

Planning Commission Briefing

Rural Lands Analysis – Salmon
Recovery in Local Planning Project

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Community Development



Agenda

What will we cover today?

Purpose and Background

Salmon Recovery in Local Planning Grant Update

Charter

Community Engagement Plan

Progress

Next Steps

Project Purpose and Background

Purpose

- Evaluate rural land use conditions
- Inform targeted actions
- **Align rural planning with salmon recovery goals**

Background

- Growth Management Act
- Comprehensive Plan
- Need for focused rural lands analysis
- **Integrated salmon recovery focus**
- **Dept. of Commerce Salmon Recovery in Local Planning Grant**



Salmon Recovery in Local Planning

Grant Update

Project Team Introductions

- Jason Walsh, Long Range Planner, Project Manager
- Daria Etching, Program Tech
- Dalia Barber, Planning Intern
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Contracts

- Department of Commerce
- ESA Consulting



Environmental Science Associates

Scope of Work – Salmon Recovery in Local Planning

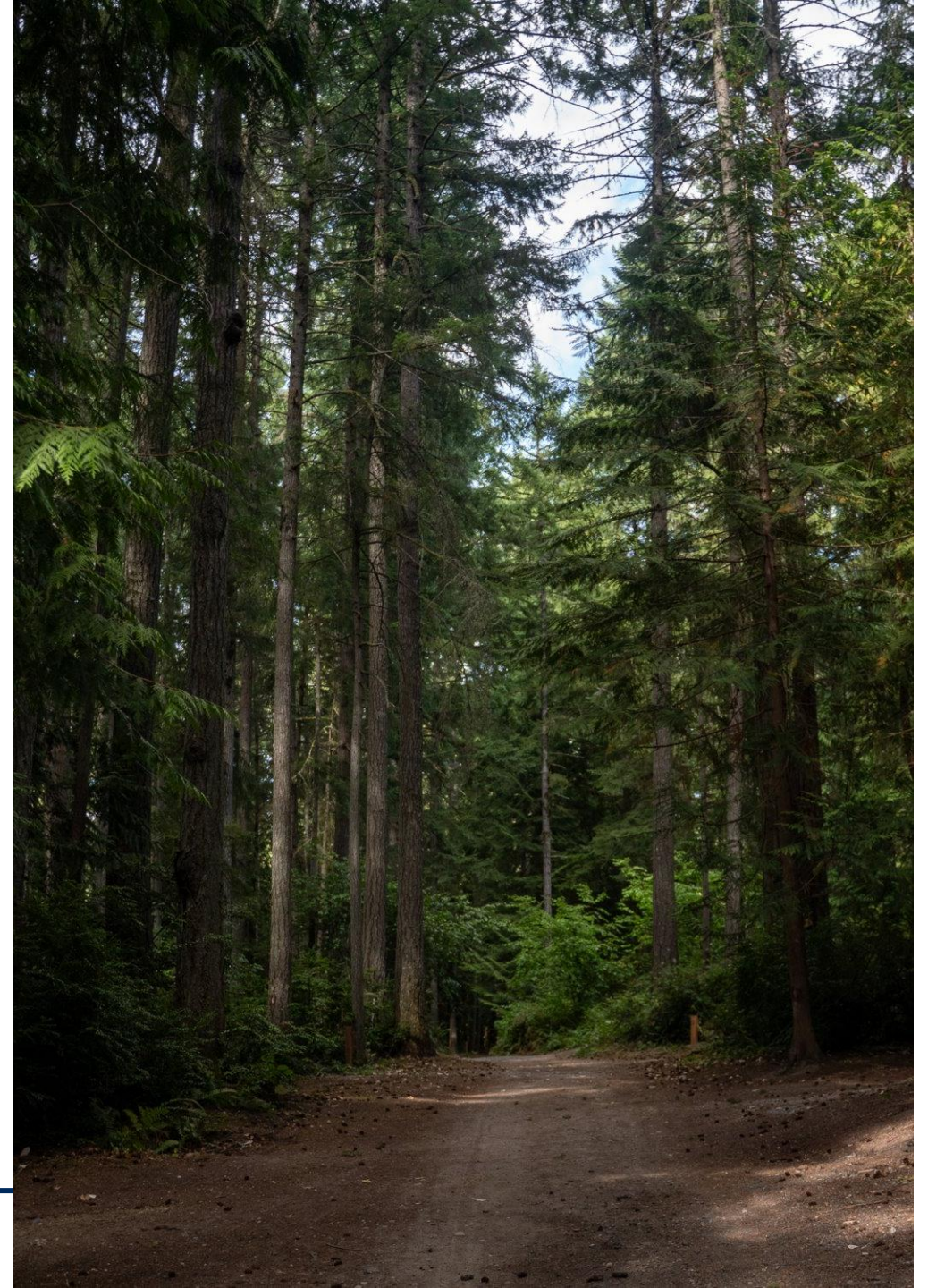
Project Management

Salmon Recovery Review and Existing Data Inventory

Rural Lands Analysis

Technical Engagement

Salmon Recovery Report



Dalia Barber

Planning Intern

Degree and Program

- Natural Resource Management

Year in School

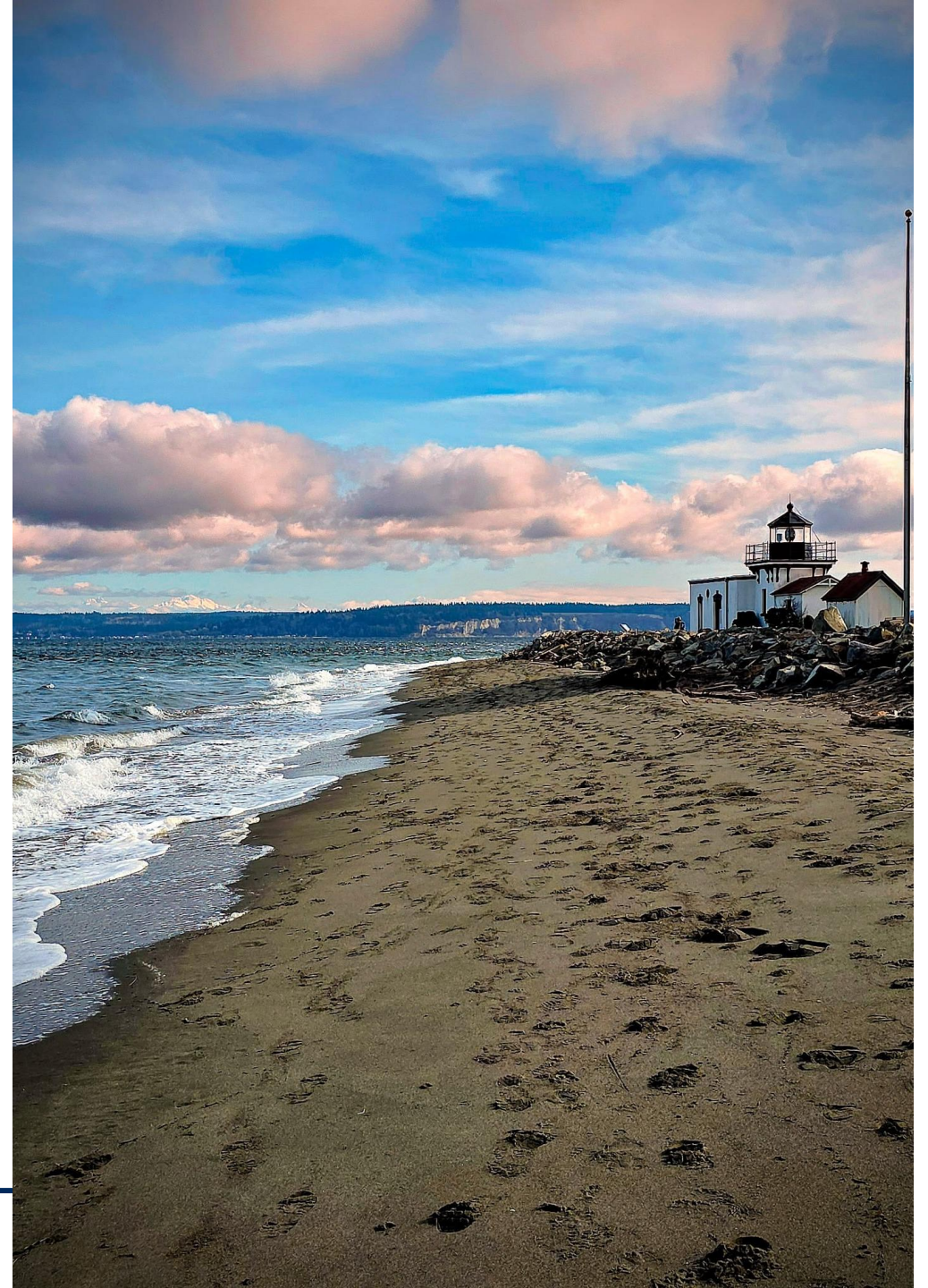
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Current Classes

- Native American Planning and Natural Resources Policy
- Natural History of the Pacific Northwest

Internship

- I would like to gain experience in the initiation and execution of a new project, learn the methodologies used to balance community needs with environmental and planning standards, and gain a comprehensive understanding of the County administrative process.



Charter

Approach

- Inventory and evaluation
- Framework for analysis
- Identify trends, constraints, etc
- On-going engagement
- Iterative review

Deliverables

- Existing Data Inventory and Technical Memorandum
- Rural Lands Analysis Report and Framework
- Rural Lands Report
- Engagement and Education



Community Engagement Plan

Introduction

- Phase 1: Awareness
- Phase 2: Feedback and Discussion
- Phase 3: Framework Development
- Phase 4: Recommendation Development

Team, Committee, and Working Group

- Internal Review Team
- Salmon Recovery Team
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Forestry Working Group
- Partner Meetings

Approach

- Project website
- Teams, Committee, Working Group
- Survey and Open House Events
- Presentations, Interviews, Notifications
- Planning Commissioner Presentations



Progress

ESA Meeting

Salmon Recovery Team Meeting

Plans

Data



Next Steps

Meetings & Organizing

- Agriculture Advisory Council
- Forestry Working Group
- Technical (Policy) Advisory Committee
- Internal Review Team

Engagement

- Project Webpage
- Open House & Survey
- Tribal Coordination Meeting Presentation

Plan & Data

- Inventory & Evaluation
- Technical Memo – Analysis Framework



Thank you!

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