

Cowlitz County VSP Work Group Virtual GoToMeeting

December 22, 2020

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendees:

Lynn Simpson- Cowlitz Conservation District
Jan Wilson – Local Agriculture
Jesse Swofford – Local Agriculture
Steve West – Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Greta Holmstrom – Cowlitz County
Mark Taylor – Cowlitz County

Welcome and Introductions

VSP Work Group materials sent out: Mark Taylor emailed the following digital information prior to the meeting for the work group's review:

- December 8, 2020 VSP Work Group meeting summary notes
- December 22, 2020 Work Group meeting agenda

Cowlitz County VSP Five-Year Report to Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC):

- Five-Year Report – Greta Holmstrom walked the work group through the 5-Year report.
 - The report includes practices put on the ground by VSP participants that show how each goal and benchmark has been met.
 - Work group members suggested that they could contribute to future tracking of additional conservation projects contributing to watershed goals put on the ground by agencies and private landowners.
 - Five year report will be transmitted to the state for review.

Sub-Committees:

- The formation of sub-committees was discussed. One will be focused on water quality/quantity and habitat, one on physical safety (floodplains and geohazards), and one on agricultural viability. Work group members decided to meet virtually, via GoToMeeting, for one hour on a bi-weekly basis for the agricultural viability subcommittee. Other subcommittee meeting schedules to be decided.
- VSP Sub-Committees will report back to the entire VSP Work Group on a quarterly basis in the months of March, June, September, and December.

Next VSP Quarterly Meeting: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Next Agriculture Viability Sub-Committee Meeting: 4:00 to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Adjournment: 6:00 pm