Voluntary Stewardship Program
Joint Technical Panel & Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, November 30, 2018
8:00 am – 10:30 am

Facilitator – Bill Eller, VSP Coordinator, WSCC

Attendees in Lacey: Lauren Driscoll, Kelly McLain, Keith Folkerts, John Stuhlmiller, Walt Edelen, Seth Flanders, Lindsay Chutas, Andy Duanu, Ron Shultz.

Webinar: Kelly McLain, Commissioner Wes McCart, Commissioner Ron Wesen, Brandon Roozen, Renee Hadley, Scott Kuhta

8:00 am: Opening Comments, Introductions, Session Objective & Agenda

8:05 am: VSP Program update (if any) – Bill Eller, Ron Shultz, WSCC
None given.

8:15 am: SAC VSP update and issues
- VSP regional meetings Dec 4 & 11
- VSP & New Agriculture – draft legislation in works
- VSP & 2 year / 5 year reports – draft WAC chapter
- Next joint meeting
  - January 4
    - Agenda would include
      - Review of VSP regional meetings
      - VSP & New Agriculture – draft legislation
      - VSP & 2 year / 5 year reports – draft WAC chapter
      - Quarterly report revisions

Bill Eller addresses these agenda items. The VSP regional meetings are coming up on December 4 in Chehalis and December 11 in Moses Lake. We have lined up San Juan County and Pacific County for Dec 4, and Stevens County, Garfield County and Whatcom County (CD staff from Whatcom to talk about VSP outreach efforts) for December 11th.

No new developments in the VSP and New Agriculture draft legislation or the VSP 2 year and 5 year report draft WAC chapter.
Ron Shultz says that he hopes that a draft of the VSP and New Agriculture legislation is available within a week. When a draft is available, it will go out to the VSP Technical Panel and Statewide Advisory Committee for review and will get placed on the next upcoming joint meeting agenda for discussion.

[General discussion about both of those topics]

John Stuhlmiller says that since the first 2 year and 5 year reports are coming due for the first time, the draft WAC chapter that addresses the policy and procedure surrounding that should accommodate this abbreviated implementation period.

Bill Eller says the current draft hasn’t addressed that point, but we can add that once it is ready for release for further review and discussion.

[General discussion about the next joint Technical Panel and Statewide Advisory Committee meeting. Agreement for January 4, 2019, at the Farm Bureau offices, from 8 am - 11 am. Bill Eller will send out a meeting notice and put notices on the VSP web page]

8:30 am: Continue formal review of the Spokane County work plan and take a vote if needed.

Bill Eller introduced this topic. Review where we are. Submitted October 1, 2018. Have until December 30, 2018 to finish the Technical Panel review. This is the second review meeting we’ve been able to have. First was October 26, 2018. Since then the agencies finished their comments, provided them to me, I put them into the agency comment spreadsheet, provided that to the work group. The work group took the comments during the October 26th meeting and the written comments from the Technical Panel and had a work group meeting and made edits to the work plan and supporting documents. We provided those to you a few days ago. That brings us to now, the second review meeting on this work plan.

Bill Eller polls each Technical Panel member for resolution of outstanding issues with the Spokane County VSP work plan. Neither Kelly McLain, Lauren Driscoll, nor Brian Cochrane have any further issues with the plan. Keith Folkerts brings up the error rates with just four sampling sites listed in the plan in Appendix G. It was agreed that Spokane County would change that language in the plan so that a specific number
wasn’t identified and that the County would consult with the Technical Panel for numbers that will provide sufficient data to establish the error rate.

Formal vote on approval of Spokane County VSP work plan by Technical Panel. Unanimous approval of work plan.

9:30 am: Adjourn