



May 19, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Deb Rudnick (chair), Nancy Cooper, Brian Copp, Diane Landry (BIZW), John Williams (Salish Magazine), Christian Berg (COBI)

Items discussed:

- **ReFashion Trashion Show:** June 12 at IslandWood. Upcycled and creatively reused textiles and clothes. A walking fashion show where you walk the islandwood trails and interact with the artists and models! Get your tickets now!
www.ReFashionBainbridge.org
 - **Climate Smart Challenge!** Sign up for this community challenge to reduce your carbon footprint as an individual, a family, or a team! <https://climatesmartbainbridge.org>
 - **Cooperative Weed Management Area:** County Noxious weed contract on hold. The County has sent notice to the City that they are terminating our interlocal agreement (ILA) to manage class A and B weeds on Bainbridge due to Dana Coggon's departure and loss of staff capacity, with no clarity around when this will be reinstated. Contact Council and commissioners (https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Pages/default.aspx) and let them know noxious weeds can't wait! We need a new ILA and staffing up of the noxious weed program as soon as possible.
 - **NWF backyard habitats:** BIWC has teamed up with BILT to help be local partners for the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program. We are working on a postcard to current owners to re-invigorate the program and encourage folks to sign up to certify their wildlife habitat, go to <https://www.nwf.org/CERTIFY>
 - **Salmon monitoring 2022:** adding Schel-chelb? Deb talked about the possibility of adding lower Schel-chelb creek from the estuary mouth to Baker Hill Rd. Anecdotal and personal evidence of coho and chum use. She will connect with Christian about this in the near term.
 - **Updates from COBI (Christian)**
 - Watershed Assessment of Manzanita status: see story map at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3aac59a200bc40579b459bc13ccc02f7>
- COBI is engaged on three culvert projects:
- Murden culvert: DOT plans to replace this culvert at highway 305 with a bridge, remove all fill. Great news for salmon!

- Springbrook culvert: led by Mid-sound fisheries enhancement group, pursuing funding to replace this failing culvert-weir system with a bridge, remove armoring and restore more natural stream flow. Grant submitted under Salmon Recovery Board funding, other funding sources pursued.
- Cooper culvert: grant pursued under salmon recovery board funding, tie in with non-motorized improvements.

Watershed Council Breaks for the Summer- see you in September! Save the date for our next meeting, tentatively planned for **September 15**. In person? Who can say!