

FORUM Update

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: October 5, 2017

Topic: Improved LIO and Snohomish LE Collaboration

Background:

LE/LIO integration has been an ongoing topic of conversation. The LIO has worked with a subcommittee of representatives from both basins to develop and revise the LIO structure concepts.

Updates:

Snohomish Basin

Within the Snohomish Basin, the PDC has advised staff to initiate improved Forum coordination with the LIO. The PDC identified the 2018 Action Agenda process and NTA development as a good place to start. To that end, LE and LIO staff have developed draft criteria for salmon recovery-related NTAs and have created a shared timeline to allow for lead entity review and approval of salmon recovery-related NTAs. The timeline and draft criteria were shared with the Forum in August. Since then, the 2018 Action Agenda NTA solicitation timeline has changed. Staff will revise the process for Forum review of salmon-related NTAs to match the new NTA timeline.

Stillaguamish Basin

Last week the Stillaguamish Watershed Council voted to become the implementing body for the Stillaguamish basin while maintaining the cross-basin Executive Committee. The decision is to test this structure for the next year. Currently, there is no mechanism to formally recognize a new LIO. Additionally, there is no additional capacity or implementation funding available for a new LIO. The LIO Implementation Committee will discuss the SWC decision at their next meeting on October 19th.

FOR BOTH BASINS

2018 NTAs

The LIO will be hosting an information session on **November 16th** at Snohomish County Public Meeting Room 1F03 from 1 – 4 p.m. to review the Near Term Action solicitation and the Sno-Stilly LIO local process. The Strategic Initiative Leads will be attending to discuss the regional priorities. See flyer for details. RSVP with Alexa.

New 2018 NTA timeline:

- NTA solicitation will be released in November 13, 2017
- NTA pre-proposals will be due December 22, 2017
- Draft Final proposals will be due February 2, 2018
- FINAL NTA proposals will be due March 30, 2018