

Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Nov. 10, 2014

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Snohomish County Campus, Drewel Building, Sixth Floor, Conference Room 6A04

Attendees:

Christie True, King County, Acting Chair LIO-EC
Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes
Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe
Allan Giffen, City of Everett
Bill Blake, City of Arlington
Perry Falcone, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Monte Marti, Snohomish Conservation District
Ann Stanton, City of Snohomish
Gregg Farris, Snohomish County
Josh Kubo, Tulalip Tribes
Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
Heather Cole, Puget Sound Partnership
Robert Sendrey, Sound Salmon Solutions
Andy Noone, Sound Salmon Solutions
Elizabeth Mc Manus, LIO Coordinator for Alliance for a Healthy South Sound
Karen Stewart, Sno-Stillly LIO Coordinator

Welcome, Introductions and Public Comments

Karen Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated introductions that proceeded around the room. Chair, Dave Somers was unable to attend so Christie True would function as the meeting lead. There was one change to the agenda to allow time for a project update from staff with Sound Salmon Solutions. There were no public comments. PSP staffer, Heather Cole briefly described the status of the watershed proviso recommendations the Partnership is preparing for the Legislature. Elizabeth, the lead consultant on this effort, briefly described interviews of the “framers” and stated that a draft report had now been submitted to the Partnership. The final report will be submitted to the Legislature in December.

Nominate LIO Reps. for Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

Call for nominees for PSEMP was presented and there were no nominations at this time. Additional handouts describing the function of the group was provided along with the nomination form. Several members expressed interest in the topic of monitoring, but didn't have time to attend meetings. The deadline to turn in nomination forms was reiterated (Nov. 14 submitted to PSP).

LIO Statement of Work for Oct.1, 2014-Sept. 30, 2015

Approved by Puget Sound Partnership and distributed for committee's working file. It was noted that starting in May of 2015 there will be a need for more frequent meetings as work on the comprehensive update of the Action Agenda begins.

Watershed Curriculum NTA

Robert Sendrey and Andy Noone with Sound Salmon Solutions presented a draft of possible watershed and ecosystem modules that could be selected for sessions with decision-makers. Suggestions from the LIO included:

Be aware of language flags for elected officials; refer to polls and surveys to substantiate statements; discuss positives not just negatives; describe benefits of GMA (reduces sprawl), benefits of conservation, urban development, etc.

Focus on human benefits, not just benefits to fish. Communicate that this is a coordinated approach. Present a more balanced view that is science based. Describe potential impacts on private landowners.

EPA's Straw Models for NEP Funding Distribution for FY16 and beyond

Recap of EPA meeting w/ LIO Representatives-Bill Blake and Terry Williams. Bill described what was presented by the EPA and the key feedback to date:

1. Increase Opportunities for Direct Funding to Locals
2. Increase Predictability of Funding From Year to Year
3. Increase Transparency of Funding Policies and Decision-Making
4. Reduce Administrative Burden on Both Applicants and Lead Organizations
5. Streamline Subaward Processes
6. Funding should Implement the Action Agenda
7. Local Priorities are not being funded with EPA funds
8. Need Check and Balances in decision-making

There was a discussion about Implementation Strategies and how they relate to vital signs.

Proposed Approach -- Alliance for a Healthy South Sound LIO-Elizabeth McManus described a joint LIO/tribal approach using the salmon recovery allocation model. The LIO determined that this was a viable approach and that they would direct the Chair to sign the joint letter.

It was stated that the Ecosystem Coordination Board will discuss on Nov. 13 and the Leadership Council will review on Dec. 10.

Comments due to EPA by Dec. 1st

Letters of Support for Projects

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.