

Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO)
Snohomish Implementation Committee (IC)
Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call

LIO-IC Members

Ann Bylin, Snohomish County
Elisa Dawson, Marine Resources Committee (MRC)
Elise Gronewald, Port of Everett
Kirk Lakey, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife

Linda Lyshall, Snohomish Conservation District (SCD)
Rodney Pond, Sound Salmon Solutions (SSS) David Simpson, Port of Everett
Valerie Streeter, Tulalip Tribes
Tim Ellis, MRC

Participants

David Trimbach, Oregon State University

LIO Support Staff

Kathleen Pozarycki, LIO Coordinator, Snohomish County
Kit Crump, Snohomish County
Alexa Ramos-Cummings, Snohomish County
Michele Anton, Snohomish County
Erin Murray, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP)

Introductions

Kathleen Pozarycki and Valerie Streeter opened the meeting and started introductions. She reviewed the meeting purpose and agenda, and no add-ons were included. No members of the public were present and there were no public comments.

Approval of 4/30/20 Meeting Summary

Valerie asked if anyone had any comments on the April 2020 Implementation Committee meeting notes. No changes were requested, and the notes were approved by consensus.

LIO Business

LIO Coordinator Return

Kathleen is excited to be back from maternity leave and is working part-time 20 hours a week, soon to be 30 hours a week. She's available via email and phone and her autoreplies are set with her current office hours. Feel free to reach out if you'd like to chat or have ideas for the LIO. . She has been busy meeting with her colleagues at the County, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), and other LIO Coordinators to determine ways to move the work of the LIO forward.

Regional Updates

Erin Murray stated that the PSP is currently operating under the 2018-2022 Action Agenda and are working on a new Action Agenda to start in 2022.

2022-2026 Action Agenda

Erin shared the planning process and update schedule for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda.

- PSP has taken a new concept to the board. The leadership council has approved five key elements:
 1. Update the ecosystem recovery plans
 2. Clearly describe ecosystem status and pressures
 3. Focus on next four years and a set of science-informed, shared recovery outcomes
 4. Collaboratively identify strategies and actions
 5. Incorporate new and improved tools and resources
- Each LIO is important to building this agenda update to focus more on stressors and barriers.
- PSP created a new web page called Puget Sound Info <https://www.pugetsoundinfo.wa.gov/>.
- A regional letter was sent out recently describing the Phases for the Action Agenda Update. Phase 1 focused on scoping and scheduling. PSP is now in Phase 2 of the Action Agenda to update and identifying priority outcomes. Phase 3 will identify strategies. Phase 4 will identify actions. Phase 5 will give boards and stakeholders a chance to review and approve the Action Agenda.
- PSP is moving away from the NTA process to a broader regional strategy. PSP felt there were too many NTA's and a process for prioritization was needed to better capture the work needed to recover Puget Sound.
- PSP kicked off the Mobilizing Funding initiative last year. It contains five funding strategies that the partnership is considering for action.
- PSP will engage stakeholders in workshops and other ways to gather input for the Action Agenda Update.

Kit commented that there are still NEP dollars and an LIO program with priorities, and a targeted solicitation. It is not the same as an action agenda with public participation. He hopes that we are not getting away from the local interface. The money is not going away.

Kathleen stated that the LIO does not have a lot of control over this recent new direction in the Action Agenda. She will share concerns with the partnership to make sure our local work is reflected, and also check on status of the Mobilizing Funding project led by Susan O'Neil at ESA.

Human Wellbeing Integration Project Update

David Trimbach presented a PowerPoint about background and updates on this project. He will share a copy of the paper via email with the LIO.

- The goal is to integrate human wellbeing into LIO decision-making.
- Oregon State University (OSU) is working with four integrating associations.
- Island LIO has been working on the spatial overlay project - DASEES and Spatial Overlay starting in 2017 and ending in 2021. Snohomish-Stillaguamish is ahead in using DASEES.
- The first publication of the Human Well-being survey is analyzed and mapped and connects sense of place and sound stewardship.
- The survey found that residents have strong place attachment to region's natural environment. New people to the area care about the natural environment.

- There are similar levels of stewardship between longtime residents and new residents; both old and young.
- More outreach and communication are needed for Puget Sound recovery.
- Restoration activities seen in areas results in more positive natural resource governance.
- Some counties, such as Mason County, differ in all metrics of the survey.

David asked for feedback: What do LIO's want to see in spatial overlays? Key priorities? What kind of tools would you like to see? We all share this beautiful place and are responsible for it. Please reach out to David with feedback.

Interviews

David asked for participation in virtual interviews. He plans to interview ten LIO's and hopes to have results in late summer or fall.

PSP LIO Scope of Work

Kathleen reviewed the grant summary table with five tasks. This year we have \$125,000 to use to bring forward more local initiatives and effective coordination. We set aside about \$20,000 to hire a sub-consultant to support work on Tasks 4 & 5. Task 5 has a selection of project options for the LIO to choose moving forward.

- Task Funding Summary of Costs:
 - Task 1. Website, management, nomination, all staff time for LIO support, \$33,000.
 - Task 2. Engage with PSP for action agenda, \$22,000.
 - Task 3. Progress reports, billing, Miradi, \$6,000.
 - Task 4. Support adaptive management, review plan, update, consultant, \$15,000, \$5,000 for a consultant.
 - Task 5. Consultant support, \$15,000.
- Task 5 – PSP has stated that they are comfortable with us listing multiple subtasks with ability to narrow down at a later date.

Kit explained that this Funding System Continuous Improvement project is a pilot effort. This project allows people to submit claims (a problem to address) that reflect the needs of stakeholders like LIOs and Lead Entities. He has a list of claims already submitted, one of which was a consolidated grant portal with less forms to fill out. Kathleen commented that it is a good idea to have one portal. It was presented at the workshop last fall for solicitation. PSP is working with LIO coordinators on a barrier removal process. Alexa will send out a follow-up email.

Review SOW

There are more funding opportunities for the current NTA's we have submitted as work progresses with the partnership and action agenda.

Discuss Task 5 ideas and next steps

Kathleen stated that some LIO's have not been able to spend out grants. We may have to send back \$6,000 this year. PSP will use leftover funding for regional projects. Kathleen would like to create more regional projects and asked the LIO to consider the following questions:

What can we do a better job on?

What ideas do you have for the kind of work we can do under Task 5?

An initial list of ideas are:

- Port of Seattle Ship-Reduction Noise project - Quiet Waters. Kathleen will send out a white paper. Elise will talk to Laura Gurley at the Port about the project.
- Regional stormwater projects. How would we work with decision makers?
- Public benefit rating system (PBRs) to give tax discounts. Begin a discussion as to how it can be more friendly to recovery.
- BMP's for on-site septic systems in the county. Design a model for stream buffers.

Discussion:

Linda commented that we should nail top priorities and use a voting mechanism. She likes stormwater projects and BMPs but is not sure about Quiet Waters.

Kathleen stated that these are the kinds of things she can see fitting under task 5 to engage our LIO with the larger region. We should maximize the money we have here with PSP funding. She could use her time to support that. We need ideas for more outcomes of this grant.

Valerie likes the idea of Quiet Waters but said that there isn't much to add to the Stormwater efforts. Stormwater enforcement is needed. She sees it on the reservation and around Snohomish County. Street sweeping would be very helpful. Kathleen commented that SWM has partnered with Road Maintenance for the purchase of four street sweepers.

Ann stated that we have a lot of BMP's and do not need new ones. Stream buffers are a regional effort. She will think of ideas for the regional pot of money. PBRs stuff is hard to tackle at the county level, but it may be a different story at the regional level.

Kathleen asked for more ideas for Task 5. Where do we want to go as an LIO? How do we want to serve as a leader? We can set up another meeting and go over the ideas. We don't know if PSP will support these ideas. The contract will go to the county executive signature later. We will receive a formal contract and route through the channels in the county. We will use funds for staff time and consultant support.

Roundtable Updates

Valerie shared that EPA grants end Sept 30th and that they are trying to spend money amid Covid-19 restrictions. They are also looking for new funding. It would be nice if other opportunities came. LIO needs to have a local interest/project. Tulalip Tribes are doing a coordinated enforcement project with Snohomish County for nuisance properties, wetlands, septic and shoreline issues. Both jurisdictions deal with the problem. Dave Somers is on board with this effort. Meetings are scheduled for September.

Elisa said the MRC is working with Ecology on shoreline property for habitat restoration; 90% funding for the Baywood property in NW Everett. The MRC is continuing to do crabber education, kelp monitoring, etc. Tim shared that they are looking at creosote pilings at Snohomish Estuary. It's hard to verify that the pilings are treated with creosote. A lot of them might be natural wood.

Elisa pointed out that only 16% of pilings are creosote in the estuary, and findings are consistent with what DNR has observed. The MRC has prioritized the pilings with funding through the MRC grant. She is also working to remove four derelict boats before the end of the year.

Linda said the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) is very busy doing numerous projects. Contact Kathryn Wells for updates and connection.

Rodney shared that Sound Salmon Solutions (SSS) has a lot of projects in both WRIA's, and four or five are grant funded projects. WRIA 8 projects include planting, buffers along Grant Creek, wood in stream, design for the upstream phase, and chinook spawning. WRIA 7 projects include knotweed control, surveys on the Tolt River, and design projects for wood placement in Katherine Creek and Woods Creek. They are working with the Floodplains by Design project. Also, education projects are being conducted in Snoqualmie.

Wrap-up

Alexa is leaving on maternity leave in the next few weeks.

Kathleen thanks all for taking the time to participate in the meeting today. What ideas do you have to make the group more effective? Please follow up with Kathleen with ideas.

Valerie thinks that this is one of our best meetings. She thinks moving away from NTA's is shocking, but NTA's can be bureaucratic, and she's glad to move away from them. We learned about our new residents in the area from David Trimbach. She really appreciates the hard work of Kathleen and Alexa. Thank you for joining us.

Kathleen will send out a link to Quiet Waters Project being led by the Port of Seattle and Port of Vancouver.

Kit will send out a Wiki page and process from Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.