

Regulatory Task Force Progress on Priority Issues

Done, Can be currently implemented

Priority Topic	Outcomes and Status
Clarify when artificial ditches need permit Bypass requirements for small waterways Defishing requirements and methods Advance Mitigation Multi-year permitting HPA Ability to redo maintenance in future	Determined allowable actions, drafted memo, awaiting review and approval by DLS-PD. Once reviewed, findings will be included in informational bulletin <i>Farm Practices Illustrated</i>
Turbidity standard – when and where measured	In ADAP BMP's Dept. of Ecology staff will discuss with RTF

Comprehensive Drainage Program

Priority Topic	Parties Involved	KC Code Change Required ¹
Alluvial Fan Maintenance*	WLRD, SWS, DLS-PD	Yes
Beaver management*	WLRD, DLS-PD, DNR	Yes
Maintenance of larger waterways	WLRD, DLS-PD, WDFW	Yes
Replacing failing flap/flood gates	WLRD, DLS-Roads	Maybe
New drain tiles	WID, WLRD,	No

Ongoing Policy Discussions

Priority Topic	Parties Involved	Comments
ESA Take Coverage	WLRD, NOAA	Safe Harbor ²
Off-site mitigation	WLRD, Sno WID, DLS-PD, WDFW	Sub-Basin Planning ³
Cultural resources review requirements	DNR, KC Exec. Off., Tribes	Educational brief
Additional flexibility in zero rise	DLS-PD, RFPM	Unlikely to occur ⁴
Evaluation of tree planting on zero rise	DLS-PD, RFPM	2D HEC-RAS Modeling
Program to assist with non-fill options	DLS-PD, RFPM, WLRD	Needs to be scoped

*Parallel Initiatives (Address FFF Priority Topics, Will Require RTF/IOC Comments)

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Alluvial Fan Maintenance	WLRD, DLS-PD	Ordinance required report Fall 2020
Beaver management	DNR, DLS	Beaver Working Group

Value Added Outcomes (from the RTF, not in the scope of work)

Topic	Parties Involved	Comments
Drainage Specific Farm Plan	KCD, WLRD, KC Exec, DLS-PD	Public Rule update
ADAP Implementation Monitoring	WLRD, DFW, Tribes	
ADAP Improved Fish Handling	WLRD, DFW, Tribes	
ADAP Assigned Environmental Scientist	WLRD	

Desired IOC Actions

Topic	Action (in transmittal to Exec Office)
Comprehensive Drainage	Recommend changes to Critical Areas, Clearing & Grading code
2D HEC RAS Modeling	Request resources for study
Sub-basin Planning	Endorse approach, request DLS-PD engagement
Parallel Initiatives	Review reports and provide comments to DLS-PD

¹ Specific code sections requiring change will be examined at the December 10, 2019 Regulatory Task Force

² A Safe Harbor agreement: BMPs + Farm Plans + Conservation Action = Enhancement of Survival incidental take permit

³ A systematic approach to addressing drainage issues with a catchment including providing resource scaled mitigation

⁴ Given the recent FEMA audit findings the likelihood of changing the Zero Rise requirements is low