

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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Key news and information you need to stay current on Stormwater Action Monitoring (SAM, the regional stormwater monitoring program), and the strategic approach to monitoring and assessment to reduce stormwater impacts to Puget Sound

New SAM webpage up and running

Replace your bookmarks with the new SAM webpage address: ecology.wa.gov/SAM. The SAM and Stormwater Work Group listservs also migrated to a new domain; share these links for new users to subscribe: [STORMWATER-ACTION-MONITORING](#); [SWG-REPORTER](#); and [STORMWATER-WORK-GROUP](#).

More information: [SAM webpage](#)

SAM funds allocated for permit cycle

The Pooled Resources Oversight Committee reported to the Stormwater Work Group that SAM is on track to spend more than 97% of the funds collected during the 2013-2018 municipal stormwater permit cycle. The SWG plans to identify additional projects for the funds collected during the permit extension year.

More information: [SAM administration webpage](#)

SWG discussing proposed permit monitoring language

In October, the Washington Department of Ecology released draft language for several municipal stormwater permit sections for informal review and comment. The SWG and its caucuses have been discussing the Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment language. The SWG's consensus stakeholder group comments will be sent to Ecology following the workgroup meeting on January 17, 2018.

More information: [Municipal stormwater general permits](#); [SWG support pages](#)

Another SAM source identification project selected

In November the SWG directed the SAM Coordinator to implement an illicit discharge manual training and updates project with funds from the SAM Source Identification account. This project will also inform future priorities for SAM source identification projects and effectiveness studies on permittees' illicit discharge detection and elimination programs.

More information: [SAM webpage](#); the SAM Source ID page is under construction

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. The SAM scientists will 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.

More information: [SAM status and trends](#)

Find SAM communication products and research results

A short video explains SAM's role and why SAM is important; watch it at <https://vimeo.com/230846119/db5d640870>. Fact sheets on completed SAM studies are available on the SAM webpage.

More information: [SAM webpage](#)

Find SAM deliverables and budget reports

Ecology delivers regular budget and progress reports to SWG as part of the SAM oversight process. These reports, and SAM project deliverables, are posted on the SAM web pages.

More information: [SAM webpage](#)

About the Stormwater Work Group – Join our Effort!

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, public ports, tribes, and agriculture formed in 2008 to develop a strategic, coordinated and integrated approach to understanding the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. Our work supports SAM implementation and other stormwater related monitoring. We welcome more participation on the work group and in our subcommittees and caucuses. Our meetings are open to all interested parties. Contact [Karen Dinicola](#) to be added to a committee list.

More information: [SWG support pages](#); [SWG webpage](#)