

# PUGET SOUND CLEAN CARS STORMWATER PARTNERSHIP

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WORKING GROUP MEETING

**Welcome** to the Puget Sound Clean Cars Stormwater Partnership, a collaborative effort to reduce stormwater impacts associated with automotive vehicle fluid leaks in the State of Washington. In this second edition of our quarterly Newsletter, we present a brief overview and update of the project organization, expectations, and activities to date.



## Project Groups Established

The Puget Sound Clean Cars Stormwater Partnership is designed to be a collaborative effort between stakeholders from government, academia, industry, and interested non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The project is organized into three key groups: the operations team, the working group, and the stakeholder advisory group. Since our last newsletter, we've established a diverse roster of participating members for each group. The Operations Team is comprised of Ecology and its consultants (Gradient and SAE), and is tasked with coordinating meetings and communications among the groups, and synthesizing the final research report, based on the findings of the stakeholders.

The Working Group is comprised of 13 members from academia, automotive industry, government, and various NGOs. The working group is tasked with participating in quarterly web-meetings throughout the project, as well as with gathering technical information related to the project main objectives and for inclusion in the final summary report.

The larger Stakeholder Advisory Group currently consists of 23 additional members from a similarly diverse assortment of background and expertise. As the project moves forward, additional interested parties are welcome to join the advisory group and attend periodic progress update web meetings. The advisory group is tasked with submitting comments on project related questions and interim draft sections of the final report as needed.

A complete project organization chart, including active members of each group along with up-to-date contact information, is publically available from Ecology's website:

<https://fixcarleaks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Project-Org-Chart-April-2017.pdf>

## First Working Group Meeting

On April 28, 2017, the Puget Sound Clean Cars Stormwater Partnership Working Group held its first web meeting. Tom Lewandowski from Gradient kicked things off providing a project overview, and establishing ground rules for this and future Working Group meetings. Ken Zarker from Ecology followed with a brief discussion of the project and Ecology's role and responsibilities. Jen McIntyre from Washington State University presented a summary of her research on ecological impacts of stormwater pollution in the Puget Sound area. Gary Pollak from SAE International then discussed possible sources of automotive fluid leaks, and proposed a strategy for facilitating technical input from the Working Group. After a brief discussion of project deliverables, all eleven Working Group member attendees provided brief introductions describing their personal backgrounds and expertise as they relate to the project. The meeting wrapped up with a brief open discussion/question and answer period. Detailed meeting minutes are now publically available on Ecology's website:

<https://fixcarleaks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Memorandum-WG-042817-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

Presentation slides and other materials including a video of the entire meeting will soon be made publically available by Ecology here:

<https://fixcarleaks.org/clean-cars-partnership/>

## Upcoming Events

The follow up quarterly web meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2017, 3p.m. – 4p.m. eastern standard time (12p.m. – 1p.m. pacific standard time). Web meetings will be 30 minutes to 1 hour in length, and be hosted by Ecology's consultant, Gradient, with assistance from SAE International, to discuss project related tasks, information needs and progress updates. Findings and information collected during these web-meetings, as well as an ongoing literature search, will be summarized in a final report delivered to Ecology in June 2018 and presented at a future SAE conference.

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