

INVENTORY OF WASHINGTON CRM/CWMA GROUPS

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GROUP NAME: Stillaguamish Watershed CWMA

YEAR FORMED: 2004, 2006 everyone signed off on paperwork

REGION: WRIA #5 Stillaguamish Basin

COUNTIES: Snohomish, Skagit

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Salmon Enhancement Task Force is acting as the lead
entity, setting up meetings, writing minutes, establishing
work areas and work plans.

SIZE (Acres): WRIA 5, the Stillaguamish Basin. 684 square miles comprised of 273 river miles.

LANDOWNERS: Currently 178 signed agreements with landowners in WRIA 5. Well over half (110) own property within the riparian zone of the main channels.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS, STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS:

USFS, Snohomish County Surface Water Management, Weed Boards of Snohomish and Skagit Counties, Snohomish Conservation District, DNR, USFS, Stillaguamish and Snohomish Salmon Enhancement Task Force.

NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES: Knotweed is the focus. There are very few other noxious weeds along the reaches of the river that have been worked. The salmon recovery effort is a focus of the knotweed control effort. Research has shown the threat and the SRFB seems to have taken notice.

STATUS OF PLAN (Please underline your choices):

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| No plan | Help needed | <u>In Process</u> | Not Written |
| Written | <u>Implemented and functioning</u> | | Completed |

Has a nonbinding agreement with all members to control knotweed and cooperate with other members efforts. They follow IPM guidelines that were established with the DOE survey and the resulting management plan. The management plan for the Weed Board was in place before the CWMA was formed. The CWMA grew out of an initial knotweed survey funded by DOE in 2003 and 2004.

CWMA STATUS: (Please underline or circle your choices).

Brand new group, potential new group, or resurrected group.
Mission accomplished and disbanded.

Unable to overcome obstacles, disbanded.

Reason?

Plans to regroup?

Self-sufficient and functioning for foreseeable future.

Some need for assistance, or resources need as indicated below.

Moderate need for assistance, as indicated below.

Immediate or major need for assistance or additional resources.

ASSISTANCE OR RESOURCES NEEDED:

Implementation Needs:

- Need funding, and flexibility to use the funds as necessary – July 1 deadline and Oct 1 deadlines are bad timing for field work. USFS grants are more flexible with time lines. SRFB funding seems to be the current focus of funding since it has been shown to be salmon threat. WSDA funding should be for two years at a time.
- Need good late summer and fall crews. All college kids back at school and there is still one month of control work left to do.
- If Sonny had guaranteed funding of \$75-100,000/yr, they could manage it and spend it. The limiting factor becomes staff to run and supervise these crews. And the weed board needs to work on plants other than knotweeds.
- the Stilly-Snohomish Task Force has some of the same limitations. They work with volunteers, but not for spray control of knotweed.

Facilitation Needs:

Technical Needs:

Administrative Needs:

Help to Develop or Produce a Written Plan:

2008 MEETINGS: February, November or December.

COMMENTS:

USFS, Laura Potash-Martin got initial Forest Service funding to start this. This funding has been ongoing. WSDA and DOE have funded the project through grants, with WSDA funding being provided each year.

Stillaguamish and Snohomish Salmon Enhancement Task Force are the acting lead entity, setting up meeting, minutes.

There is no true leadership structure, this CWMA is run by committee and consensus. The Snohomish Weed Board is not the lead due to enforcement possibilities later on.

Partners are working separately to get grants, then going ahead with the control projects.

Question at next meeting – should we just work on the parts we get grants for individually, or continue to tackle as a group. Answer.... Depends on the grants, some are tailored to non-profits, other to the Weed Board. However, a decision to apply for a SRFB grant with the Conservation District as an administrator was made at the February meeting.

We work well as a task force – those that are participating.

The task force (Stillaguamish and Snohomish Salmon Enhancement Task Force) is more of a restoration group with a knotweed control component for three sub-basins, tributaries. The weed board is still doing upstream, mainstem control. The task force is taking on those tributaries.

Would like more active players, ie. DNR.