

February 20th STC Meeting Summary

Issues and Alternative Actions

The Committee reviewed individual issue papers. Comments: issue papers need to incorporate the work done on alternative actions (or ‘solutions’); authors need to be conscious of length as they are working on the issue papers but there will be a technical writer looking at them before they are finalized so there will be a chance to edit them and reduce the length; we could consider an executive summary of each issue paper; the watershed plan needs to reflect what we heard from citizens at the study area meetings on issues; the plan also needs to address issues raised by Partnership members.

Chehalis Basin Comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring Plan

A draft work plan for developing a comprehensive water quality monitoring plan for the Chehalis Basin was distributed.

Watershed Plan Outline

The committee reviewed proposed additions to the watershed plan outline. It agreed that the outline should be viewed as a useful starting point but it should not be viewed as final.

Other

The committee briefly reviewed the status of the request to the legislature to include an ‘opt out’ provision for those counties with a very small territory in a planning area; a handout on SEPA; follow-up meetings with basin stakeholders; provided comments to Kahle Jennings on watershed planning policy issues he should carry forward to Ecology managers at their March meeting; grant funding opportunities (EPA’s Regional Geographic Initiative). The committee finished the meeting by working on the agenda for the February 28th Chehalis Basin Partnership meeting and the agenda for the March 6th STC meeting.

March 6 STC meeting agenda:

- Logistics and plan development
- Newsletter for basin stakeholders
- RGI grant final review
- Detailed review of issue papers on In Stream Flow, TMDLs, and Water Quality Impairments