

v	<b>Communication, outreach, education and reporting (Updated after September 2017 board meeting)</b>		
	<p><u>Internal:</u> WID members are aware of and understand the priority issues and participate actively in WID planning &amp; implementation of priority actions.</p>	<p><b>Internal</b>  <u>Progress could be measured by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of direct personal contacts to resolve concerns or raise awareness;</li> <li>- information shared (e.g. newsletters, website);</li> <li>- landowner concerns/priorities addressed;</li> <li>- feedback received (informal or through surveys)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Internal:</b> The WID board will need to communicate with WID members and engage with them on agreed priority issues, and also to communicate with neighboring landowners, other stakeholders and relevant agencies living or working within the WID.</p> <p><u>Recently completed or ongoing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Redesigned and updated the Bertrand WID website (4/2015)</li> <li>ii. Distributed newsletter summarizing WID activities (9/2016)</li> <li>iii. Comprehensive Plan: hosted work session in 2016 to map and characterize priorities for the WID (Mapping Report produced with the Ag-Watershed Project team)</li> <li>iv. Education: Board members participated in 2/2015 meeting with WIDs &amp; Dairy Federation on fecal coliforms</li> </ul> <p><u>Priority actions for management plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. Comprehensive Plan: Update the WID Comprehensive Plan (2/2015, 3/2017: previous Plan issued in 2004), seek grant funding to develop and implement a comprehensive management plan</li> <li>vi. Reporting: Establish a template for tracking and regular reporting of WID progress on priority issues, based on a set of simple indicators of progress.*</li> <li>vii. Reporting: Update the Bertrand State of the Watershed Report* (6/2015, 7/2015)</li> <li>viii. Outreach: Continue to distribute newsletter to WID members summarizing WID progress.</li> </ul>
	<p><u>External:</u> Non-agricultural residents and other stakeholders outside the WID are aware of, understand and support the Bertrand WID's priority actions.</p>	<p><b>External</b>  <u>Progress could be measured by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- External contacts: information shared (e.g. newsletters, website);</li> <li>- feedback received (informal or through surveys);</li> <li>- evidence of support for WID priorities (e.g. in media coverage)</li> </ul>	<p><b>External:</b> While external communication and engagement could be coordinated through the Ag Water Board and Whatcom Family Farmers, Bertrand-specific information and inputs will be needed to support these efforts.</p> <p><u>Recently completed or ongoing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ix. Published Ag Water Board introductory story map with general information about the WIDs <a href="http://www.agwaterboard.com/storymap">http://www.agwaterboard.com/storymap</a></li> <li>x. Published story map as part of Ag-Watershed Characterization and Mapping project <a href="http://arcg.is/29qspLX">http://arcg.is/29qspLX</a> (10/2016)</li> <li>xi. AWB (booth) on behalf of the WIDs at the Small Fruit Conference (Nov/Dec 2016)</li> <li>xii. Participated in Bertrand Watershed Conference (6/2015)</li> <li>xiii. Sponsored the WCD Speaker Series (9/2016, 10/2016) and WSU Water Workshop (2/2017)</li> <li>xiv. Engaged with NRCS to help make the CREP re-enrolment requirements adaptable to changing conditions on the ground (6/2015)</li> <li>xv. Ag Water Board submitted comments on County Critical Areas Ordinance Update (4/2016).</li> <li>xvi. Provided feedback on Whatcom Conservation District's 2017 work plan (9/2016).</li> <li>xvii. Coordinated with AWB, Dairy Federation and Whatcom Family Farmers for active discussions with the Lummi Nation regarding water issues, which culminated in the development of the Portage Bay Partnership in 2017. (3/2017)</li> <li>xviii. Tracked bills in the WA Legislature related to water supply and water rights and coordinated with AWB to respond as necessary (meeting minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Priority actions for management plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xix. Support Ag Water Board's work with key partners to relate positive stories about agriculture such as what farmers are doing to benefit habitat and water quality to stakeholders, relevant bodies and agencies, and media (March 20th work session notes).</li> <li>xx. Develop mechanisms for effectively representing WID concerns in transboundary discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Low flows coming across the border due to damming of Jackman Ditch &amp; Pepin Creek in BC (8/2016)</li> <li>b. Water quality problems originating on the BC side of the border (2/2016)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>