

Meeting details

9/28/2023 8:00 – 9:00 via MS Teams

Attendees: Rebecca Rising, Jenn Johnson, Jeff McGowan, Emily Derenne, Mikala Staples Hughes, Shannon Rupert, Nathan White, Terry Sapp, Emmett Wild, Maggie Taylor, Bill Dewey, Brian Lipscomb

Meeting Summary:

Cost share rate approval:

After some explanation and discussion, the group approved the cost share rate of 100%. There were some questions about whether landowners might be less invested in the projects if they do not pay. This was balanced with the assertion that landowners are more likely to participate if they do not have to pay.

Project review in greater detail, and approval:

Nathan White (Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group) illustrated that the hand weed removal work at Dorsey is very labor intensive and not as cost effective as herbicide (herbicide is not effective on ivy). The group approved to go ahead with the project, and no group members were opposed.

Emily Derenne (Skagit Co Natural Resources Stewardship Program) explained that the restoration work at Lewis is only planned on one side of the creek since that is the parcel line break. The group had already approved this project.

Emily then explained the Dorsey project. Group members discussed this project at greater length, having significant concerns about any restoration work being ineffectual in stopping erosion. Ultimately, the group approved the project, with one member opposing.

Other Notes:

A couple of times during the meeting it was brought up that the dollar amounts shown on the presentation slides are approximations since the detailed work of project planning and arriving at an accurate project estimate is done after project approval. At the end of the meeting, Jenn Johnson noted that in the past, 25% for technical assistance (TA) has been added onto these figures and that this would likely happen with these projects as well.

Also at the end of the meeting, we decided that we would meet once per month unless it is deemed unnecessary in a given month, recognizing that not all members need to be at every meeting.