

Lonnie Crumley, Lee Napier, Mike Kuttel, Brian Peck, Randy Lehr, Chad Stussy and John Kliem were present.

Strategy Update

The group intended to review the subbasin descriptions, restoration and protection actions, and rate by stocks. Brian suggested the group postpone development of the restoration and protection actions. He suggested the group develop standard language for each subbasin and then develop unique guidance language that may vary between subbasins. He distributed a document that showed how he would organize the work. The group agreed that the approach suggested by Brian seemed reasonable.

The group started to review the subbasin descriptions. They started with the Humptulips. Brian reviewed this chapter. He had no major comments. He liked the approach by Randy to describe, in the introduction, the primary, secondary, and tertiary subbasin for the South Bay chapter.

For Lake Creek Lonnie added comments related to sediment and fish passage, floodplain. He questioned the rating of good for channel stability. He would talk with Kelly Verd to verify, since she has walked the streams recently. For source of sediment unknown, he suggested removing this reference because road density seems to be the cause. He suggested adding language to the fish passage current conditions. They discussed combining channel stability with other limiting factors. They will make a final decision after further review of the remaining subbasins. He needs to confer with Kelly regarding current conditions for riparian, LWD, and water quality. He will check the condition/stage for the upper watershed.

Scatter Creek-Chad thought the write up looked good. He asked Chanele questions about the LWD. Were there specific reaches that needed LWD? Yes, there were some site specific areas in the lower reaches that she thought would be good candidates for riparian plantings and placement of LWD. Chad also asked about fencing. Were there site specific areas? Yes, there are patches in the lower reach and the mainstem. Chad asked if she had site specific areas to reconnect off-channel habitat. The LFA indicated there was a limited quantity. Chanele did suggest some site specific areas near Tilly Road and near SR 12. Some of the specifics were described in a Thurston Conservation District assessment. She recommended storage projects since multiple property owners are involved. Brian suggested the current conditions for water quantity, many be impacted by the Atlantic Salmon Hatchery. The group suggested that a water balance study be included as a recommendation. The impacts may not be contributed solely by the hatchery. Development may be an issue. He also suggested we note under riparian the presence of invasive species in the stream and then include an action to correct/address the problem. The other subbasins need language related to invasive and noxious weed conditions.

Skookumchuck River- Mike added several comments and corrections to the description points section. For riparian conditions, what are the causes? Chanele added agriculture primarily and forestry from the headwaters.

South Fork Chehalis- Lonnie added that there was historic splash damming throughout the watershed. Confinement of floodplain is due to geography. The riparian cover for the lower reaches is poor due to agriculture. The upper area is subject to Forest and Fish Agreement, so there is potential for late serial growth and recruitment. He added several comments to the current conditions section. Treat Lake Creek and Stillman as part of this subbasin.

Brian suggested during the edit to double check that the causes and symptoms are listed under the appropriate heading.

The group still needs to review the Hoquiam, Upper Chehalis, Wishkah River, Wynoochee, and Lincoln Creek area.

The group will meet again on May 12th from 9:30am until completing the agenda.