

Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood 2.0 Implementation Oversight Committee

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Friday, March 31, 2023

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Video Conference Call on King County Microsoft Teams Account

Committee Members Present (Y/N)					
* = denotes caucus co-chair					
Fish Caucus		Farm Caucus		Flood Caucus	
Cindy Spiry, Snoqualmie Tribe* <i>(proxy: Matt Baerwalde - Y)</i>	Y	Bobbi Lindemulder, farmer*	Y	Angela Donaldson, Fall City Community Association*	Y
Denise Krownbell, Snohomish Forum	N	Lauren Silver, Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance	Y	Lara Thomas, City of Duvall	N
Micah Wait, Wild Fish Conservancy	Y	Meredith Molli, Agriculture Commission	Y		
Daryl Williams, Tulalip Tribes <i>(proxy: Kurt Nelson - N)</i>	Y	Dave Glenn, Sno Valley Tilth	N		
Rick Shaffer, Snoqualmie Forum	Y	Liz Stockton, King Conservation District	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Gary Bahr, WSDA	Y	Kirk Lakey, WDFW	Y		
Josh Baldi, KC DNRP	N	Tom Buroker, WDOE <i>(proxy: Joe Burcar - N)</i>	Y		

I) Call to Order

FFF interim project manager Joan Lee of King County DNRP called this meeting to order at 9:02 am.

a) Why We Are Here

The farm caucus has asked the IOC to recommend adding the Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID) as a member of the IOC. This is being requested as a revision to the comp plan language recommendation letter to the King County Executive discussed at the March 8 IOC meeting.

b) Why This Request, and Why Now

Farm caucus co-chair Bobbi Lindemulder explained the WID is very important to their caucus, and has a well-established presence in the Valley, but has not had a representative in the FFF process since Cynthia Krass's departure. There was not sufficient time to address this topic at the March 8 meeting.

c) IOC Introductions

IOC members briefly introduced themselves.

II) Motion, Discussion, and Consensus

Two options of a draft letter were provided to IOC members prior to this meeting for their consideration. It has been noted that fish and farm caucus representation must remain equal per the June 2017 FFF agreement. Key differences and points of discussion between the letter options are whether to recommend:

- Option 1: Add a fish caucus member along with a new WID member, and if so, which entities to consider;
- Option 2: Reduce farm caucus representation to accommodate adding a WID member, and if so, which; and,
- If the WID should be a voting or non-voting (ex-officio) IOC member, which would in turn affect fish caucus representation.

Bobbi Lindemulder motioned to review these two draft options prior to submittal to the Executive. Lauren Silver seconded the motion.

After discussion, the IOC favored Option 1. Joan Lee asked for a motion to amend language for Option 1 in the letter to state "Request the Executive consider appointing a representative from the Watershed Improvement District (WID) as an official IOC advisory committee member." Bobbi Lindemulder made this motion, and Daryl Williams seconded it. There was no disagreement voiced from other IOC members.

Further IOC discussion agreed on requesting the Executive to appoint a new voting fish caucus representative by June 1, 2023 to allow the caucus time to recommend a candidate for the position. It was also agreed the WID should be invited to participate in the IOC prior to this date.

Lee suggested a motion to clean up language in the letter to reflect this consensus, with one bullet requesting the WID appointment and a second bullet requesting the new fish caucus appointment, both prior to June 1, 2023. Bobbi Lindemulder made the motion, with Lauren Silver seconding.

Further brief discussion cleaned up additional language in the letter. Upon this, the IOC reached consensus to authorize the three caucus co-chairs to sign this revised letter on behalf of the IOC.

III) Good of the Order

- Bobbi Lindemulder reported the agriculture strategic plan task force meets Monday. The plan draft is being finalized and should be out soon. Information is forthcoming on the IOC's role in the plan's review. The task force has discussed coordinating with the WRIA and other watershed groups to do a presentation, working with task force coordinator Patrice Barrentine. Barrentine is also reaching out to groups in the local agriculture community to arrange these presentations.
- Daryl Williams asked to set up a short fish caucus meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss its new representative. Cindy Spiry affirmed this and will send out a scheduling poll next week. Joan Lee will also relay this information to Josh Baldi.

IV) Adjourn

This meeting ended at 9:59 am.