

Good morning, Municipal Stormwater Permittees, by Laurie Larson

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/training, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments. Please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

Access the editable documents on the [WSC Eastern Washington webpage](#).

WSC Stormwater Industrial and Construction Permit Assistance Rack Cards

These rack cards are designed to be displayed on an informational rack near a permit counter, be included in a permit packet, or for distribution by municipal source control inspectors when they encounter issues on a site. Our goal is to offer easily accessible assistance for industrial facilities or construction contractors seeking guidance on common stormwater permitting struggles. The scannable QR codes link directly to consistently updated web pages with the latest information, guidance, and resources for these often complex permitting requirements.

[Municipal Construction Resources – Washington Stormwater Center \(wastormwatercenter.org\)](http://wastormwatercenter.org)

The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Office of the Washington State Climatologist, in collaboration with the NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System, is asking for your participation in helping us document weather and climate impacts of the 2023 water year (October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023) for the Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho). This short survey asks about impacts and response actions that were implemented during the 2023 water year by sector due to either abnormally dry or abnormally wet conditions. The [survey](#) should take about 15 minutes to complete and will be open through Wednesday, November 22. Your responses are **vital** for informing the [PNW Water Year Impacts Assessment](#), and we greatly appreciate your contributions! **Contact:** Karin Bumbaco; kbumbaco@uw.edu

[GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTS SALMON FROM POLLUTANTS AND PLASTICS Article](#)

Featuring research by WSU/UWT.

NEWS STATE, NATIONAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Municipal Stormwater Public Workshop & Hearing more information [here](#)

Eastern WA

- November 6, 2023, 1:30 PM [Register here](#) virtual

Western WA

- Nov. 6, 2023, 9 a.m. - [register here](#)

PEER TO PEER PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION If you have any information to share for the permittee's requests below, please reach out!



City of Tukwila is looking for information: Hoping another jurisdiction has already managed this effort. The attached photo shows a recently completed warehouse and its fire system being put into service. They are periodically draining down portions of their system with for leak detection/pressure testing. The water draining to the CB is non-stormwater, from potable water source with chlorine above range. Fire code requires this setup but does not go far enough to manage the discharges from it. Has another jurisdiction modified their building code/fire code to require a drain to sewer at this point? Has

someone enforced IDDE rules on a fire contractor performing fire sprinkler system maintenance? Is there a BMP already acceptable to Ecology been developed? Contact Russell Betteridge Russell.Betteridge@TukwilaWA.gov

City of Kent is interested in talking with jurisdictions that rent their permeable pavement equipment to offset the equipment costs. If you rent your equipment out please contact Laura Haren, LHaren@KentWA.gov.

King County is looking for an organization to develop, administer, and promote an OSS and sewer maintenance rebate program. The program would help people take action on their wastewater systems to prevent pollution of our local waters. While not stormwater centric, the work is intended to support improved water quality outcomes. More information can be found here: [OSS Sewer Rebate Program - King County, Washington](#). Questions contact Todd Hunsdorfer thunsdorfer@kingcounty.gov

City of Port Angeles Pre-existing non-conforming parking lots. Port Angeles has a lot of parking lots that connect to sanitary sewer. We would like to encourage folks to connect to the storm drain, but probably not if the surface water from the PGIS is untreated. What have jurisdictions been doing for this and is there any grant money that we know of to address this scenario. Send your responses to Matthew Moore, City of Port Angeles Mmoore@cityofpa.us

REGIONAL PERMIT COORDINATOR MEETINGS: For information on Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/877-2/>

APWA November 17, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum October 19, 2023 1:00-3:30pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) January 25, 2024, 1:00-3:30pm virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group October 26, 2023, 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) December 19, 2023, 1:30-3:30pm

STORM Quarterly meeting

STORM November 30 Symposium, 9 am-4 pm at Brightwater Environmental Center, Woodinville.

[Register here.](#)

Stormwater Partners Symposium Thursday November 16, 2023 This year's symposium will be held at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center from 2:00 – 5:30 PM.

RESOURCES:

UW Article: Can the age-old affinity between beavers and salmon be restored? [Read more.](#)

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) introduces a new Data Resource to help Determine Racially Disparate Impacts. They updated our Community Profiles tool to add resources that can help local jurisdictions address racial exclusion and displacement in housing in their Comprehensive Plan updates. [Check it out.](#)

Fish Passage Funding— The NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation is [announcing that two fish passage restoration funding opportunities are open under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act](#), with one dedicated for tribal applicants. Tribes around the country, including the Great Lakes, are eligible to apply to both funding opportunities.

Nearly \$85 million in funding is available for fish passage and tribal capacity building under the [Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#) funding opportunity. This fish passage funding will facilitate tribes and tribal supporting organizations in building capacity and implementing projects that reopen migratory pathways and restore access to healthy habitat for tribally-important species. NOAA will accept proposals between \$300,000 and \$12 million total over the award period. For more information, view the [Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal](#) funding opportunity. **Applications are due by November 8, 2023.**

WORKSHOP/TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:

The Puget Sound Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (SW SIL) You are invited to participate in upcoming engagements for Compliance, Incentives, and Technical Assistance. There are three opportunities to engage on the current and short-term improvements to stormwater management and incentive/technical assistance programs. These workshops and online engagements are designed for stormwater practitioners, local planners, permit, and education staff, and industry professionals who interact with the stormwater permit process. Two workshops will be held in early November and be working meetings to discuss and identify solutions to common barriers to stormwater compliance. An online/non-workshop opportunity is also available to share solutions for developer resources and challenges.

- **Workshop 1:** Local Government Capacity and Information Gaps Workshop *Date/Time: November 1, 1-4pm*
- **Workshop 2:** Pathways to Compliance Workshop *Date/Time: November 6, 9am-12pm*
- **Online/No Workshop:** Developer Resources and Challenges; This engagement will be primarily online to be completed when your schedule allows in late October through early November.

Please complete this form by Friday, October 27 to register for the Compliance, Incentives, and Technical Assistance engagements: <https://forms.office.com/r/nHqFQ8makV>. contact Samer Khan (skhan@rossstrategic.com).

Oregon-Washington Water Year Meeting: 2023 Recap & 2024 Outlook will be held as two virtual morning meetings on Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2. There is no cost to attend but you are required to [register](#). The goal of this meeting is to share and gather information regarding climate impacts of the 2023 water year. We encourage participation from a wide range of sectors including utilities, agriculture and forestry.

The Annual SPARKS Conference 2023: The Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association is excited to announce it's in person two-day event, **December 4-5, 2023** at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Day 1 features over a dozen social marketing experts speaking on behavior change initiatives. Day 2 includes in-depth in-person training. [More information here.](#)

[Social Marketing Introductory Workshop: Fostering Sustainable Behavior](#) Dec. 6, 7, & 8.

Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr will be delivering an introductory community-based social marketing training virtually in December. This workshop will be of particular interest to agencies working to promote waste reduction, energy and water efficiency, conservation, sustainable food consumption, the control of invasive species, modal transportation changes and other sustainable actions. This training will also be of interest to organizations promoting health and safety (e.g., hand washing, active lifestyles, immunization, cancer prevention and screening, blood donations, earthquake and fire safety,

workplace safety, etc.). Community-based social marketing is a unique approach to fostering both environment and health-related behavioral changes and is now being utilized globally. See attached flyer Introductory CBSM Workshop.

Pollution Prevention Resource Center: Pacific Northwest Pretreatment Workshop Nov. 6-8, Vancouver, WA [Visit the events page](#)

Stormwater University BMP S=Assessments for TMDL Compliance & Mitigation Webinar Nov. 7th, 2023, 1 PM CT \$79 This live webinar will delve into a methodology developed in Florida that enables communities to assess and categorize BMP costs and performance accurately. [Registration](#)

NEBC Business & the Environment 2023 Portland OR Dec. 5-6, 2023 [more information](#)

On-line Courses: no new courses at this time

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: please share with anyone who may be interested in the list below:

City of Walla Walla has two job opportunities:

- Stormwater Engineer:
<https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/575/4110>
- Stormwater Coordinator:
<https://www.wallawallawa.gov/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/577/4110>

City of Lacey is hiring a Engineering Technician III – Stormwater

Pierce County Planning and Public Works Dept Surface Water Management: [Planner 4 - Surface Water Management.](#)

City of Vancouver is hiring a Senior Engineering Technician

This position performs a variety of engineering and technical tasks. Duties include reviewing development applications for small projects for compliance with City standards and NPDES requirements; providing support to civil engineers with capital project design and delivery; investigate and respond to customer inquiries regarding stormwater runoff and on-site drainage. To view the full posting and/or apply, please visit: [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)

City of Federal Way is hiring for the Public Education and Outreach Supervisor [public-education-and-outreach-supervisor | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

King County's Solid Waste Division is hiring a new permit lead. This position works closely with Stormwater Services on the Municipal NPDES permit compliance: Closes 10/22/23 [Environmental Compliance Coordinator, Communications Specialist III; Engineer III - \(Fish Passage Senior Engineer\)](#)

King County Water Quality Planner/Project Manager III

City of Marysville job posting for Storm/Sewer Supervisor

This position is responsible for planning, organizing and supervising operations and maintenance activities in the Surface Water and Storm/Sewer Division, including supervising the division's employees,

coordinating assigned activities with other public works divisions, and providing highly responsible and technically complex staff assistance to the Storm and Wastewater Utility Manager. [More information here.](#) If you have questions, please contact Matthew Eyer at meyer@marysvillewa.gov.

City of Tacoma is hiring an Environmental Services Civil Engineer, PE. [More information here.](#)