

SFNR Watershed Group
Wednesday, 9/6/17, 7pm at MBSD offices

Present: Jim Abernathy, Dominic Mocerri, Jeff Margolis, Bill Baroch, John Stephens, Holly O'Neil, Teresa Sygitowicz, Kelly DeKriek, Elvin Kalsbeek, Erin Suda (note-taker)

7pm Welcome, Ground Rules & explanation of recent work by ad hoc group – Dominic
Jim asks for clarification around the ad hoc group and whether it is still under the auspices of the former Watershed Group. Discussion suggests that the current attendance represents the remnants of the Watershed Group and from this point forward there will be no distinction between the Ad hoc group and main Watershed Group. The full WG mailing list will continue to be kept informed and invited to all activities of the Watershed Group. This group sees itself as independent and moving forward based on what individuals have learned through the Watershed Group process to create education for our community on issues related to watershed regulation and health.

Dominic welcomes group and asks that we act respectfully towards each other.

Jeff invites everyone to enjoy refreshments that he provided.

Teresa asks if anyone has a definitive legal standing of the Nooksack Tribe Conservation Report – no one has that nor has much interest in pursuing. Holly gives report that the comment period for the Conservation Report is open through the end of September and the Tribe is still on task with its process.

7:20 Presentation of Water Fair Concept and discussion – Val

Val realized that she needed more information about what is going on in our watershed in order to address challenges to self-determination that are coming to our valley through the TDML and other types of government regulation. This is the main thrust of the Water Fair – to spark interest in and bring these issues out for our whole community to become more educated.

Discussion of Concept paper:

- **1. Welcome and why we are here** ~ Who will be our first speaker? Jeff suggests that we try to get a well known person like Jack Lous or a local like Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt who will be a draw to get people to attend.
- **2. Who's who and what's been happening** ~ This should be a local person who can give historical perspective on planning and infrastructure in the valley. Perhaps Ray Bakke or someone else from one of the old valley families. Also, Iain Smith can add current perspective and present on the Infographic of who's who.
- **3. What's Next** ~
- **4. Community Education Forums** ~ Val is willing to do overview. Ask Nooksack Tribe to present on water quantity and in-stream flow. Jeff is willing to talk on Recreation. Iain and Elvin will figure out the ag speaker. We need a forestry speaker – Tom Smith volunteered to do this earlier.
- **5. Small Group Discussion** ~ Keep this to just 10 minutes and create feedback form for interest in topics and volunteerism.

- **6. Establishing some type of ongoing Watershed Group** ~ Teresa is willing to introduce this part and the panel. Erin will contact BBWARM, Teresa will contact WID guy (Harry Bierlink), Iain will present on Subzone, Holly will look for speaker on some newer model. See revised Concept Paper for more details on event.

8:20 Set next meeting date and wrap up

We will meet again on Wednesday, September 27th to continue planning for a Nov. 1st event.