

Voluntary Stewardship Program

VSP Monitoring Symposium

Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Logistics: To continue protecting the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and the public, this meeting will be conducted via online web-meeting and teleconference. All members of the public are welcome.

MEETING LOCATION:
Web-meeting / teleconference only

Please use the link and info below for the VSP Monitoring Symposium on April 27th, 2022 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT at:

Topic: VSP Monitoring Symposium

Time: Apr 27, 2022 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83796921159?pwd=cjBaaGZUZC9QUmZ5RHlkenVoenlpdz09>

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VSP Monitoring Symposium (Spring 2022)

VSP Monitoring Symposiums are intended to aid VSP counties as they prepare for VSP 5-year reports in an effort to ensure all counties can be successful within VSP. Content is intended to provide a shared framework for VSP monitoring themes - such as critical area functions and values, stakeholder participation, and the implementation of conservation practices - to support VSP work groups with monitoring and reporting.

Spring Session Objectives:

The first portion on this symposium will focus on Madison County – an imagined county loosely based on a composite of actual WA counties – in order to provide an example of how monitoring can be conducted within VSP. We will draw on examples from VSP counties, where possible, to strengthen linkages between content in the monitoring guide and activities occurring within VSP across the state.

The second portion of the symposium is an opportunity to discuss questions, concerns, and feedback related to VSP monitoring. The following prompts are meant to stimulate discussion:

- (i) Which areas of VSP monitoring are you or your work group finding the most challenging to implement?
- (ii) Are there aspects of VSP monitoring that you feel still need further clarification? If so, which ones?
- (iii) Any questions or suggestions you have to improve VSP monitoring are welcome

****Please send questions (e.g., based on prompts above) in advance of the symposium to allow staff to prepare information and responses. You can submit questions using Formstack at this link (<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?4741214-EdMp52Vs2F>) or via email to: lkeesecker@scc.wa.gov. Please send questions by April 14th in order for sufficient time for staff consideration.****

For reference, an outline of previous & future VSP monitoring sessions as well as results from the last VSP monitoring survey can be found on the SCC's VSP website [here](#).

9:00 AM: Opening comments, introductions, symposium objectives & agenda
Levi Keesecker, SCC

9:05 AM: Update on status of monitoring resources within VSP
Levi Keesecker, SCC

9:10 AM: Partner updates
WDFW, WSDA, ECY and/or other partners

9:15 AM: Fundamentals of VSP monitoring framework:
Madison County –
Context, work group
Goals, objectives, questions, and hypotheses
Scales and data quality needed
Geographic area and surroundings
Critical Area functions/values of interest
Agricultural and ecosystem context
Primary natural resource concerns
Effectiveness, implementation, and participation monitoring goals

10:15 AM: *Break*

10:30 AM: Fundamentals of VSP monitoring framework:
Madison County –
Hypotheses
Signal, noise, and randomness



Monitoring boundaries

Examples of monitoring results informing adaptive management, implementation and participation/outreach

11:00 AM Open discussion – All participants

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11:55 AM: Wrap-up and preview of next symposium (TBD)

Levi Keesecker, SCC

12:00 PM *Adjourn*

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to:

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