

**VSP Work Group
Chelan County Voluntary Stewardship Program
TUESDAY September 22, 2020
9:30 am to 12:00 noon
Meeting by phone/computer**

**URL - <https://www.uberconference.com/chelanrd>
Conference Number - 855-206-6298
No PIN needed**

**(If you prefer to call in by phone:
Alternate Phone - 509-902-0396)**

NOTE: Once logged in to the meeting, please mute yourselves to prevent audio feedback.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Project updates:
 - a. Current projects being implemented
 - b. New projects needing workgroup approval
4. Outreach
 - a. Review outreach that has taken place since last meeting (May 2020)
 - b. Plan for outreach event – October or November VSP update event for agricultural community
 - c. Discuss providing pesticide credits at VSP event (to increase participation)
5. Next steps
 - a. Confirm next meeting date
 - b. Adjourn

Attachments: Extract from Bill Eller July e-mail to Neil regarding pesticide credits

Extract from Bill Eller E-mail to Neil Aaland
July 24 E-mail

“Second, VSP and pesticide credits during work group meetings. Some VSP work groups are seeking innovative ways to increase attendance at work group meetings. One possibility might be to set aside a portion of your work group meeting agenda for pesticide training. While the Commission encourages creative ideas, we remind all that the ultimate goal for each work group is to make sure progress is made on your VSP work plan.

With respect to offering pesticide credits, not all who attend would benefit (since not all who attend would need credits toward their license), nor is weed control typically linked to critical area function and values (but could be if pesticides are misapplied or not applied).

Requirements to obtain credits include training / discussion of pesticides for at least 50 minutes and following the other requirements from the Washington State Department of Agriculture, some of which are further described below:

In general, the WSDA’s program accredits courses for pesticide recertification credits for those with a license to use, distribute, or consult on pesticides. Courses can qualify for credits if they meet certain criteria which are laid out in the WSDA’s Guidance for Course Sponsors.

In general:

- Courses must provide at least 50 minutes of instruction covering qualifying topics, which include topics directly related to pesticide use and pest management (please see guidance for topics).
- Sponsors must request accreditation at least 30 days prior to the course start date for onsite or live courses, 90 days for on-demand courses.
- Sponsors must provide all required materials listed in the guidance. Forms can be found at the WSDA’s Sponsoring a Course page.
- WSDA must be provided a way to join the course, if they choose, in order to monitor for adherence to agency policies.

Deciding to pursue pesticide credits is something each work group should decide for itself, keeping in mind the limited available VSP budget.”