



S&T Scientists Team Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Group Purpose:

To bring together regional scientific expertise to guide long-term monitoring programs and support collective learning about improved stormwater management.

Meeting objective:

Introduce members, Subgroup mission and goal, and review current work under SAM's Status & Trends program

Agenda:

1. 5 minutes --- **Welcome; Review draft mission and goals**
 - a. **Mission:** To bring together regional scientific expertise to guide long-term monitoring programs and support collective learning about improved stormwater management.
 - b. **Goal:** To recommend robust methods for collecting data and analyzing trends in water quality, habitat, and biological health. Help regional partners evaluate whether our stormwater efforts are protecting and improving aquatic ecosystems.
2. 15 minutes -- **Introductions** – Please share your title, affiliation, any connections or experience with long-term monitoring
3. 20 minutes -- **Introduction to the subgroup work plan** – Let's review ideas for our near and far term tasks:
 - a. Assemble group of water quality scientists and ecologists with expertise in the Puget Sound and Lower Columbia River basins.
 - b. Revisit the purpose of the S&T data analysis, the data sources, and the expected outcomes.
 - c. Make recommendations to SWG on data analysis procedures. This could include questions and statistical methods for analysis.
 - d. Make recommendations to SWG on how data analysis should be conducted –in an IAA with a gov't agency, award a contract through an RFP process, or another avenue.
 - e. Consider adding new parameters (e.g. 6PPDQ, PFAS, alkylphenols)
 - f. Make recommendations to SWG on new studies (e.g. nearshore sediment, pesticides)
 - g. Other ideas?
4. 20 minutes – **Review Past & Current SAM Receiving Water Studies** –The goal in this 'presentation' is to bring everyone onto the same page about where we've been and where we can go

5. 25 minutes – **Discussion on Subgroup mission, goals, workplan, and future meetings**
 - a. How can we improve the draft mission and goals?
 - b. What should we add/remove/prioritize in the draft work plan?
 - c. What should we plan for our next meeting? Would you want to see examples of trend analyses at future meetings? Review statistical methods?
 - d. Would 2-3 volunteers like to help plan the next meeting?
 - e. Which date is best for our next meeting? Thurs Aug 21 – 1:30PM or Fri Aug 22 – 10AM?
6. 5 minutes – **Closing & Confirm Next Steps**

Next meeting:

- TBD