



## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND WATERSHED COUNCIL

### Minutes

November 8, 2018

Attending: Deb Rudnick, Diane Landry, Dan Groff, John Williams, Wayne Daley

- Updates:

- Salmon Monitoring – Eggs on Springbrook, first sightings on Manzanita! Wayne talked about changes to the base flow in the Schel Chelb system and a dam downstream of Lynwood Center Drive that was built for a dairy many decades ago that he had proposed to mitigate, but ultimately was not funded.
- Kitsap Salmon Tours - None of us attended, but John recommends the area on Chico Creek- Mountaineers – near Forest Theater. He says it's a beautiful hike and we should all go even if we missed the salmon event.
- Ravine Sign – The artwork looks great; our artist has it with her in Spain(!) She will be sending it back when complete so we can get the sign assembled. The adventure continues on replacing this iconic sign on Winslow Way. More as we know it!
- Springbrook Creek Watershed Assessment – Pending, pending, pending -- hope to see this very soon! Land Trust is working right now to finalize this document and as soon as Deb gets it, she will share it with the group. We are all looking forward to seeing the priorities and conceptual designs for improvements in this watershed.
- Movies That Matter – This is a wonderful new series from Sustainable Bainbridge, Climate Action Bainbridge and additional partners of engaging environmental films playing first Thursdays at the public library at 7pm. Panelists after every film will discuss local links and context. Please join us!

<http://www.sustainablebainbridge.org/pdfs/Movies%20that%20Matter%202018%20Flyer.pdf>

- Nov 18 – Celluloid Bainbridge, will be showing Return of the Plankton at 12:50pm, among other films in this retrospective at Lynwood Theatre.  
<http://www.celluloidbainbridge.com/2018-program/>
- Nov 28 - Team Sail Like a Girl will be speaking at Bainbridge Public Library at 7pm about their winning Race to Alaska.

- Discussion

- COBI budget and staffing – The 2019 COBI budget, at least in its earlier versions Deb reviewed, had no allocation for either a groundwater/surface water manager in their water resources program nor a natural resources manager, both of which are needed. Please submit comments to Council. Here are some

talking points: Deb discussed how this lack of staffing has lead to some real unfunded mandates. We have so many priorities in our Comprehensive Plan and other documents that speak to the importance of monitoring and managing our natural resources, including groundwater, stream and riparian habitat, culverts and fish passage, noxious weeds and other issues. The City needs staff with the expertise and focus to address these issues. Deb is encouraging folks to talk to their Council reps about these priorities.

Dan also asked about the status of ongoing baseline stream monitoring. He will reach out to Christian Berg, water resources technician for COBI. Wayne will reach out to Trout Unlimited/Bainbridge Island Fly Fishers to talk to them about weighing in on the need for City staff to address these issues.

- Odyssey Mini-course – Sustainable Bainbridge is considering participating in Odyssey Middle School's student service project program, a mini-course over 6 consecutive weeks, 1.5 hours each Friday. Various programs of SB would take turns hosting a project, including Watershed Council.
- ABC Environmental Conference - - We still are unclear whether this is moving forward. Wayne will check with Charles at ABC. Deb will contact Maradel Gale to see about assisting. John will reach out to Laura James if we move forward.
- BARN is starting up a video group with several professional and amateur videographers. John says to keep this group in mind in case we have video needs.
- Deb is looking for historic Blakely Elementary School photos. Dan said he will ask at his workplace, the BI Historical Museum.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019!!** Have a fantastic rest of the year, and see you in the new one!