUNCH (*Lunch will be provided to board members and staff*)

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS & DISCUSSIONS

12:45 p.m. 5. Board Strategic Plan Update and New Biennial Work Plan *Brian Abbott*

1:15 p.m. 6. Administrative and Policy Impacts from New Federal Omni-Circular Rules *Leslie Connelly*

2:00 p.m. 7. Washington Administrative Code Update *Leslie Connelly*

BOARD BUSINESS: DECISIONS

2:30 p.m. 8. Early Action Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Project Approval *Tara Galuska*

2:35 p.m. 9. Conversion Request: Holmes Property Boundary Adjustment *Kay Caromile*
(RCO Project #04-1680)

3:00 p.m. BREAK

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS & DISCUSSIONS

3:15 p.m. 10. Follow-Up on Expanding the Grant Program to Include Large Capital Projects for the 2017-19 Biennium *Brian Abbott*

3:35 p.m. 11. Overview of New Programs Assigned to the Recreation and Conservation Office *Tara Galuska*

4:05 p.m. 12. Overview of the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program and the Puget Sound Nearshore Estuary Restoration Program *Jay Krienitz, Theresa Mitchell*
And Jennifer Quan, WDFW
Jessie Winkler, Army Corps of Engineers

4:45 p.m. 13. Introduction to Skagit Delta Restoration Projects and North Sound Estuary Restoration Tour Overview *Elizabeth Butler and Marc Duboiski, RCO*
Steve Hinton, Skagit River Systems Cooperative
Belinda Rotton and Jenna Friebe, WDFW
Jenny Baker, The Nature Conservancy

- Wiley Slough Restoration, RCO #[05-1615](#)
- Wiley Slough Restoration Design, RCO #[02-1492](#)
- Skagit WRA Interpretive Center, RCO #[75-620](#)
- Skagit WRA Acquisition, RCO #[73-636](#)

5:30 p.m. BREAK (Travel to Restaurant)

6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with Puget Sound Leadership Council

- La Conner Seafood & Prime Rib House, 614 South First St., La Conner, WA 98257

Friday, October 16

TOUR OF PROJECTS – Joint tour with the Puget Sound Partnership’s Leadership Council

7:45 a.m. Meet in Hotel Lobby of the in Advance of the Tour (Map Point A)

- Since the tour is a one-way route, each board member will need their own transportation
 - Directions and tour agenda available for members of public and other interested parties
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8:00 a.m. Depart for Fir Island Farm Snow Goose Reserve

8:30 a.m. Fir Island Farm: Project Overview & Construction Update (Map Point B)

*Jenna Friebe and
Belinda Schuster, WDFW*

- Fir Island Farm Restoration Construction, RCO #[14-1022](#)
 - Fir Island Farm Restoration Final Design, RCO #[12-1205](#)
 - Fir Island Farm Restoration Feasibility Study, RCO #[09-1444](#)
 - Skagit Delta Wetlands, RCO #[92-629](#)
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9:20 a.m. Depart for Stillaguamish Tribe’s Natural Resources Building

- Restrooms available
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9:50 a.m. Overview of Stillaguamish Estuary and Port Susan Bay (Map Point C)

*Kit Crump, Stillaguamish
Lead Entity Coordinator
Jenny Baker and Kat Morgan,
The Nature Conservancy*

- Members of the public will need to submit liability release forms for The Nature Conservancy’s Port Susan Bay
 - Coffee and refreshments provided
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10:20 a.m. Carpool to The Nature Conservancy’s Port Susan Bay Preserve

10:40 a.m. Overview of the Port Susan Bay Preserve (Map Point D)

*Jenny Baker and Kat Morgan,
The Nature Conservancy*

- Port Susan Bay Estuary Restoration, RCO #[09-1410](#)
 - Port Susan Estuary Acquisition & Feasibility, RCO #[01-1338](#)
 - Port Susan Bay Estuary Restoration – ESRP, RCO #[11-1650](#)
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11:30 a.m. Return to pick up cars at Stillaguamish Natural Resources Building (Map Point C)

11:45 a.m. Depart for Tulalip Tribe’s Hibulb Cultural Center

12:10 p.m. Tulalip Tribe Hibulb Cultural Center: Working Lunch (Map Point E)

- Box lunches provided to board members and staff
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12:30 p.m. Tulalip Tribe Hibulb Cultural Center: Overview of Snohomish Estuary Restoration Projects and Qwuloolt Marsh
(Map Point E)

*Morgan Ruff and
Kurt Nelson, Tulalip Tribes*

1:00 p.m. Depart for Qwuloolt Site

1:15 p.m. Qwuloolt Marsh Restoration (Map Point F)

Kurt Nelson, Tulalip Tribes

- Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration, Construction Phase, RCO #[09-1277](#)
 - Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration, RCO #[10-1469](#)
 - Qwuloolt Restoration Design III, RCO #[07-1624](#)
 - Qwuloolt Restoration & Trail, RCO #[06-1604](#)
 - Qwuloolt Restoration Design II, RCO #[04-1587](#)
 - Qwuloolt Acquisition, RCO #[01-1290](#)
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2:15 p.m. END TOUR (*Early adjournment to avoid Friday rush hour traffic*)

Next regular meeting: December 9-10, 2015, Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA