

HCCC Lead Entity Roles and Responsibilities

The HCCC Board of Directors appointed members to serve on the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) for up to 3 years. TAG and CAG commitments include six meetings a year plus application review and 3 days of field visits in March.

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members are professionals with specific technical expertise related to salmon habitat recovery, with diverse skill sets which are relevant to habitat project planning and development. TAG expertise includes planning, geo-morphology, salmon and habitat biology, ecology, engineering, or other scientific concentrations. They evaluate projects on their technical merits, benefits to salmon, cost effectiveness, and the certainty that the benefits will occur.

The duties of the TAG members are to provide professional knowledge and guidance in regional implementation of salmon recovery priority actions. Salmon recovery proposal evaluation is conducted by the TAG utilizing regional review criteria and priorities as given guidance from the Hood Canal Coordinating Council. The TAG will establish a draft ranked list of projects, consistent with the HCCC Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Plan, the Chinook Salmon Recovery Plans, HCCC stock, issue, and action prioritization as well as SRFB policies. The TAG submits its evaluations of projects to the Citizens Advisory Group.

Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)

Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) members are citizens from the surrounding communities of the Hood Canal with an interest in salmon habitat recovery projects. Membership consists of representative interests from counties, tribes, landowners & citizens, environmental & habitat interest groups, and business interests.

- Counties: Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason.
- Tribes: Port Gamble S’Klallam and Skokomish.
- Landowners & citizens: Kitsap Peninsula (Kitsap Co), South Hood Canal (Mason Co), West Side Hood Canal (Jefferson Co), Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca (Jefferson Co or Clallam Co).
- Environmental & habitat interest groups: Hood Canal Environmental Council
- Business interests: Shellfish industry

The CAG is responsible for the ranking of projects to be presented to the full HCCC Citizens Committee using technical input and rankings from the Technical Advisory Group as their starting point and priorities as given guidance from the Hood Canal Coordinating Council as the Lead Entity for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board process. The CAG considers social and cost factors, to draft a ranked list for the annual Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant round. The CAG joins the HCCC Board of Directors at a regular HCCC Board meeting to convene the HCCC Citizens Committee.

HCCC Citizens Committee

The initial habitat project list developed by the Citizens Advisory Group is presented to the HCCC Board for discussion and approval by the Hood Canal Lead Entity Citizens Committee, which is composed of the HCCC Board of Directors and the Citizens Advisory Group. The Citizens Committee formally convenes at

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the regular meetings of the HCCC Board of Directors to finalize the annual salmon recovery projects list for submittal to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). The final list, determined by the Citizens Committee, is submitted to the SRFB for funding decisions.

HCCC Lead Entity Advisory Group - Current Membership Status

Jefferson County:

Sarah Fiskén, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
<i>Vacant, CAG</i>	*Seek member
Tami Pokorny, TAG	Not active due to conflict of interest. Appointed until 2025
<i>Vacant, TAG</i>	Appointed until 2025

Kitsap County:

Linda Streissguth, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Greg Nance, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Jessica Smith, TAG	New member, Appointed until 2027
Brittany Gordon, TAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025

Mason County:

Ron Gold, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
<i>Vacant, CAG</i>	*Seek member
Keith Underwood, TAG	Active member, Appointed until 2026
<i>Vacant, TAG</i>	*Seek member

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe:

Julianna Sullivan, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Shane Baze, CAG	New member, Appointed until 2027
Hans Daubenberger, TAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Khadijah Homolka, TAG	New member, Appointed until 2027

Skokomish Tribe:

Alex Gouley, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Seth Book, CAG	Active member, Appointed until 2024
Alex Papiez, TAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Lisa Belleveau, TAG	Active member, Appointed until 2025

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Additional Representation:

Citizens Advisory Group	
Cheryl Baumann, Represents North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon (NOPLE)	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Miranda Ries, Represents Shellfish Industry Interests (Pacific Seafood)	Active member, Appointed until 2024
Mike Beaulieu, Represents Military Community Interests	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Rebecca Mars, Represents Environment and Habitat Interest Groups	Active member, Appointed until 2025
<i>Determine if additional representation is needed on the Citizens Advisory Group</i>	
Technical Advisory Group	
Eric Carlsen, North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon (NOPLE)	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Marc McHenry, US Forest Service Fish Biologist	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Carrie Cook Tabor, US Fish and Wildlife Service Fish Biologist	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Lindsay Wourms, WDFW Assistant Regional Habitat Program Manager: Filled jointly with WDFW Habitat Biologists, Adam Samara and Danielle Zitomer.	<i>One scoresheet is submitted for WDFW for project evaluations. Appointed until 2027.</i>
Renee Scherdnik, Water Resources Specialist, Kitsap County Public Works Water Quality Division	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Stephanie Porter, Marine Biologist, Shellfish Industry Interests	Active member, Appointed until 2025
Jeff Vanderpham, Salmon Habitat Biologist, NOAA Fisheries	Active member, Appointed until 2024
Paul Rudell, US Navy Region NW Representative	New member, Appointed until 2027
Randy Johnson, Habitat Program Manager, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe	Active member, Appointed until 2024
<i>Determine if additional representation is needed on the Technical Advisory Group</i>	

Please Note: Advisory Group members that are a sponsor of a proposed project through the current HCCC Lead Entity grant round will not be an active participant on the Technical Advisory Group or the Citizens Advisory Group in that year due to a potential conflict of interest according to the HCCC Lead Entity Advisory Groups Operating Rules.