

Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

2/6/2020 at 10:00am

Via WebEx

Katie forgot to hit record.

Attendees: Jeff Dreier, Katie Buckley, Erin Morse, Paul Hosticka, Tim Hiatt, Richard Sakuma, Taylor Cotten, Dave Hunter, Alex Harwell, Eric Lee-Mader, Kevin Jensen, Colleen Miko

We started the meeting by going over the basic rules of editing as decided by the pesticides committee:

Basic rules of editing:

- Anyone and everyone can comment on any recommendation.
- If you are a responsible party listed under 'Responsible Entities' you must at least comment, and should be helping edit that recommendation, especially if it touches on something you (or your department) already do.
- All edits are tracked in Google Docs (it does this automatically).
- Anyone can add a recommendation (and it doesn't have to be complete.)
- Deleting any recommendations is a group decision.
- Recommendations DO NOT HAVE TO BE PERFECT! We are not going to vote on recommendations until August. Take advantage of the large group of experts that you are a part of and ask for help with the editing!

We then began editing. We were pretty happy with the rationale for this section.

1.1 and 1.2 Decided to combine these and aim more for a grant program plus the education and outreach components to help people convert lawns and other lands to pollinator habitat. Eric will take lead on editing this. Katie will email Alison Halpern to review once Eric is done editing.

1.3 Tim will take lead on editing for this one. Already changed title from schools to all state funded building and remodeling projects. The rest of the edits will reflect this.

1.4 Eric will do a deep read on the bill from 1.12 (SB 5947) and likely combine 1.4 and 1.12, basically using 1.4 to fill in some gaps in 1.12.

1.5 Washington State is a leader in salmon recovery efforts. Colleen Miko and Fish and Wildlife will take lead on editing this one to take advantage of low hanging fruit like adding a pollinator component to NPDES permits and providing pollinator friendly aquatic and semi-aquatic plants to restoration groups. If anyone can think of more cooperators for this one, add them to the list. The DOE is planning to revise their permits in 2024, so we have until 2022 to give feedback on the process. Katie will reach out to the DOE and see if we can get someone to review this recommendation.

1.6 This one may have a tie in to 1.12 too. For now we will leave it stand alone, but it may end up as part of 1.12. Katie will take lead on editing, and will try to find a rangeland expert to advise us.

1.7 Washington already does some of this. WSDOT people will take lead on editing to reflect Washington's current practices and basically ask for more funding for what they already do. They may

also ask around about increasing regulation by WSDOT of county roadside management and if that is something they want to do or not.

1.8 Lots of discussion about this one, with fair amount of disagreement. Couldn't really decide on anything this meeting, so will be tabled for later.

1.9 We really need a DNR representative for this one. Also we ran out of meeting time. The rest to be continued in our next meeting.

Katie will set up the next meeting (probably for after the February task force meeting), with potentially one more after that before the Habitat task force meeting. Katie will also write up meeting minutes (again, sorry for the lack of recording.)