

Skagit River Flood Risk Management General Investigation Comment Received (April 2012-June 2012 Outreach) Report

Report Purpose

This report documents comments received in response to outreach efforts to gather public feedback on preliminary alternatives for the Skagit River Flood Risk Management General Investigation (GI) in Skagit County to the public and stakeholders during the months of April 2012-June 2012.

Public Involvement Process

The centerpiece of the PDT's outreach efforts was a series of presentations of the preliminary alternatives to the public and local stakeholders. The presentations included a general overview of the study and study area, an overview of the plan formulation process, an overview of the preliminary alternatives, and an overview of the study process and path forward. A sample power point presentation and read-ahead are attached (Attachment 1&2)

The project delivery team gave several presentations to Skagit County cities and stakeholders as noted below:

Meeting	Date
Puget Sound Energy	Friday, April 6, 2012
Burlington City Council	Thursday, April 12, 2012
Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee	Monday, April 16, 2012
Environmental Resource Agencies	Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Sedro-Woolley City Council	Wednesday, April 25th, 2012
Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee Workshop	Friday, May 4, 2012
Anacortes Water Treatment Plant	Monday, May 7th, 2012
Public Workshop at Skagit County Building	Monday, May 7th, 2012
Aquatic Resources Group	Tuesday, May 8, 2012
La Conner City Council	Tuesday, May 8, 2012
WSDOT	Wednesday, May 9th, 2012
Mount Vernon Public Works Committee	Wednesday, May 9th, 2012

Farm, Fish and Flood Initiative Workgroup (3FI)	Monday, May 21, 2012
Dike and Drainage District Advisory Boards Workshop	Friday, June 15, 2012

The goal of this outreach effort was to:

- Identify issues that appear to be major concerns
- Gather data or identify data sources that would assist with refinement of the without project condition, formulation of the alternatives and evaluation of project impacts
- Obtain public input and determine acceptability of the preliminary alternatives.

Comments Received

This report summarizes all comments received during the meetings listed above and comments submitted to the Corps and County. A comment card was provided at every meeting and posted on the Skagit County website (Attachment 3). The public and stakeholders were asked to state their comment, issues and concerns regarding the alternatives and the study process. The public and stakeholders were also asked to provide alternatives to the alternatives presented and local knowledge of the area that would be helpful for further refinement of the alternatives.

All comments received are summarized in the attached spreadsheet (Attachment 4). The comments fall into the following categories:

Comment Categories		# of Comments Received
CIV	Civil Engineering	13
ECON	Economics	38
ENV	Environmental	37
HH	Hydrology and Hydraulics	83
HTRW	Hazardous Waste	3
PF	Plan Formulation	32
PM	Project Management	32
TRIBE	Tribal Concerns/Issues	1
ALT1	Alternative 1: No Action	1
ALT2	Alternative 2: Non-Structural	17
ALT3	Alternative 3: Joe Leary Bypass	27
ALT4	Alternative 4: Swinomish Bypass	17
ALT5	Alternative 5: Urban Levees	16
ALT6	Alternative 6: Levee Setbacks	8

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