

Municipal Bulletin May 26, 2021 Municipal Permittee Bulletin: Inquiries, Resources and News

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/trainings, and news. There is a lot of useful information and attachments please share with others who could use the information.

NEWS

Comment Period Extension: Public Comment will now be accepted through June 29, 2021 on Draft Permits for Municipal Stormwater Discharges from City of Tacoma, WA Department of Transportation, and Pierce County.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, has proposed to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to the entities listed below for discharges from their municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to receiving waters located in Puyallup Tribal trust lands within the 1873 survey area of the Puyallup Reservation:

City of Tacoma <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/proposed-stormwater-permit-city-tacoma-ms4> – NPDES Permit #: WAS026689

Washington State Department of Transportation <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/proposed-stormwater-permit-washington-department-transportation-ms4> – NPDES Permit #: WAS026743

Pierce County <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/proposed-stormwater-permit-pierce-county-ms4> - NPDES Permit #: WAS026875

June is Orca Month

Washington Environmental Council is celebrating Orca month in the Pacific Northwest.

Visit the Orca Month website and Facebook page for events and activities. Virtual and in-person events require advanced registration. Also be sure to follow us on Instagram for engaging orca posts and daily actions you can take that support orca recovery.

Check out the events planned for this month — including a We Are Puget Sound webinar and Seattle kayak tours with our very own Washington Environmental Council staff every Saturday in June!

Check out the events: <https://www.orcamonth.com/events-1>

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

Call for Central NPDES Coordinators Forum Co-coordinators for Aug. 2021- July 2022

The Central Coordinator's Group is requesting nominations and volunteers for both co-coordinator positions to be voted on during the upcoming June 17th meeting. Rachel Konrady and Leah Mikulsky will be stepping down from the co-coordinator roles after the June 17th meeting.

This is an excellent opportunity for networking and to expand your knowledge on stormwater and permit-related topics. Co-coordinators will work with Laurie Larson-Pugh to develop meeting content, plan and host bi-monthly meetings, and coordinate with regional groups and stormwater professionals. The commitment is for a one-year term. Meetings will continue virtually for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022 to be conscientious of our attendees' time.

We are happy to accept any meeting feedback to continue to provide relevant topics and effective meetings to permit coordinators. It has been a pleasure to be your Central co-coordinators over this past year!

The STORM (Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities) is requesting your support. The coalition are Puget Sound Municipal Stormwater Permittees that have worked together since 2008 to meet NPDES education and outreach permit requirements and develop effective stormwater awareness campaigns and behavior change programs.

If you support this funding proposal, we ask that you submit a letter of support (details below). We are on a tight timeline so your ability to secure support quickly is essential.

- This is a long email. Please read it completely if you support STORM and want to see it's coordinator and services funded.
- If you support this funding proposal, we ask that you submit a letter of support (details below). This funding strategy could produce funds for STORM as soon as this biennium if we are able to act quickly. Letters of support are requested ASAP, no later than June 11th to help move this effort forward.
- Calendar invite for informational meetings is below
- Tuesday, 6/1, 12 pm - 1 pm
- Questions and comments can be sent to Christie Lovelace, clovelace@shorelinewa.gov

REGIONAL PERMIT COORDINATOR MEETINGS: Contact Laurie Larson for meeting information. For more information on the Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/877-2/>

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum

June 17, 2021 1-3:30

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program)

June 16, 2021 1:00-3:30pm

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group

July 15, 2021 9:00-11:00am

Business Inspection Group (BIG)

June 15, 2021 1:30-3:30pm

RESOURCES:

EPA's Trash Free Waters Program is proud to announce the release of the Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol (ETAP)!

ETAP is a quantitative survey tool which provides a standard method for collecting and assessing litter data. This trash monitoring method will provide users with a comprehensive protocol for collecting and sorting mismanaged trash pollution that has escaped into the environment. ETAP is highly adaptable and was designed to be applied to a broad range of site types and environmental conditions. The protocol can also be used to assess item age and level of fouling and compare across categories of collected material. Ultimately, the ETAP tool can be used to inform upstream management decisions.

There are two main parts of ETAP:

- 1) The ETAP Reference Manual: A step-by-step guide for how to use the protocol, including selecting sites (Step 1), conducting cleanups and categorizations (Step 2), and entering data into the tool for analysis (Step 3). The ETAP Field Site Summary Sheet, Field Data, Field Reference Sheet, and additional supplementary materials are included in the document's appendix.
- 2) The ETAP Excel Spreadsheet: A data entry tool which can be used in company with the ETAP Reference Manual to record, manage, and analyze data collected in the field using the ETAP methodology. After inputting field data, the tool autogenerates summary statistics and plots.

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Download the ETAP Reference Guide and Excel Spreadsheet Tool here: <https://www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters/epas-escaped-trash-assessment-protocol-etap> For any questions and feedback, please contact me at marshall.layne@epa.gov. We see ETAP as a living tool and would appreciate any suggestions on how to improve the protocol in the future.

MRSC Blog: Looking Ahead: Holding “Hybrid” Public Meetings

<https://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/April-2021/Holding-Hybrid-Public-Meetings.aspx>

U of W Study Synthesizes What Climate Change Means for Northwest Wildfires

A University of Washington study published in Fire Ecology paints a comprehensive picture of future wildfires in the Northwest. This review was done in response to a survey of stakeholder needs by the Northwest CASC. State, federal, and tribal resource managers need more information on the available science about fire and climate change. Learn more: <https://www.usgs.gov/center-news/study-synthesizes-what-climate-change-means-northwest-wildfires>

2021 Climate Adaptation Summit recordings (World Resources Institute)

The Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS), held 2021, 25-26 January, is an online global conference to accelerate, innovate and scale up the world’s efforts in adapting to the inevitable effects of climate change. Hosted by the Netherlands, this event launched a comprehensive Adaptation Agenda. Find out more: <https://www.cas2021.com/>

Climate Change’s Toll on Freshwater Fish: A new Database for Science

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Scientists have created a new database to help track the impacts of climate change on fish living in rivers, lakes and other inland waters throughout the world. Learn more: <http://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2020/04/029.html>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *These dates are subject to change depending upon COVID-19 containment measures.

MRSC Land Use Case Law Update – Summer 2021 July 15, 2021 11am-12pm \$35

This webinar will review land use cases applicable to Washington State, including the most recent regulatory, legislative, and case law developments that every seasoned land use practitioner should know. Our panelists will also provide practical advice and guidance to help local governments improve their land use regulation and prepare for potential changes. More information at: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Training/Upcoming-Webinars/Land-Use-Case-Law-Update-Summer-2021.aspx>

Salmon-Safe and our partners are excited to announce the launch of the Puget Sound Pledge, a campaign of leadership actions to protect Puget Sound and invite you to be part of this network of city and policy maker leaders.

The Puget Sound Pledge is a no-cost, leadership campaign that aims to encourage municipalities and government organizations to lead the way in watershed protection in our region. Commitments and actions taken through this pledge will ultimately inspire others in the private sector and elsewhere. To commit to the Puget Sound Pledge, simply select three or more of the actions related to water quality and habitat protection. If you are not ready to make that level of commitment, you can start with

even a single action. We support actions at every scale. At the conclusion of the campaign (November 2021), three organizations (with high-level commitments or potential for highest impact) will be selected for an eco planning charrette and strategy meeting with Salmon-Safe's independent science team. Learn more about the Puget Sound Pledge <http://salmonsafe.org/join-the-movement/> We are hosting an action **event on June 22** where we will be convening public sector leaders to learn more about the campaign and how they can participate. Event registration <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/puget-sound-pledge-action-meeting-for-municipalities-and-government-tickets-152725647523>

ECOSS Municipal & Industrial Stormwater Training

Due to the ongoing Washington State COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, ECOSS is currently offering its stormwater training classes as an online webinar series. We believe this will help you accommodate your program's training needs. These classes help cities meet Municipal staff training requirements for the Phase I and II NPDES Stormwater permits.

Municipal Training: <https://ecoss.org/projects/municipal-stormwater/>

Industrial Training: <https://ecoss.org/projects/industrial-stormwater/>

StormCon September 13-15, 2021 Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI

Conference information: <https://www.stormcon.com/storm/765323>

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

City of Mill Creek surface Water Engineer. The City of Mill Creek is in an exciting new stage of reorganization. The Public Works and Development Services Department provides vital services to the community of Mill Creek, combining planning, economic development, and public works. The newly constituted Public Works Engineering team, comprised of the City Engineer, Project Engineer, and Surface Water Engineer, will have the opportunity to contribute to a city organization that is aligned with best practices, efficiency, technical advancements, and innovation. More information and application at: Open until filled.

https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=21af4cef-ad68-43a5-8798-5038bfb9e371&cclId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US

City of Kent Senior Ecologist in Public works Department. Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about the environment, particularly efforts to enhance environmental quality? Are you familiar with city codes and state, tribal, and federal regulations regarding natural resources management, critical areas requirements, and restoration/mitigation site construction standards? If you are a highly motivated and detail-oriented individual who can identify potential environmental problem areas and provide recommendations for solutions, this position may be perfect for you! Closes on July 7, 2021 more information and to apply: <https://jobs.kentwa.gov/senior-ecologist/job/16267441>

King County Assistant Project manager (Water quality Planner/Project Manager II)

The Science Section's mission is to provide scientific knowledge, information, and analysis in support of regional environmental resource management. We collect, analyze, model, and interpret information that supports a variety of King County's environmental programs, including those that address wastewater and stormwater treatment, habitat, and surface water management. This position will be providing coordination and technical support for the Water Quality Benefits Evaluation (WQBE) Toolkit being developed under the Clean Water Healthy Habitat initiative. To apply

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/3080764/assistant-project-manager-water-quality-planner-project-manager-ii>

King County Water Quality Planner IV and is in charge of our pollution prevention program which includes the business inspection program, responding to water quality complaints and conducting code enforcement actions. To apply for the position, please use this link:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/3071452/water-quality-planner-project-manager-stormwater-source-control-program-manager?keywords=planner%20&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of DuPont Stormwater Specialist is under the supervision of the Public Works Director, performs a variety of technical and administrative tasks to support and coordinate compliance with the Municipal Stormwater NPDES Phase II Program which governs stormwater permits, discharges, and related environmental regulatory requirements.

Link to more information: Open until filled.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/duPontwa/jobs/3058218/storm-water-specialist ;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!8-oPm5DxLSsnv9s1RiRRF3Rf3YPQAwEw2jHLmarFAfuXY4412iEMUIT-taHKxWvy6bBPjM5q\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/duPontwa/jobs/3058218/storm-water-specialist ;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!8-oPm5DxLSsnv9s1RiRRF3Rf3YPQAwEw2jHLmarFAfuXY4412iEMUIT-taHKxWvy6bBPjM5q$)

Pierce County SWM Civil Engineer 1 with Planning & Public Works, surface Water Management. Open until filled. More information at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/piercecountywa/jobs/3050734/civil-engineer-1-surface-water-manager-capital-improvement-projects?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of SeaTac for a Water Quality Technician. The posting is open until filled.

The City of SeaTac is seeking a Water Quality Technician to add to our team! In this position, the incumbent will assist in the implementation and daily activities of the City's stormwater management and compliance programs. These programs include the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit, public and private O&M inspections, illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE), source control, public education and training. For more information:

<https://www.seatacwa.gov/our-city/employment/job-opportunities>

Dept. of Ecology Stormwater Grant and Loan Financial Specialist (Environmental Specialist 3) – Lacey, WA. The Water Quality Program is looking for a new member for our grants and loans team. In this position you will address non-point source pollution and stormwater management by providing technical and financial assistance to local governments, tribal governments, and non-profits that have been awarded funding for water quality improvement projects. Open until filled. To Apply:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/3055362/stormwater-grants-financial-specialist-environmental-specialist-3>