

Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Implementation Committee

Meeting Summary

Monday, August 3, 2015

1:30– 4:00 p.m.

Snohomish County Campus, Drewel Building, 1st Floor Public Meeting Room

LIO IC Members Attending

Andy Noone, Snohomish Camano ECO Net
Bill Blake, City of Arlington, Stillaguamish Watershed Council
Chris Betchley, Stillaguamish River Clean Water District
Elise Gronewald, Port of Everett (alternate)
Glynis Casey, Tulalip Tribes
Gregg Farris, Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Jacqueline Reid, Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
Kirk Lakey, Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum
Mary Cunningham, City of Everett
Matt Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Tribe
Monte Marti, Snohomish Conservation District
Perry Falcone, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum/King County
Tom Hoban, Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee

Participants

Ann Bylin, Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Chrys Bertolotto, WSU Extension
Denise Di Santo, Snohomish County Surface Water Management/Snohomish Basin Lead Entity Coordinator
Heather Cole, ERC, Puget Sound Partnership
Janell Majewski, Snohomish County Surface Water Management
Karen Stewart, LIO Coordinator
Kari Stiles, Puget Sound Partnership
Kit Crump, Snohomish County Surface Water Management/ Stillaguamish Basin Co-Lead Entity
Mary Hurner, Snohomish County Surface Water Management

Introductions, Announcements and Public Comments

Bill Blake, Sno-Stilly Implementation Committee (IC) Chair, opened the meeting and introductions followed. Members approved the 6/30 meeting summary.

Chrys Bertolotto announced that WSU Extension Beach Watchers will be presenting “Sound Living,” a community day of learning about the connections between the water, land and people. The event will be held at Mukilteo City Hall on October 31, 2015, and will features speakers covering topics oriented toward the Vital Signs.

Tom Hoban announced the “Derelict Net Removal Celebration,” an event sponsored by the Northwest Straits Initiative, will take place on Thursday, August 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Port of Everett Boxcar Park. This event celebrates the conclusion of a multi-year project to remove of shallow water derelict fishing nets from Puget Sound, and it honors the vision of leaders who created the Northwest Straits Initiative.

Karen Stewart stated that the Implementation Committee roster has been updated (copy in meeting packet), as there are three changes:

- Andy Noone is the new Snohomish-Camano ECO Net representative
- Jacqueline Reid, of Snohomish County Planning and Development Services, will be joining to provide planning support
- Robert Sendrey, formerly of Sound Salmon Solutions, has resigned; leaving an opening for another non-governmental organization to become involved in the LIO.

Karen updated the Committee on the Draft Proposed Scope of Work (copy in meeting packet), stating that it is still being negotiated with the EPA. In Task 5.07, PSP is asking for volunteers to serve on Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) and grant funds to the LIOs could be used to offset costs to participate on the regional planning groups. Three SITTs have been selected by the Partnership and Monte was appointed to the Stormwater Strategic Implementation Team. Monte has asked for future reimbursement for travel to/from the regional meetings and potentially for his time. This proposal (Task 5.07) will be discussed with the LIO-Executive Committee at their next meeting. Heather Cole noted that the first meeting of this team is this Wednesday.

There was a short discussion on how the funds PSP will provide for the planning process are to be used. Karen stated that King County plans to use some of the \$170,000 to hire a consultant, and our LIO would like to do the same. An updated work schedule for the September 30, 2015 the December 31, 2015 deliverables was included in the LIO-IC meeting packet.

Review of Compiled Results from 6/30 IC Meeting

Karen referred to the Work Plan and Schedule through the end of the year, stating that we need to have consensus on the priority pressures before we can draft the results chains for the September 30, 2015 deliverable, and we need to have consensus on the September 30, 2015 deliverable before we can work on the December 31, 2015 deliverable.

To review, the September 30th deliverable consists of 3 components relating to our 6 Priority Vital Signs (Estuaries, Chinook Salmon, :

- Prototype results chains, customized for the Snohomish – Stillaguamish LIO with current (2012 – 2014) NTAs for related 2012 sub-strategies mapped to them
 - The NTAs must be associated with 3 strategic initiatives (stormwater, habitat, shellfish); address a priority pressure, and relate to the Vital Sign targets
- Ecosystem recovery schematics for each Priority Vital Sign, and
- Narrative documenting the LIO's decision process to determine the priority pressures, how the NTAs align/differ with the approaches represented in the prototype results chains, and upcoming areas of focus and those that will be discontinued.

Karen presented a large spreadsheet summarizing the LIO-IC small group work from the 6/30 meeting. A version of this spreadsheet had been emailed to the LIO-IC on July 6. The small group exercise was intended to identify the Committee's top pressures to customize PSP's prototype results chains for local conditions in the Snohomish and Stillaguamish watersheds. Committee members discussed the process and summary spreadsheet showing the 11 prioritized pressures for the combined 6 Priority Vital Signs. Gregg Farris suggested that it might be more useful to identify the top five pressures for each of the Priority Vital Signs separately rather than lumping them all together. Some participants expressed dissatisfaction with the process and that not all of the small groups completed Step 4 to prioritize the top pressures. Glynis Casey pointed out that we skipped the last step of the small group process (Step 5) when the small groups were to report out to the entire committee. It was noted that the tight timeline to produce the September 30th deliverable adversely affected the Committee's ability to follow a more extended participatory process.

To address these concerns, there will be an opportunity for completion of Step 4 of the small group exercise and then the compiled results from the three small groups showing the proposed list of priority pressures for each of the 6 Priority Vital Signs will be emailed to the entire group to complete Step 5 via emails using the “reply all” function to share ideas. The LIO-IC will hopefully reach consensus on the priority pressures so that results chains can be developed for the August 18 LIO-IC meeting. Heather Cole reiterated that it is really important for the group to understand and endorse the top pressures. All pressures are important in the long run, but we need to identify those we should be addressing in the next two years.

PSP Results Chains Prototypes for Priority Vital Signs Presentation

Kari Stiles, of Puget Sound Partnership, provided a presentation on results chains prototypes, which is available for your review on the LIO’s webpage <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/2232/LIO---Implementation-Committee>.

Kari stated that results chains are logic models, showing a series of changes we want to see before implementing an activity to improve the ecosystem. Prototype results chains are results chains that were developed by Puget Sound Partnership as part of the 2012 Action Agenda work. Our second deliverable is a request by PSP for the LIOs to use the prototype results chains and customize them to represent the LIO’s current approach to the recovery of each vital sign present in that LIO. Each LIO will customize the Pressures and Stressors links to the 4-6 Vital Signs that they selected. Each watershed will use the same Sub-strategies and Intermediate Results that were provided by PSP. The LIO also needs to connect (or map) their current and new NTAs to where they fit on the prototypes. Each LIO will turn these in with our changes and any suggestions for changing the Sub-strategies and/or Intermediate results in September. After these results chains are finalized in December, they can be added to the 2016 Action Agenda as an amendment.

Kari reviewed the three steps to mapping NTAs to prototypes. She stated that the more we communicate with PSP about what we are going to submit in September will allow for feedback in October and November, and provide the opportunity for a more solid deliverable in December.

Results Chains for Estuaries Discussion

Kit Crump led a discussion of PSP’s results chains prototype for estuaries. His presentation is also on the LIO website <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/2232/LIO---Implementation-Committee>. He stated that the Estuary Implementation Strategy is the regional vision for estuaries. The regional strategy places a strong emphasis on large river deltas, which is very significant for our LIO. The three largest river deltas are in the North Sound and our LIO has two of these three river deltas. Kit noted that this means that our LIO is well-represented by this regional estuary strategy. The next Implementation Strategy to be developed by PSP is the Chinook Implementation Strategy. Kit stated that our LIO will also benefit from this regional strategy, as the diversity of our LIO mirrors that of the region as a whole on this topic as well.

Next Steps

The LIO Planning Team agreed to:

- Send copies of the group work on 6/30 and a schedule/process to reach consensus on the priority pressures
- Email to LIO-IC the estuaries schematic developed by PSP and the Implementation Strategy group

The next meeting of the LIO-IC is Tuesday, August 18th from 1:30 –4:00 p.m. in the Drewel Building, Room 6A02.