



Stormwater Action Monitoring

Collectively improving stormwater management

New SAM webpage up and running

If you haven't done so already, replace your bookmarks with the new SAM webpage address: ecology.wa.gov/SAM. There are subpages for receiving water monitoring, effectiveness studies, source identification projects, and administration.

PRO-C deems SAM's first permit cycle a success

The Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (PRO-C) is a formal group of permittees and other stakeholder members that ensures the transparency and accountability of Ecology's administration and management of SAM. The PRO-C reports that SAM is on track to spend the funds collected during the 2013-2018 municipal stormwater permit cycle. The PRO-C evaluated Ecology's launch and implementation of SAM and finds it to be an overall success. Ecology delivers regular budget and progress reports as part of the SAM oversight process. These reports, and SAM project deliverables, are posted on the [SAM webpages](#).

More SAM effectiveness studies and source identification projects get started

Several more first round SAM studies are wrapping up soon and new SAM contracts are underway. The SWG approved four new effectiveness studies and three new source ID projects last year. Two more effectiveness studies are being re-scoped for final approval this year. See details on the [SAM webpages](#). In addition to these studies, the SWG plans to identify more projects for the funds collected during the permit extension year. This fall, the SWG will ask for your ideas about priority topics for future studies.

SWG and SAM scientists to plan future receiving water monitoring

The SWG has heard and discussed findings and recommendations from all first round SAM Puget Sound streams and nearshore receiving water status assessments. SAM scientists will now convene to consider all of the studies' recommendations as a whole in planning trends monitoring. Future rounds of data collection will focus on providing better understanding of impacts caused by stormwater and associated trends in receiving water conditions. [SAM receiving water monitoring](#) will continue to leverage efforts of other monitoring programs.

Find SAM communication products and research results

Check out our [short video](#) that explains SAM's role and why SAM is important. Fact sheets on completed SAM studies are available on the [SAM webpages](#).

Keep in touch

The SAM and Stormwater Work Group listservs migrated to a new domain; share these links for new users to subscribe: [STORMWATER-ACTION-MONITORING](#); [SWG-REPORTER](#); and [STORMWATER-WORK-GROUP](#).

Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM) is a collaborative, regional stormwater monitoring program that is funded by more than 90 Western Washington cities and counties, the ports of Seattle and Tacoma, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.