

Kitsap County Natural Resources Asset Management Program (KNRAMP)

Advisory Group Workshop Summary

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Attendees: Steve Todd (Suquamish Tribe), Chloe Donaldson (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe), Marla Powers (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe), Bruce Weiskotten (Skokomish Tribe), Lisa Belleveau (Skokomish Tribe), Brittany Gordon (Kitsap County), Jim Rogers (Kitsap County), Douglas Adams (Kitsap County), Irene Weber (Kitsap County), Jonathan Raine (Kitsap County), Jessica Smith (Kitsap County), Shawn Alire (Kitsap County), Mindy Roberts (WA Conservation Action Education Fund), Robinson Low (WA Conservation Action Education Fund), Dana Stefan (Ross Strategic), Casey Hart (Ross Strategic), Elizabeth McManus (Ross Strategic).

Next Steps

- **KNRAMP New Geographies and Scenarios**
 - The Advisory Group will discuss implementation actions/strategies for the selected scenarios at the November meeting.
 - The Advisory Group will share input on the preservation areas in Kinman and Curley Creek, to be shared after the workshop (**preservation areas available at this [link](#)**).
- **Cross-Jurisdictional Workshop**
 - A preparation call will be scheduled to discuss the run of show (*done*).
 - Tribal staff will share verbal remarks during the workshop after Brittany's KNRAMP overview.
- **State of the Assets Report Outline**
 - The Advisory Group will provide feedback on the outline, including specific findings to be highlighted across the County (**outline available at this [link](#)**).

Introduction, Workshop Objectives, and Approach

Casey Hart (Ross Strategic) welcomed the Core Team, reviewed the agenda items, and framed the desired outcomes of the meeting. The meeting's goal was to identify high priority scenarios in new geographies to focus on this year and preview the draft outline of the State of Assets report.

KNRAMP County-Wide Geographies: Actions and Scenarios

This session focused on identifying high-priority stream, shoreline, and forest restoration scenarios in two new geographies, Curley Creek and Kinman Creek, to advance toward higher Levels of Service (LOS). This step will help determine the starting point of how to move forward and it does not set aside or remove any strategy from further consideration in the future or from work if, for example, a good opportunity comes along. The Advisory Group identified the below scenarios to start implementing:

Curley Creek – Selected Scenarios:

- **Scenario 1 (Shorelines):** Prioritize armor removal in MU_188 and MU_190 as the central objective, recognizing revegetation will accompany removal.
- **Scenario 6: Combination Scenario (Streams):** Improve riparian cover along Salmonberry Creek and remove fish passage barriers. Adjust this scenario by addressing more fish passage barriers.
- **Scenario 9: Combination Scenario (Forests):** Focus efforts around Salmonberry Creek by improving forest cover to 75% and mature forest to 25%.

Additional scenarios considered by the Advisory Group but not selected for immediate implementation are listed below. These scenarios can still be considered in the future for implementation:

- Scenario 2 (Shorelines): Improve shoreline vegetation to 82% in MU_188 and to 83% in MU_190
- Scenario 3: Combination scenario (Shorelines): Reduce armoring to 50% in MU_188 and MU_190, and improve shoreline vegetation to 55% in both MUs
- Scenario 4 (Streams): Improve riparian cover along Salmonberry Creek across four management units
- Scenario 5 (Streams): Remove full blockage fish passage barriers in Salmonberry Creek
- Scenario 7 (Forest): Improve mature forest cover to 25% in all MUs near Salmonberry Creek to improve cool groundwater reaching the stream.
- Scenario 8 (Forest): Improve forest cover to 75% in all MUs currently below desired level of service

Kinman Creek – Selected Scenarios:

- **Scenario 1 (Shorelines):** Decrease shoreline armoring percent from 47% to 25% from MU_69, recognizing revegetation will accompany removal.
- **Scenario 4 (Streams):** Remove all full blockage fish passage barriers across six management units
- **Scenario 9 Combination Scenario (Forests):** Focus efforts on F_339 and F_346 to improve forest cover to 85% and mature forest to 25%.

Additional scenarios considered by the Advisory Group but not selected for immediate implementation are listed below. These scenarios can still be considered in the future for implementation:

- Scenario 2 (Shorelines): Improve shoreline vegetation from 40% to 55% through planting in MU_69
- Scenario 3 (Shorelines): Combination of Scenario: Improve shoreline vegetation in MU_69 from 40% to 48% and reduce shoreline armoring from 47% to 35%
- Scenario 5 (Streams): PIC Program to improve water quality in Kinman Creek (five management units)
- Scenario 6 (Streams): Combination Scenario: Remove 5 full blockage fish passage barriers across 3 MUs and conduct a PIC program to improve water quality
- Scenario 7 (Forests): Improve forest cover to 85% in all Management Units
- Scenario 8 (Forests): Improve matures forest to 25% in all Management Units

Key considerations shared by the Advisory Group that informed the scenario selection include:

- **Multi-benefit prioritization:** Actions that deliver multiple ecosystem gains (e.g., fish passage, riparian function, armor removal, natural recovery) were of key interest.
- **Ambitious targets with phased implementation:** Armor removal is a key ecological objective but can be complex (private parcels, permitting, cost). The team supports ambitious goals while

allowing phased implementation where needed, including leveraging ongoing programs (e.g., fish passage barrier removal, community conservation) to accelerate progress.

- **Fish passage barrier removals** can produce immediate habitat benefits.
- **Forest strategy near water:** Protecting and maintaining mature/older forests, especially in riparian/floodplain areas, is important for hydrologic and habitat benefits; where cover is low, increase native forest cover and let stands age.
- **Native vegetation emphasis:** When vegetation is part of the goal, native species are preferred; the team noted that shoreline vegetation often follows armor removal as systems recover.
- **Climate and water considerations:** Scenarios should build climate resilience, protect water quality/quantity, and expand access to habitats in ways that address current and future stressors.
- **PIC programs:** The group did not favor a PIC-driven water-quality scenario as a primary pathway.

KNRAMP State of Assets Report

The Advisory Group reviewed an outline of the first KNRAMP State of the Assets Report. The Report will act as a communication tool with a goal to support annual planning processes and align efforts across jurisdictions. It will internally and externally raise awareness of areas KNRAMP wants to protect and restore, as well as help identify what actions are feasible. The report will be paired with a story map and a shorter factsheet for the general public may also be developed. The team shared some ways that they could use the report:

- **Informing annual planning processes:** Using the report to inform annual planning processes, identify cost-effective improvements (e.g., stormwater/transportation), and communicate priorities across departments and partners.
- **Accessing funding for KNRAMP selected areas:** The report will be helpful to seek and achieve grant funding, especially as it will have both Tribal and County support and momentum.
- **Accountability & tracking:** The report will help keep Kitsap County accountable in progressing related ecosystem work. The County will look at Cartegraph annually, identify changes, and guide next-year actions.

Updates from Partners

Advisory Group members provided updates on recent work including:

Suquamish Tribe:

- Directing funding to developing and implementing a fish passage prioritization tool that would apply to East Kitsap watersheds. They are working with Kitsap County on GIS analysis and the work will start this fall and be complete in Spring 2027.
- Completion of a revegetation project at the mouth of Chico Creek.
- Purchasing a property that involved shoreline armor removal and upland revegetation.
- Working with Shore Friendly Kitsap on the design process of removing shoreline armor at Point Bollan and Liberty Bay with Shore Friendly Kitsap.

- Launching Clear Creek main stem restoration designs that involves revegetation and working with the Great Pacific Conservancy. Similarly, they are working with the City of Bremerton on improving stream and riparian habitat for Gorst Creek.
- Working with Kitsap County on a floodplain assessment that will help inform future floodplain protection.
- Working with Western Washington University on a riparian assessment.

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe:

- The Tribe is composing a plan for a multi-year Port Gamble Bay restoration project to utilize the space as both a cultural recreation and natural space. Funding will be allocated at the end of the year.
- The Tribe is working with a different county on culvert fish passage barrier removal. They are finishing some surveys and will hopefully begin construction in the next year or two.

Skokomish Tribe:

- The Skokomish Tribe is not in Kitsap County’s UNA but their UNA is the Hood Canal watershed.
- Hope Mason and Jefferson counties can follow a similar approach to KNRAMP in the future to promote coast stewardship.
- Fisheries and shorelines are primary interests to the Tribe but they are also loggers with a Forestry Management Plan, so they are interested in having conversations of ecological forestry models. Forest health dialogue is important as it has implications on biocultural resources.

Kitsap County:

- Working on a project with WSDOT that involves providing sea-level rise information and getting ready to talk to businesses that will be affected by sea level rise in next 25-75 years. WSDOT takes storm level flooding seriously.
- Updating stream and wetland data layers, including adding old delineated wetlands data.
- Updating asset management system assets, which involves looking at best management practices for managing and planting tree cover. The County will look at condition management and are implementing a scenario builder for a Cartegraph benefit analysis.