

## **Stormwater Management through Performance Assessment and Asset Management: August 5, 2015**

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### **Dan D. Wrye, Pierce County Water Quality Manager**

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Dan has almost 30 years experience working in watershed management, natural resources, and water quality at the local and state level in Washington. Dan is currently Pierce County's Water Quality Manager in Surface Water Management Utility, where he has served since 2002. His team is responsible for Municipal Stormwater Permit compliance for Pierce County; assuring compliance of private and public stormwater systems; watershed health assessment; shellfish protection districts; salmon recovery; and watershed councils support.

Dan has also worked at the Washington Department of Ecology as a water quality program manager for 11 years; Deputy Assistant Director in the Habitat Division of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; and as a water quality planner at Mason and King counties.

Since 2007, Dan has represented South Puget Sound on the Puget Sound Partnership's Ecosystem Coordination Board and Salmon Recovery Council. He has also served on Board of the South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group and South Sound Marine Heritage Association. He is currently a member of the water quality and stormwater committees of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, where his "Raise the Grade" approach to watershed management won the 2013 National Environmental Achievement Award.

Finally, Dan is a native Puget Sounder, a University of Washington Husky and a TESC Geoduck and he and his wife, Jacqueline, have three adult daughters. Dan and Jackie live on Totten Inlet in South Sound where they swim, raise clams, boat and kayak.

#### **Travis Nelson, Pierce County Water Quality Supervisor**

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Travis' career in natural resources management spans over 20 years. He currently supervises the water quality inspectors' team at Pierce County Surface Water Management.

Prior to Pierce County, Travis was the statewide renewable energy program manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, where he also served as a biologist for 15 years.

Travis has a bachelor of science in environmental studies and is currently pursuing his MBA.

He is a rabid salmon fisherman with a passion for conservation, so long as he gets his limit first. He enjoys long walks on the beach with his wife and 2 daughters and planning for the next assault on the salmon resources in the waters of the Great Pacific Northwest.

He is a lifetime resident of the Puget Sound region and doesn't drive a hybrid yet because they can't tow his boat.