

Point No Point Community Meeting - Notes  
Hosted by Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group  
January 27, 2022  
5:00 – 6:30pm  
Greater Hansville Community Center  
*This was a hybrid meeting with a Zoom call-in option*  
*Doors open/Zoom started at 4:30pm*

### **Meeting Attendees**

#### **Project Team/Speakers:**

Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group: Sarah Heerhartz, Peggy Foreman, Erik Rigeaux\*;  
Kitsap County: Andy Nelson, Public Works; Alex Wisniewski\*, Parks; Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech,  
Department of Community Development;

Blue Coast Engineering: Jessica Cote

*\*attended by Zoom*

**In-person:** 24 attendees

**Zoom:** 21 attendees

#### **Meeting goals:**

- To make sure we are hearing community concerns and ideas;
- To clarify what our project is doing and what the check points are;
- To kick-off outreach and engagement opportunities;
- To understand how best to communicate with park neighbors and the community.

5:00 – 5:20 Welcome, meeting goals and agenda, introductions (All)

*Kickoff meeting for community outreach and engagement for the current phase of the project*  
*Speakers introduced themselves, then in-person attendees introduced themselves, then Zoom attendees*

*We had some technical difficulties with the audio setup. In-room participants and Zoom participants could not hear one another so names (and questions later in the meeting) had to be repeated by the meeting host either into the computer mic for Zoom attendees or into the room for the in-person attendees.*

5:20 – 5:25 Brief project overview (Sarah)

*Reviewed project timeline: past work was early feasibility and preliminary community outreach. Current phase is data collection and community outreach and engagement that are needed to understand if restoration can be achieved without any impacts to surrounding properties. Timeline will be posted on Mid Sound's website.*

*Monthly community meetings will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Other communication strategies still being developed.*

*Decision points are built into the project timeline to assess whether to move forward with the project. First decision point is after preliminary geotechnical and groundwater studies are*

*completed this summer. Project partners, the County, funders, property owners, and community members will have an opportunity to review results at each decision point. Mid Sound is still in very early phases of project development, working to gather data that will allow us to understand what restoration might be possible and what the impacts would be.*

5:25 – 5:35 Kitsap County Public Works, Parks, and Natural Resources perspectives (Andy, Alex, and Kirvie)

*Andy Nelson shared the perspective of this phase of the project as an opportunity to improve conditions around the park and benefit the environment, supports gathering data that will help understand benefits and impacts of restoration. Want a clear understanding of what the project would look like, what the impacts would be, and what type of maintenance would be required. Data gathered will be useful even if the restoration project does not move forward.*

5:35 – 5:45 Technical studies, design considerations, lessons learned from other projects (Jessica)

*Overview of benefits of Point No Point for juvenile Chinook salmon*

*Description of Puget Sound barrier estuaries and historic shoreline at Point No Point. Barrier estuaries were historically important for juvenile salmon but have been lost to development throughout much of Puget Sound. Point No Point was historically a high marsh embayment, and that's the type it would be restored to.*

*Jessica shared the three different concepts that were developed for the early feasibility study. These are ideas, but the data we are gathering now will help us better understand what restoration options could look like.*

5:45 – 6:40 Discussion session and Q&A (Sarah/All)

*Sarah shared slide showing the different categories of community concerns that we are considering in our planning efforts. Question posed to the group: is anything missing from our list?*

- a. Community concerns and feedback we've heard – what are we missing?
- b. How do you want to hear from us? How would you like to be involved?
- c. How to reach us/who to contact/where to find information.
- d. Other Q & A

*Meeting finished with open Q&A from in-person and Zoom attendees.*

*Mid Sound will update the FAQs on our project website to include new questions and work on making project reports and information accessible on our website so that everything is easy to find.*

*Questions were raised about many topics, including: long term maintenance of the project, SRFB Review Panel comments, how would a tidal channel stay open, how is Mid Sound addressing the petition, causes of flooding in the area and concerns around King Tides, past communication efforts by Mid Sound, project costs and construction timing.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

