

Bainbridge Island Watershed Council Minutes

September meeting (slightly rescheduled) September 28, 2011
7pm, Marge Williams Center

Attending: Diane Landry, Gerlind Jenkner, Chiara Dangelo Patricio, Deb Rudnick

Discussion topics (*action items are italicized*):

1) Visitor introduction. Chiara introduced herself as a Bainbridge HS student and member of the Earth Service Corps at the HS. She is very interested in ocean issues and water quality and is looking for active service opportunities. She also said Earth Service Corps is very interested in doing hands-on activities. *Deb will connect Chiara with Cami Apfelbeck at the city for water quality monitoring opportunities and with Rose Defawe, Watershed Council member, for stormwater education opportunities.*

2) Fall salmon monitoring and salmon data status and plans. The first salmon of 2011 was seen! Strangely enough, it was a Chinook at the mouth of Ravine Creek, which enters Eagle Harbor just south of Winslow Way and west of 305. City staff planner Ryan Ericson took pictures - one is posted on the Watershed Council website. Salmon monitoring is just gearing up, with baseline assessments underway the next couple of weeks and weekly monitoring thereafter on Woodward Creek, Manzanita Creek, Springridge Creek, and Cooper Creek (where we may possibly have our first returns from the supplementation program!). *Deb to get Gerlind signed on with team Woodward as an alternate/extra.*

3) KEEP-ECONet update. No one is currently regularly participating from our group with this umbrella group of Kitsap County environmental educators. We noted that the timing is tough given that these are daytime meetings that don't fit our schedules. John Williams, the underwater videographer and ECONet member, is trying to start interest in widening the membership, possibly finding more convenient times to meet.

4) Status of BI beach seining. The Suquamish Tribe moved funding from this program and it is no longer running, though some sporadic events may occur. We discussed writing a letter of support to the tribe stressing how important long-term monitoring of this type is and encouraging them to reconsider/reinstitute these efforts. *Deb will draft a letter and circulate.*

5) COBI water resources needs. Cami needs an additional monthly water quality monitoring volunteer- *As per above, Deb will connect Chiara with Cami as a potential volunteer.*

6) Rain garden at Ordway. Deb is on the gardening committee of the PTO at Ordway and is currently exploring a possible rain garden project at Ordway. *Deb will be meeting with WSU master gardeners in the next couple of weeks to discuss the opportunity.*

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2011, 7pm, Marge Williams Center.