

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization
Snohomish Implementation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Snohomish County, Admin West, Third Floor, 3358

LIO-IC Members

Valerie Streeter, Tulalip Tribes
Heather Khan, Dept. of Ecology
Cory Zyla, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Emily Davis, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
Elise Gronewald, Port of Everett
Ann Bylin, Snohomish County SWM
Julie Lewis, Snoqualmie Tribe (Alternate)
Terri Strandberg, Snohomish County PDS
Linda Lyshall, Snohomish Conservation District
Karen Stewart, City of Everett

Participants

Erin Murray, Puget Sound Partnership
David Trimbach, Oregon State University

LIO Support Staff

Kathleen Pozarycki, Snohomish County SWM, LIO Coordinator
Alexa Ramos-Cummings, Snohomish County SWM

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Co-chair, Val, opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and started introductions. Kathleen introduced herself as the new LIO Coordinator and gave the group an overview of her background before taking this position which included leading the Snohomish Marine Resources Committee for last ten years.

Val reminded the committee that she is currently the only acting chair. She encouraged anyone interested in the co-chair position to reach out.

Val asked if anyone would like to request changes to the 5/29/19 meeting notes. No changes were requested and the notes were approved by consensus.

There was no public comment.

Erin provided some regional updates of interest to the committee. The State of the Sound report was published. She passed out some copies of the abbreviated print version. Those interested can go online to read the full digital version. Tomorrow the EPA and PSP will be meeting with LIO members to discuss potential improvements to the funding model as this 5-year cycle comes to a close. This conversation was spurred by the LIOs presenting a memo to the Ecosystem Coordination Board and the Leadership Council which outlined concerns and suggestions for improving local engagement in regional processes. The National Estuary Program funds \$15M to the region, but LIOs

only control \$100K for allocating to their highest priority projects. LIOs would like to see an increase in their decision-making power. Erin reminded the committee that the ECB is the LIOs voice to the LC. Commissioner Ron Wesen is our representative on the ECB and our LIO has been meeting to discuss our needs with Ron so that he can effectively communicate on our behalf at the ECB. The LIOs are also working to improve alignment with the Strategic Initiative Leads. But Erin noted that SI Leads will be competing for the next contracting period so they may not be the same state agencies leads in the future.

Linda announced that the Snohomish Conservation District's Agriculture Resilience Plan has been finalized. There was a launch celebration last week. The plan works at the fish, farm, flood nexus and looks to implement actions.

Heather shared that Ecology has hired a new nonpoint source staffer, Michelle Quast, for the Skagit. They will also be looking to hire nonpoint staffer for the Snohomish. She also noted that Ecology sent out a notice of rulemaking to amend sediment and dissolved oxygen standards for protection of salmon spawning habitat.

Cory commented that the Snohomish Lead Entity received \$100K from PSP for a chapter update to the salmon plan. PSP received funding from the legislature through an NTA and will be using it to support three watershed's updates. The update will cover things like recovery targets and steelhead.

Terri reported that PDS is mailing out 900+ marine shoreline booklets, with the help of the Snohomish MRC and NW Straits, to educate shoreline property owners about softshore techniques.

2. Human Wellbeing Integration Project Update

David Trimbach with Oregon State University is the project manager for this joint effort with PSP. He presented the LIO with an update on the Sno-Stilly's progress with implementing the decision-support tool, DASEES (Decision Analysis for a Sustainable Environment, Economy, and Society), using this year's NTA award selection as a pilot. David posed some questions and next steps for the committee to consider. There was discussion about shortcomings of our Ecosystem Recovery Plan and the possibility of updating its measures.

3. 2018 NTA Prioritization Criteria for NEP Direct Award

The steps taken towards prioritization so far were reviewed. Kathleen informed the committee that a final funding decision had to be made at this meeting to submit to the SI Leads immediately after. Committee members each voted for their number one project. The committee went through this subset of project proposals to read their descriptions and anticipated outcomes. Members then voted on this subset of projects and the one with the most votes was selected as the number one choice for the direct award allocation. From there the committee voted on the remaining projects for the second and third place alternates. In the end, the following projects were selected and ranked:

1. NTA #2018-0129 Financing Options for Healthy Onsite Sewage Systems (OSS)
2. NTA #2018-0749 Incorporating Climate Change into the Design of Culverts Prioritized for Replacement to Improve Fish Passage in King County
3. NTA #2018-0338 Snohomish Basin Floodplain Acquisition Strategy

4. **Wrap-up**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.