

Fall 2022 Quarterly Meeting Friday, December 9 2022 - 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Red Cedar Hall, Blyn WA & Zoom

FINAL <u>DRAFT</u> MEETING NOTES AND NEXT STEPS

All meeting materials can be found here: https://www.straitern.org/meetings-events

Agenda Item	Discussions/Conclusions	Next Steps/Resources
Welcome and Introductions	Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour, Strait ERN Co-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting - both in the room and on zoom - and asked everyone to introduce themselves.	
Near Term Action project updates	Clallam County Stormwater Discharge to the Strait project - Carol Creasey (carol.creasey@clallamcountywa.gov) and Lara Kawal of Clallam County and Bethany Steadman of AHBL	A website is in development that will include the final Factsheet, report, and prioritization list of sites. Info will be sent out to Strait ERN members once this is complete.
	WSU Rural Stormwater Solutions project - Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, simmons@wsu.edu	Rural Stormwater Solutions Washington State University (wsu.edu)
	Engaging the Community in Strait Ecosystem Recovery - Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, simmons@wsu.edu	Download the Powerpoint Presentation HERE - Real Learning, Real Work
	Revegetating the Elwha - Allyce Miller, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Allyce.Miller@elwha.org	Download the Revegetating the Elwha Factsheet HERE Climate Action Toolkit
	Climate Action Planning for the North Olympic Peninsula and Climate Change Toolkit for local communities - Karen Affeld, NODC, karen@noprcd.org	Regional Climate Action Planning

Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities discussions

Stormwater, Shellfish and Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (SIL) proposed projects (submitted and upcoming):

- Five RFP applications from our Strait ERN region were submitted on December 6 for the Habitat SIL
- This opportunity provided funding for capacity and project readiness to be more positioned to apply for larger pots of federal funding coming down the pipe

WSU Extension/Sea Grant - secured funding for Emergency Green Crab outreach and training - series of trainings throughout Puget Sound and volunteer research. Developing an app through MyCoast for collecting data.

Ian Miller/Sea Grant discussed potential big increases to the NOAA Coastal Resilience and NFWF program funding. Keep in mind for partnerships and potential big projects for this region.

Funding coffee hours will resume in 2023

Reach out to Kara if you have questions about any of the SIL funding and/or projects that were submitted.

Emergency Green Crab training - April 2023 reach out to Bob Simmons, WSU Extension, simmons@wsu.edu

NFWF Funding
opportunities and due
dates

Stay tuned for calendar invites!

Closing thoughts/ announcements/events

Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration project

- Lots of exciting things happening!
- Removal of old dike is completed and construction of new levee is completed
- Section of Old Town Road has been removed, and rumor has it coho salmon have been spotted spawning here in the newly created return channel and by the second new log jam!
- This area is not officially open to the public, still construction work happening here. Public access is important for this area and will hopefully open in 2023
- WCC crew planting shrubs and trees in January 2023, possibly some volunteer planting opportunities

2023 Field trip ideas

- Ediz Hook restoration projects
- Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration project

DNR's Service Forestry Program:

- Gary Bell, DNR: Any questions on our Program, feel free to ping me at gary.bell@dnr.wa.gov
- You can check out more info at our Landowner Assistance Portal here:

https://www.dnr.wa.gov/LandownerAssistancePortal

DNR Natural Climate Solutions project:

 Shared by Cindy Jayne, Local 20/20, https://www.dnr.wa.gov/CarbonProject

Adjourn Meeting: 1:40pm

Next Meeting: February 2023 TBD - keep an eye out for calendar invite!