



Islands Trust

**Salt Spring Island
Watershed Protection Authority
Regular Meeting Draft Agenda**

Date of Meeting: Friday November 27, 2015 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: 112 Rainbow Road, School District 64 boardroom portable

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. MINUTES

- 3.1** Draft Minutes of the November 27, 2015 SSI Watershed Protection Authority Regular Meeting – **for approval**

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 4.1** Chair's report (5)
- 4.2** St. Mary Lake water quality update – NSSWD Board Representative
- 4.3** Coordinator's report – *attached*
- 4.4** Technical Working Group report – TWG Representative (Don Hodgins)
- 4.5** Steering – Technical Working Group Communications – **for discussion** (Don Hodgins, Coordinator)
- 4.6** Workplan April 1, 2016- Mar 31, 2017 – **finalize** (*attached*)
- 4.7** Proposed Survey Cusheon and St. Mary Wsheds – **for review** (*attached*)
- 4.8** SSIWPA Outreach Events
- 4.8.1** Water Fair Sunday March 13 11am – 3pm @ GISS – *attached* (note also: Saturday Mar 12 Rainwater Home Tour)
- 4.8.2** February 24 and 27 – booth at Artspring staffing request (*attached*)
- 4.8.3** Alternative to Annual Open House – Discussion (Coordinator)

Suggestions: Year-In-Review Special Newsletter (published to web, on Exchange) and thank-you lunch for SSIWPA volunteers/members on all committees

4.9 Correspondence

4.9.1 Capacity-building workshop (*attached*)

4.10 Meetings for 2016

Steering Committee

Fridays:

January 22, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ SD64
February 19, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ SD64
March 18, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ SD64
April 22, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ – TBA
May 20, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ SD64
June 17, 2016 10:30 am - 12:30 pm – @ SD64
July 15, 2016 10:30am – 12:30 pm
August 19, 2016 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
September 23, 2016 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
October 21, 2016 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
November 18, 2016 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Technical Working Group

Mondays:

February 15, 2016 1:00 - 3:00 pm - @ SD64
May 9, 2016 1:00-3:00 pm - @ SD64
Sept 12, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 pm - @ TBA
November 14, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 pm - @ TBA

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Questions and Comments from Public

6 CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

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7 OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

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Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

- Date of Meeting:** Friday, November 27, 2015
Location: 112 Rainbow Road, School District 64 boardroom portable
Salt Spring Island
- Members Present:** George Grams, Chair, Islands Trust Local Trustee
Shannon Cowan, Coordinator
Dale Green, Capital Regional District, Integrated Watershed (via web conferencing)
Lorrie Hunt, Fernwood Water District Commissioner
Darryl Martin, Capital Regional District (CRD) Alternate Director
Jeff Thompson, North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) Trustee
- Members Regrets:** Craig Nowakowski, Vancouver Island Health Authority
- Staff Present:** Stefan Cermak, Regional Planning Manager (RPM)
Sarah Shugar, Recorder
- Technical Working Group Liaison:** Don Hodgins, Chair, SSIWPA Technical Working Group
- Media and Others Present:** Pat Lapcevic, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources
3 members of the public

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additional items were presented for consideration:

- Item 4.5.6 Aeration Memo from TWG Acting Chair Hodgins to Steering Committee
- Item 4.8.4 Action List Update from October 23, 2015 SSIWPA meeting
- Item 4.9.6 Invitation to Cusheon Watershed – PAC
- Item 4.11.6 Letter from M. Squires and D. Bodaly re: Request for funding for a portion of the sampling and analysis program in Cusheon –Blackburn watershed
- Item 4.11.7 Letter from member of the public

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes of the October 23, 2015 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Regular Meeting

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Minutes of October 23, 2015 were adopted.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Chair's Report

Chair Grams reported that he will be presenting "SSIWPA - A Year In Review" at the Open House event. He presented the new SSIWPA website and highlighted the new document library.

4.2 St. Mary Lake Water Quality Update – North Salt Spring Waterworks District

Jeff Thompson reported that recent rain has raised the level of St. Mary Lake to 40.29 metres, which is less than halfway to full capacity and the water quality is in good condition.

4.3 Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Cowan presented the Coordinator's Report for October 16, 2015 to November 20, 2015. She highlighted that she has started to action the action items in the SML IWMP; including a survey for Cusheon Lake Watershed and St. Mary Lake Watershed. The first survey information will be received in the first quarter of 2016 to enable SSIWPA to apply for grants for actions such as signage, riparian restoration and biodiversity management actions. There is an Islands Trust initiative within the Trust Programs Committee to be able to apply some of their resources to water conservation in terms of public education in 2016.

Lorrie Hunt reported the Salt Spring Island Water Council has been approved to receive the gaming grant and will provide funds to the 2016 Water Fair.

4.4 Technical Working Group Report

Don Hodgins presented Technical Working Group (TWG) progress and the following highlights were presented:

- SML monitoring:
 - P-runoff measurements have resumed, three rounds are complete and the first flush measured for TP and SRP, and flow rate;
 - Rainfall – a sampler has been constructed, three rounds have been completed, TP and SRP. Recent research shows that the P levels are quite high, will have several samples by late December;
 - Trend analysis – P and algal abundance, determine criteria for change direction. How much change to see if intervention results in a real reduction in P;
 - Lisa Rodgers has completed thesis and final estimates of P-runoff from MAPSHED are to be incorporated into the final report.

4.5 Technical Working Group Correspondence

4.5.1 Deferral of St. Mary Lake biweekly in-lake “extra” data collection action to 2016

The Draft Memo from the Technical Working Group to the Steering Committee regarding deferral of the SML IWMP Action #3 to commence in fall of 2016 instead of fall 2015 was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority referred the St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Action Plan to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

4.5.2 Technical Working Group publication protocol

A memorandum regarding the Technical Working Group Publication Protocol was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority endorsed the Technical Working Group publication protocol.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority directed Coordinator Cowan to incorporate the Technical Working Group publication protocol into the Technical Working Group Terms of Reference.

4.5.3 Report: “Runoff at St. Mary Lake 2014-15” by D.O. Hodgins (approved by TWG)

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority endorsed the “Runoff at St. Mary Lake 2014-15” report.

4.5.4 Report: “Water Balance in St. Mary Lake watershed” by D.O. Hodgins (approved by TWG)

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority endorsed the “Water Balance in St. Mary Lake Watershed” report.

4.5.5 Report: “SSI Drought analysis” by D. O. Hodgins (Draft, pending approval by TWG, forwarded as it may assist with Steering focus on island-wide supply issues).

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority referred the Salt Spring Island Drought Analysis report to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

4.5.6 Aeration Memo from TWG Acting Chair Hodgins to Steering Committee

A memorandum regarding aeration as a method to reduce phosphorus in lakes was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to refer the memorandum regarding a formal study of aeration as a method to reduce phosphorus in lakes back to the Technical Working Group to carry out.

4.6 Open House Agenda

Coordinator Cowan presented an overview of the Open House Agenda.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed the 2016 budget will be presented at the Open House.

4.7 Elk and Beaver Lakes Forum report by coordinator (Oct 29)

Coordinator Cowan presented the “A Tale of Two lakes: Can aging lakes be rejuvenated?” report.

Dale Green reported the CRD is moving forward to hire a half time coordinator for Elk and Beaver Lakes and if approved, the position will be posted in April 2016.

4.8 SSIWPA Project Organization

4.8.1 Workplan April 1, 2015 to March 21, 2016

Coordinator Cowan presented the SSIWPA Work Plan II for April 1, 2015 to March 21, 2016 for information.

4.8.2 SML IWMP Implementation Workplan – update for information

Coordinator Cowan presented the SSIWPA SML IWMP Implementation Work Plan 2015-2016 for information.

4.8.3 Workplan 4/2016-3/2017 – draft for discussion

Coordinator Cowan presented the SSIWPA Work Plan for April 1, 2016 to March 21, 2017 for information.

ACTION: Please forward feedback to S. Cowan prior to the next meeting.

4.8.4 Action List Update from October 23, 2015 SSIWPA meeting

The Action List Update from the October 23, 2015 SSIWPA meeting was presented.

It was noted to add the following item: to request Capital Regional Director McIntyre to contact the Capital Regional Building Inspection office regarding a pollution barrier requirement for development in Riparian Areas.

4.9 Cusheon Watershed Issues

4.9.1 Establishment of a Cusheon Public Advisory Committee CW-PAC

Coordinator Cowan provided an update regarding the establishment of the Cusheon Public Advisory Committee.

4.9.2 Terms of Reference for CW-PAC

The SSIWPA Public Advisory Committee for Cusheon Watershed Draft Terms of Reference dated November 2015 was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to adopt the SSIWPA Public Advisory Committee for Cusheon Watershed Terms of Reference.

4.9.3 Formal Invitations and First Meeting CW-PAC

Coordinator Cowan reported a tentative date is scheduled in January 2016 for the first meeting of the Cusheon Watershed Public Advisory Committee, although there are no directives from the TWG or Steering group regarding the SML IWMP at this time.

Coordinator Cowan reported invitations have been sent to the Chamber of Commerce, Cusheon Lake Resort, CLSC/ BACARA, Water Preservation Society, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Water Council and the Salmon Enhancement Society.

4.9.4 Cusheon-Blackburn Sampling – Squires & Bodaly

The Summary of Cusheon Stewardship Committee Studies was presented.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to refer the the Summary of Maggie – Drew – Water Preservation Society – Stewardship Committee Studies to the Technical Working Group.

4.9.5 Directives for CW-PAC

There were no directives noted.

4.9.6 Invitation to Cusheon Watershed – PAC

The invitation was received for information.

4.10 Island-wide water conservation and renewable supply

4.10.1 RFP for Water Conservation update (Islands Trust)

RPM Cermak presented an update regarding the Request For Proposal for the Water Conservation project.

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed Coordinator Cowan will circulate the Terms of Reference for the Request For Proposal for the Water Conservation project to the Steering Committee.

It was noted that the Capital Regional District has endorsed a Water Conservation Program and has requested the Water Council to manage the program.

4.10.2 Islands Trust Strategic Plan item 4.3 Water Conservation – update on October 27th meeting with Trust Staff

Coordinator Cowan provided an update regarding the Islands Trust Water Conservation Project Charter 2016 and noted Clare Frater will attend the Water Fair 2016.

4.11 Correspondence

4.11.1 Island Health email forwarded Oct 26

4.11.2 SML algae image, Nov 6, SML PAC member M Thompson

4.11.3 Letter to Deb Epps and her reply re: resignation Steering

Chair Grams reported he sent a letter to the Ministry of Environment to request a meeting regarding the Ministry of Environment participation with the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority. The correspondence item was received for information.

4.11.4 Outreach call for booth representatives February 24 to 27, 2016 (Installation about St Mary Lake)

Coordinator Cowan presented an invitation for SSIWPA to do outreach regarding SML and other watershed stewardship at an Artspring event on February 24 to 27, 2016.

4.11.5 Transcript of phone call David Tattam re: Group Environmental Farm Plan

4.11.6 Letter from M. Squires and D. Bodaly re: Request for funding for a portion of the sampling and analysis program in Cusheon – Blackburn watershed

By general consent, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to direct Coordinator Cowan to draft a letter to Maggie Squires regarding the terms and conditions for the request for funding.

4.11.7 Letter from Member of the Public

The correspondence items were received for information.

4.12 Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled Friday January 22, 2015 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - SD64 Boardroom, 112 Rainbow Road.

The SSIWPA 2016 Meeting Schedule was presented for information.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Questions and Comments from Public

One member of the public reported Beddis Water District regular water quality testing includes testing for E. coli.

6. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

At 11:51 a.m., it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority closes this meeting to the public subject to Community Charter Section 90(1)a for the receipt of personal information about identifiable individuals who are being considered for positions being appointed by the Authority and that Don Hodgins, Pat Lapcevic and staff be invited to remain.

CARRIED

7. OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

At 12:07 p.m., it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority re-opens this meeting to the public subject to Section 89 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to a) refer the Technical Working Group new applications to the Technical Working Group and advise the applicants and b) that S. Cowan, G.Grams and D. Hodgins will conduct interviews.

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to invite Pat Lapcevic to be a member of the Steering Committee.

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to direct Coordinator Cowan to send a letter to Doreen Hewitt regarding the requirement to be a publicly elected representative.

The Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority agreed to invite a representative of the Beddis Water Commission to be a member of the Steering Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

George Grams, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder



Coordinator's Report

November 20, 2015 – January 17, 2016

Meetings Admin:

Workplan and SML Implementation presentation for Open House prepared and delivered

Draft minutes of regular meeting held Nov 27 (and in camera) sent to Steering cttee

Arranging for TWG informal gathering with new members Jan 8 2016

CCME guidelines for water quality sampling parameters – included in next TWG agenda

Facilitation and Project Admin:

Communications with new applicants to CW-PAC about January 25 potential meeting, and approval process (through Steering)

SSIWPA Workplan updates

Prepared update to SML implementation plan

Meeting with CLSC Doreen Hewitt regarding survey development

Contacted Chamber of Commerce to invite a real estate representative to PAC for Cusheon

Sent CRD a SSIWPA letter re: Beddis System ratepayer info sent – pending reply

Invitations to CW-PAC sent: Water Council, WPS, BACARA, ISSE Kathy R, Conservancy Exec Director,

Cusheon Lake Resort – reply recvd from WPS by end December

Trust Staff Liaise: received maps for Cusheon Watershed and mailing lists for same

Funding and data sharing draft sent to Maggie Squires re: Blackburn Water Quality Monitoring

Communications with all TWG members regarding informal meetings with Chairs.

Referred candidates to TWG for approval

Letter drafted for CW and SML public mailout – sent review to CLSC rep DHewitt

Meetings with new TWG candidates for coffee

Water Fair documents created for organizing; volunteers, jobs list, budget

Meeting communications with Minister Mary Polak's offices

Drafted letter of reply to Doreen Hewitt (re BACARA representation on Steering)

Sent signed (Chair) letter to Doreen Hewitt regarding the requirement to be a publicly elected representative on Steering.

Beddis Water – rep letter from Chair to nominate Doreen to Steering, a new commissioner

Responded to SSIWPS regarding CWPAC nomination

Read the Trust Strategic Plan 2015 council decision highlights

Responded to two new TWG applications (new applicants, December).

CWPAC tor adopted and online

TWG Chair's report circulated to group

Forwarded letter from Beddis Water (Wheeler) to Steering

Added Schedule B Cusheon Watershed to the SSIWPA TOR and sent to Beddis Water Commission Chair for circulation within that commission

Developed survey with CLSC pres, and mailout to watershed residents

Requested beddis system addresses from CRD KCampbell (copied to Director GG, and CRD staff)

Read TWG paper by Dr. Hodgins. Distributed.

Reading about Columbia Basin Climate Change Scenarios Project (Univ of Wash), specifically concerning use of Survey Monkey for conducting surveys about water resource management.

Developing survey monkey e-survey for CL and SML

Created TWG contact list – sent to 8 members and Grams, included two applicants and previous members.

Communications with TWG and Trust Staff

Made summary for Jan 8 social – SML history, Cusheon current, reading lists

Invitation to Ag Alliance board and F Inst for Cusheon PAC

Volunteering list printed (for TWG and Strg): for Feb 23 and 27 Artspring table

Groundwater health guidelines provincial, sent to TWG and SC

TWG report to SSIWPA January 2016 – coordinated with TWG

Firesmart and DPA 4/7 comparison chart for discussion and agenda

Soliciting articles for Watermark with TWG members

Writing/editing PWSBC (waterbucket.ca) article about SSIWPA and SML IWMP

TWG next steps organization, with Acting Chair

Water Fair site tour and map drawing

Read and commented on Hodgins P and Algal abundance draft report

Outreach/Public Communications, and Website:

Open House presentations loaded to web (3)

Reviewed new website under creation by Chair Grams.
Assisted with data transactions to populate new site.
Updates to SSIWPA reports in new document library; 3 website news posts
Website: Calendars and events page – update for November
Watermark newsletter edition 22 created and sent Nov 25
Water Fair meeting with organizers Dec 1
Promo: invitation for water fair participants, performers; Outreach to preschools for water fair
Added to SSIWPA contacts list from CRD watersheds symposium (Nov 2015)
Advertising requisition on the Exchange for Cusheon PAC – live on Jan 8 (\$136.50)
Uploaded to website: adopted publication protocol, several SSIWPA research publications, St Mary (Septic, In-lake Studies, Sprague St Mary and Cusheon review), Hodgins' runoff and water balance reports (Nov 2015), Runoff in SML DOH sept 2015, TWG Water Balance in SML (Sept 2015) DOH, Report on Waterbirds (JBS 2015), P Internal Jan 2015 Squires, ...
Rebate program CRD/Water Council for rainwater supplies advertising web post
Communications with SML lakeshore property owners about stewardship group

SSIWPA Workplan

Apr 1, 2016 - Mar
31, 2017

Who	Deliverable	Complete	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Coordination and SSIWPA Mandate:														
Water conservation RFP	Consultant tbd	report												
Island freshwater supply	TWG	report												
Outreach (other regions)	Coord, SSIWPA	networking												
Restoring Riparian Areas - SML	Coord, SSIWPA	HCTF grant		✓				start	start					
2017 Budget	SSIWPA	budget approved												
St Mary Program														
IWMP Actions - see IWMP Implementation Plan														
Stormwater, Septic	TWG	MA1 and 3												
TWG analysis	TWG	final reports												
Cusheon Program														
Review of Cusheon Lake Management Plan	TWG			✓										
Creek Monitoring ¹	TWG	report, action												
Outreach and Education:														
Fall Fair, Water Fair 2017	Coord,	report												✓
Stewardship Survey SML/Cusheon + next steps	Coord, CLSC	report												
SML Celebration	Coord, SSIWPA	engagement	••••											
School/Community Group Presentations	Coord, SSIWPA, Water Council, Trust	Kits - 3 class pilot												
Annual Open House	All	report, engage												

¹ -collaborate with independent scientists

Abbreviations

All – SSIWPA Steering Group, PAC and TAC

Coord – Coordinator

Trust - Islands Trust Clare Frater, Trust Programs Committee

PAC – Public Advisory Committee (reports to SSIWPA)

SML – St Mary Lake

SSIWPA – Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority, Steering Committee

TWG – Technical Working Group (reports to SSIWPA)

Draft for Discussion

1. Which of the following is your drinking water source? Check all that apply.

Well

Lake water

Other (please specify)

2. How many people currently live in your household?

3. Potable water use: check all that apply.

Filtered and treated with chlorine

Filtered only (e.g. sand filter)

Filtered and treated with UV light or non-chemical treatment

Filtered by reverse osmosis

I only use community water (provided by Water District/Service Area)

4. Do you practice rainwater harvesting?

5. Do you use untreated water for indoor non-potable uses (e.g. laundry, toilets)?

6. 1. Do you use any untreated water for outdoor non-potable uses? (e.g. garden or lawn watering, washing structures/vehicles)

7. Please check all that apply:

- rainwater harvesting system for outdoor non-potable uses
- only low-flush toilet(s)
- only low-flow shower head(s)
- some/one low-flush, and some/one conventional volume toilets
- some low-flow in one/some shower head(s)
- use shower timer during droughts
- re-use greywater for non-potable uses (e.g. perennial garden, outdoor washing)

8. Do you have a home-based business that uses water?

How much water (gallons or litres per unit time) is used in your business?

9. Do you have a government license for water removal from a lake or pond?

If so, what is the rate of removal on your license?

Draft for
Discussion

Policy and Land Use

10. Do you know your property's land use zoning classification?

Other (please specify)

11. Do you practice land use restrictions for RW1 zoning?

Draft for Discussion

12. 3. Do you follow riparian area regulations (Bylaw 434) for any watercourses/ditches on or within 30m of your property line?

13. Please check the one answer that most accurately describes your situation

- Part or all of the land on my property falls into Development Permit Area 7 (Riparian Areas) and I follow provisions in the Salt Spring Island OCP when applying any land-use, vegetation or water management, or building modifications to my property.
- Part or all of the land on my property falls into Development Permit Area 4 (Lakes, Streams, Wetlands) and I follow provisions in the Salt Spring Island OCP when applying any land-use, vegetation or water management, or building modifications to my property.
- I don't know whether any land on my property falls into DPA 7 or DPA 4, at this time.

14. Do you have water ponds or wetlands on your property?

If yes, for what purpose(s) do you use them?

15. Do pond(s) dry up in the summer on your property?

Other (please specify)

16. Please check all that apply about stream(s) or water in ditches that cross your property:

It/they fill a pond on my property

Surface water runs off the property

Water runs year-round

Water flows in winter wet season only

Other (please specify)

Draft for
Discussion

Land Use (2)

17. Septic wastewater treatment: Check all that apply.

- I know where my septic tank and field are located.
- I follow guidelines for septic tank maintenance (e.g. make observations, and professional inspection & pump out every 2-5 yrs).
- I can confirm that I have an effluent filter on my septic tank discharge.
- I will use this reminder to take action to learn about effective septic maintenance.
- My property is serviced by municipal wastewater treatment.

If you selected the last point, are you willing to give SSIWPA your address? If yes, please do so here.

Draft for
Discussion

Water Quality

18. Are you aware of the link between nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen (contained in soil, vegetation, human and animal waste) and algal or cyanobacterial blooms in lakes?

19. Are you aware that nutrient-loading of ditches, streams and lakes affects the presence of algal and cyanobacterial blooms, which can result in cyanotoxins that are detrimental to human and animal health?

20. Do you notice livestock watering at streams, ditches or lakes, or any other agricultural impacts on surface water and groundwater resources in your area?

Comment:

21. If applicable, how do you ensure that nutrients from any poultry or livestock manures and chemical fertilizers are kept from surface waterways in your area?

22. We acknowledge the property-owner's right to make decisions about cutting and use of trees and wood resources on their property. How do you manage your property to demonstrate that trees and shrubs are essential for soil stability, nutrient-retention and pollution reduction?

23. Do you follow the [Fire Smart Manual](#)?

Comment -

Draft for
Discussion

MONAD – Artspring SSIWPA Booth

MONAD is a dance ensemble that has developed an interactive performance that is specifically about St. Mary Lake, Salt Spring Island.

SSIWPA will have a booth at Artspring for MONAD performances, in the lobby set up on Feb. 24, and Feb. 27th (with some maps, email sign up list, newsletter sign up list, SSIWPA display board and some flyers, and the Integrated Watershed Management Plan for St. Mary Lake).

I am seeking assistance to staff the booth, especially the hour before the show, to answer questions about SSIWPA, and to network with audience members about water work on Salt Spring I.

Date and time	Name	Email / Phone
February 24 6:30 – 9:20 pm - bar open 6:30 - show starts 7:30 – 8:30		
February 27 11:45am – 1:00pm		
February 27 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm (can stay later if going strong, but can depart at 3 if slow)		
February 27 6:30 – 9:20 pm - bar open 6:30 - show starts 7:30 – 8:30		

Memo to SSIWPA Steering Committee

Re: Watershed Governance Capacity-Building Workshop – Southern Vancouver Island Region

Hi Shannon,

Thanks for your email and I certainly haven't forgotten about you or the SSIWPA. We have decided to delay the workshop slightly into March. I am on leave until January and will certainly be in touch early into the New Year. In the meantime if you would like to give the Steering Committee a bit of a "heads up" about the workshop, I've included some language below that could be useful. As we had discussed, I thought it would make sense for you to attend, perhaps along with a key local or regional government "champion" in your area. And, I am happy to do a follow-up presentation with the SSIWPA or a broader group on SSI in the spring.

Thanks for your email and I look forward to connecting again soon!

Best,

Natasha

2016 Watershed Governance Capacity-building workshop - southern vancouver island region

In the winter of 2016, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance <http://poliswaterproject.org> has the opportunity coordinate a watershed governance capacity-building workshop in the Southern Vancouver Island region. The broad goal of the workshop is to increase the capacity of local decision-makers (including First Nations' and local/regional governments) and watershed groups (i.e., watershed boards, roundtables, and advisory groups) to effectively engage in watershed decision-making. We aim to bring together a small group (20-25 individuals) who are currently engaged in management and decision-making in the watershed. An invitation and brief survey will follow in early January.

Workshop objectives:

1. Share insights, perspectives, and information around B.C.'s watershed governance trends, and the implementation of the *Water Sustainability Act*
2. Support the efforts of regional districts, local governments, and First Nations' decision-making councils who are trying to evolve watershed governance goals and water management programs, and work with collaborative initiatives
3. Build collective understanding of how collaborative watershed groups can effectively participate in watershed governance, and be formally or informally constructed
4. Strengthen connections and learning between key groups and initiatives across the region – including senior local government staff, First Nations, stewardship leaders, elected officials

Proposed date: Early March 2016

Venue: University of Victoria campus

Supporting pre-workshop resources: A pre-workshop resource package will be distributed prior to the event, tailored to fit with identified local themes and issues, and share recent research and insights into watershed governance and the *Water Sustainability Act*.