



**Steelhead**  
SUMMIT ALLIANCE



## Wild Skagit Initiative

Skagit River Steelhead: Conservative fisheries management for continued stock recovery

**April 18, 2015**

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Center for Urban Horticulture

3501 Northeast 41st Street

Seattle, WA 98105

### DRAFT AGENDA – 4/1/2015

8:30 Doors open

#### **Introduction**

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome, Introductions, What is the SSA & Goals

Goals of SSA:

- Provide an understanding of the history and present condition of wild steelhead in the Skagit River Basin
- Provide a platform for discussion regarding the future and identify ideal management methods that would provide the highest potential for recovery of wild Skagit steelhead
- Seize the incredible opportunity and gain support for designating the entire Skagit Basin as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank

#### **Presentations**

9:30 – 10:00 **Nick Gayeski (*Wild Fish Conservancy*)**  
Historical Abundance of Skagit Steelhead

10:00 – 10:45 **Bill McMillan (*retired fisheries biologist*)**  
Skagit Wild/Hatchery Steelhead Harvest History, Wild Life History Changes, & NW Comparisons

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 11:30 **Kurt Beardslee & Nick Gayeski (*Wild Fish Conservancy*)**  
Hatchery Steelhead and the Chambers Creek Stock

11:30 -12:00 **John McMillan (*Wild Steelheaders United/Trout Unlimited*)**  
Importance of Life History Diversity for Recovery & Management

- 12:00 – 12:45      LUNCH &  
**Curt Kramer (retired WDFW fisheries biologist)**  
Years of Observations on the Skagit - with Q&A
- 12:45 – 1:15      **Bill McMillan (retired fisheries biologist)**  
The Reproductive Ecology of *Oncorhynchus Mykiss* In Tributaries  
of the Mid Skagit River Basin
- 1:15 – 1:45      **Dick Burge (Wild Steelhead Coalition Trustee)**  
The latest on catch and release impacts
- 1:45 – 2:15      **Ed Connor & Michael Schmidt (Seattle City Light/Long Live  
The Kings)**  
Puget Sound Steelhead Smolt Marine Survival Study
- 2:15 – 2:45      **Steve Hinton (Skagit River System Cooperative)**  
Current Habitat Restoration Efforts on the Skagit
- 2:45 – 3:00      BREAK
- 3:00 – 3:45      **Dave Pflug (Seattle City Light)**  
Genetic, Ecological and Productivity Monitoring of Skagit  
Watershed Natural Origin Steelhead Following the Cessation of  
Hatchery Releases
- 3:45 – 4:15      **Ed Connor (Seattle City Light)**  
Steelhead recovery planning: Puget Sound Steelhead Recovery  
Planning Team
- 4:15 – 4:30      Questions/Action/Next Steps
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM      SOCIAL Mixer (refreshments available)