

Topic: DRAFT Vision, Objectives, Goals, and Workplan for Phase II-FOR APPROVAL

Background: At the April 20th IC meeting, the Committee recommended the DRAFT vision, objective, goals, and workplan for approval by the EC. Staff made all the requested revisions and recirculated to the IC for review. There were no additional comments.

Approval:

Vision

The draft 2017 vision and objectives were developed based on a review of the basic LIO functions, role of the Committees, and added value. The draft vision statement, with revisions recommended by the Structure Subcommittee, is copied below.

“Implement priority actions, identify additional actions to address gaps and barriers, and continue to integrate additional goals that have been identified in the LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan with the goal of improving ecosystem health in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish watersheds.”

The vision is consistent with comments from Sheida Sahandy and Peter Murchie at the September 2016 LIO EC meeting, with feedback from the Implementation Committee (IC), and with the focus of the 2018 Action Agenda update. This vision is guided by the following organizational principles:

- Use existing structures where available and avoid duplicative processes;
- Add value and clearly enhance capacities to implement the Action Agenda;
- Be sensitive to staff time/resources and to redirecting efforts from other actions;
- Have clear purpose, benefits, and deliverables;
- Ensure time commitments are commensurate with potential benefit; and
- Remain flexible and responsive to member and stakeholder interests.

Objectives

- Be more strategic about targeting funding opportunities
- Communicate our goals and priorities to stakeholders and decision-makers with the goal of bringing more resources to LIO members
- Accelerate implementation of our recovery strategies and adaptively manage our efforts
- Examine alternative structure models that integrate the LIO with other watershed forums and local representation at the State level
- Document improvements in ecological function/ecosystem health in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish watersheds

Goals

The primary goal categories were developed based on the IC surveys, basic LIO functions, as well as the draft vision and objectives, and the gaps and barriers to implementation. Following the Subcommittee meeting, some of the goals have been slightly consolidated. The revised goal categories are copied below, are intended to achieve process efficiencies, and are expanded upon in the *Draft Work Plan*.

- Coordination
- Strategic Implementation
- Integration
- Adaptive Management
- Communication

The LIO 2017 workplan includes:

- **Strategic Implementation:** development and implementation of a funding strategy, LIO priority alignment with regional efforts (i.e. Implementation Strategies), and project development (NTAs).

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- Integration: setting local goals for vital signs like floodplains; establishing monitoring indicators for recovery
- Adaptive management: ongoing planning needs like status and trends, approval of the Final Plan, and sequencing priority actions/efforts
- Communication: development and implementation of a communications strategy
- Other: includes regional and local coordination, NTA reporting, and the LIO structure evaluation

A copy of the workplan is provided.

Activity	Time Commitment	Staff or Committee Leads	Deliverables
Committee Coordination			
Staff convene LIO EC Meetings	3-4 annual mtgs	SnoCo and KC Staff	meeting agendas, summaries - Work plan & Final Plan approval - Adaptive mgt strategy (gaps and barriers) - Vision and Goals - Funding - other policy/project issues as they arise
Staff convene IC Meetings	5-6 annual mtgs	SnoCo and Tulalip Staff	meeting agendas, summaries - monitoring/adaptive mgt strategy - Work plan and EPA/NTA grant round - other policy issues as they arise
Staff convene Subcom Meetings	4-5 2017 mtgs, 2018 TBD	SnoCo Staff	meeting agendas, summaries - draft vision, goals and objectives (Phase 2) - criteria/recommendation for more effective structure
Strategic Implementation			
Work plan	High - multiple meetings, coordination with committees, region and stakeholders	SnoCo Staff and IC	Work plan, vetted, app'd, sent to region
IS alignment	M/H-coodination with SI Leads, stakeholders, and Committees	Coordinator, Committees, regional partners	-Better alignment with IS actions/approaches and potential funding opportunities
Funding strategy	M/H-multiple meetings, coodination with funders, stakeholders, and Committees	SnoCo staff	Draft funding strategy intended to direct more resources toward LIO priorities
Implement funding strategy	M/H	Coordinator and Project Sponsors within LIO	Utilize funding strategy and update periodically (annually or every two years)
Project development (NTAs)	High-multiple meetings, coordination with Committees, region, and stakeholders	IC recommend, EC approve	Suite of actions intended to address LIO priorities by accelerating recovery strategy implementation
Integration			
Local goal setting (gap)	High - multiple meetings, coordination with committees, region and stakeholders	Coordinator, Committee's, and sub-groups?	Vetted and approved local goals that relate to regional recovery targets
Monitoring indicators (gap)	Medium-coordination w/ Integrated Monitoring group at SnoCo, region, and with stakeholders	SnoCo and KC Staff, Committees, PSP	-Input into PSP common indicators -LIO subgroup to provide input
Adaptive Management			
Final Plan Approval (required)	Low - required element/mostly done. Due to PSP by June 30, 2017. Status and Trend & Gaps and Barriers additions.	Coordinator and Committee's	Approved and sent to region by 6/30/17
High priority VS tiering (gap)	M/H-multiple meeting, coordination with committees and region	IC recommend, EC approve	Agreement on VS tiers and focus for work plan
Gaps and barriers	Medium-meeting with EC to review local gaps	LIO Committees	A sequenced subset of gaps/barriers and strategy to address
Communication (E&O)			

Communications strategy	M/H-multiple meetings, coordination with E&O stakeholders and decision-makers (elected officials)	LIO Coordinator and E&O subgroup?	Draft communications strategy intended to demonstrate value added, shared priorities, and common vision
Implement comms strategy	M/H-coordination with WSU Extension, Sound Salmon Solutions, SnoCo communications staff, and other communications partners.	Coordinator & internal/external communications staff	Utilize communications strategy to enhance engagement from decision-makers, primarily elected officials and provide leadership continuity
Other			
NTA reporting	M/L-biannual outcome and financial reporting	NTA Owners	PSP report card/Smartsheets
Implementation effectiveness	M/H- Continued work on collecting information on implementation and reporting requires more coordination.	Coordinator/Subcommittee?	-Work plan -LIO highlights (report card-website)
Regional coordination	Medium - regional coordination with PSP, EPA, other LIOs	Coordinator	Participation in regional meetings and LIO advocacy
Organizational development	M/H- development and coordination of the organizational evaluation	Subcommittee	Recommendation for more effective organizational setup for LIO