



**Pend Oreille Voluntary Stewardship Program
Work Group Meeting Minutes: 8-12-2021**

Meeting Start – 9:00 AM

In attendance at Camas Center: Alex Case Cohen – *POCD District Manager*, Mary Malone – *POCD/Weed Board*; Mike Lithgow – *Kalispel Tribe*; Renee Kinnick – *Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*, Michele Masuen – *Owner/Operator of Blue Slate Ranch*, Sharon Sorby, *POC Weed Board Coordinator*, Jon Driver, *local landowner*; Larry Cordes – *Local Landowner*; Steve Wilson, *Local Landowner*; Bill Kelley, *Local Landowner*; Brian Smiley, *Pend Oreille County Commissioner*; John Gentle, *Pend Oreille County Commissioner*; Levi Keesecker, *WSSC*; Tom Pulford, *Local Landowner*; Wes Bailey, *Landowner/POC Weed Board*; David Hoisington, *Landowner/POC Weed Board*.

In attendance via Go To Meeting: Ken Phipps, *Landowner (Elk, WA)*; Tim Bruya; *Calispell Duck Club*; Tracy Morgan; *WSU Extension*.

Official Action Items		
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:
Approve new workgroup members – Steve Wilson, Ken Phipps, Tom Pulford	Jon Driver	Renee Kinnick
Approve new workgroup member – Tracy Morgan	Sharon Sorby	Renee Kinnick
Approve workgroup charter and ground rules amended to include misconduct and removal, and maximum of 11 workgroup members	Sharon Sorby	Michele Masuen
Approve FY2022-2023 budget as amended to \$30,000 for cost-share & \$20,000 for admin monitoring and implementation	Sharon Sorby	Jon Driver
Approve 2-year report	Mike Lithgow	Michele Masuen
Approve minutes from April 1, 2021 & June 15, 2021	Michele Masuen	Sharon Sorby

Public Comments: No comment received

1. Introductions
2. VSP Introduction & program purpose – Alex Case-Cohen, POCD
 - Alex gave an overview of VSP, objectives, work group roles and responsibilities
 - Review of biennium (FY2020-2021) report, accomplishments/projects, outreach and engagement, setbacks and moving forward
3. VSP in Stevens County – Adam Cares, VSP Coordinator for Stevens County
 - Adam discussed initial implementation of Steven’s County work group and work plan
 - Covid setbacks, but working toward reorganization/more workgroup participation over the next two years
 - Flooding concerns by landowners engaged in VSP – submitted a year ago to address problem utilizing the Floodplains by Design program. Pilot project funding has been approved.
4. VSP Workgroup – Action items
 - Group discussion of VSP workgroup importance and time commitment
 - Appointed new workgroup members – Steve Wilson, Ken Phipps, Tom Pulford, and Tracy Morgan
 - Reviewed and approved workgroup charter and ground rules, amended to include misconduct and removal, and maximum of 11 workgroup members
 - Approved FY 2022-2023 budget amended to \$30,000 for cost-share, \$20,000 for monitoring, administration, and implementation
 - Approved 2-year report
 - Approved minutes from April 1, 2021 & June 15, 2021
5. Washington State Conservation Commission VSP Update – Levi Keesecker, WSCC Natural Resource Scientist
 - Update on review of 5-year reports for counties across the state
 - Overview of VSP monitoring forums that will start in October – dates/locations will vary
 - Five-year report listening session will be held in September (dates and other information are available in the WSCC newsletter).

Meeting Adjourned – 1:01 PM