



WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

November 15, 2023

Member Participants: Christine Stephens (SCD), James Watson (WCD), Eric Mickelson (SkagitRSC), Paul Williams (SWS), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-Chair), Fred Kiga, Mathew Lander (ICPW), Lela Chaves (WWS), Kelly Zupich (MRC), Renee Zavas Silva; Ashley Kees (WDFW), Jessica Cote (Blue Coast) **Others:** Clea Barenburg (LE Coordinator), Heidi S. (Tulalip), Kurt Schlimme (Land Trust), Kathleen Landel (SWS), Kent Hanson (Langley Parks Commission)

Introductions & Presentations

PSP- No representatives at meeting. Reorganization and structure changes in progress new Org. chart shared. Hannah Liss to be the contact for LEs. Boards updates with LE to attend Salmon Recovery Council Nov. 16. <https://www.psp.wa.gov/partnership-boards-overview.php>

ILIO- meeting was held yesterday with general updates to include new LIO contract. See website for updates, agenda, and minutes- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/348/Island-Local-Integrating-Organization>

MRC- Hard Armoring review survey is happening, and data review step is happening. Climate Change and Sea level rise white paper to be presented to commissioners with date changing on when that will happen. Shoreline Management Plan update discussion happened at last MRC meeting with concerns for last minute changes proposed that would set the process back (<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/599/Shorelines>) See newspaper article- <https://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/news/king-tides-will-rise-again/> Fred has questions on who is advising the commissioners? MRC is advising with the White Paper. See website for updates, minutes and agenda- <https://www.islandcountymrc.org/>

LE coordinator- LE coordinator has been attending monthly meetings the other Whidbey Basin LEs and sharing grant round details and funding distribution information as well as comments on riparian funding allocations related and distribution announcements this month with goal of sending our RFP by mid December for SRFB/PSAR grant round.

Administrative

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Review membership. Propose new members. Decide to wait for co-chair to discuss replacements and new members. Chairs are willing to renew positions in the coming year. Two citizen applications have been turned in and maybe one can be a business position. Positive feedback received for both candidates. LE will look into new procedure for BOCC approval as process has changed again. Interested member Kathleen available at meeting to answer questions. Reviewed members and appointment dates and required representatives from Conservation Districts, Regional Fisheries enhancements groups, County, State, Federal and Tribal groups. Question on COG with new elections and change in government elected officials. Who will replace Langley COG? Looking into Langley Mayor departing suggestion and waiting to hear from new Mayor.

Discussion and Decisions

Meeting started with some Zoom connection issues so there were some meeting delays.

2023 PSP Public Boards Calendar review- Leadership Council in December, Salmon Recovery Council Nov 16. https://www.psp.wa.gov/board_meetings.php Clea to attend meeting in Tacoma tomorrow as WRIA 6 representative. See agenda on website.

2024 SRFB Grant Round – RFP to go out in December. SRTCC to review drafts sent out by the LE. RFP goal to be in newspapers in mid December. See website for updates- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/698/Salmon-Recovery-Funding-Board-SRFB-GRANT> This year regular SRFB, PSAR, PSAR large Cap, and special riparian funding.

Riparian funding discussion at the state level being discussed at this time. Will the Riparian funding be available for only this year and what percentage available.

PSP State of the Sound and vital signs review- <https://psp.wa.gov/draft-action-agenda-development-review.php>

State of the Sound- <https://www.psp.wa.gov/sos.php>

Review 2024 grant round and timeline for LOIs and site visits. How we review our projects? See if they meet our Watershed Recovery plan- [2005 Island Chapter](#) [2019 Island Chapter](#)

SRTCC meetings 2024:

- January 17th, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM - Zoom
- ***SRTCC and RCO Site Visits- One Day visit- all members attend! Feb21 or 28***
- February 21st, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD
- March 20th, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM – Location and time TBD?
- Online Presentations this day- evening so public can review?
- April 17th, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD- PRESCORE
- May 15th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD – Ranking meeting – No sponsors attend.
- ***June 26th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Zoom (Moved for Juneteenth 19th)***
- ***July 31st, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD – Moved for SRFB final decision***
- August 21st, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD
- September 18th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Location TBD
- October 16th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Zoom
- November 20th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Zoom
- December 18th, 2024 – 2:00-4:00 PM – Zoom

WRIA 6 allocations for RFP. The amount of funding available to the Island Watershed is not yet known but is anticipated to fall within the following ranges for each funding source: \$292,000 to \$337,000 for 2024 regular SRFB funded projects; up to \$1,000,000 for 2025-2027 PSAR funded projects; and \$300,000-\$445,000 for New Special Riparian funds. Could be up to 1,782,000 with larger projects having the option of PSAR Large Cap or possible Special impact project opportunity for projects from 1million -5.

This is also an ESRP grant round year- <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/habitat-recovery/puget-sound/esrp>

ESRP 2022 had Island Projects on the list. See website for more information. Land trust gives update on Keystone-

<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1085>

LE has asked RCO for statement of meeting HEAL Act and diversity and inclusion in grant round evaluations. Maps and information shared again as it has been over the past year- <https://resilience.climate.gov/>

WA state local Climate data webtool – [new webtool from the UW's Climate Impacts Group](#)

EPA justice screening tool- <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen> <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper>

WA state health disparities vulnerabilities tool

<https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/washington-environmental-health-disparities-map>

Conservation Districts will have their own riparian funding available- <https://www.scc.wa.gov/grant-programs>

Other helpful maps for reviewing projects- Salmon Recovery Portal <https://srpsecure.rco.wa.gov/sitemap>

Island County IC GEO- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/159/GIS-Mapping>

SRTCC Lessons Learned document and Island County WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Plan-
<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3520/Salmon-Recovery-Plan---WRIA-6-SRP-Oct-2019-?bidId=>

Salmon Scape- <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=1e56a648718543ab952e75ff9971f086>

WADNR water typing map- <https://fpamt.dnr.wa.gov/2d-view#activity?-14631556,-12753039,5594190,6453954>

Past Projects that may have projects for 2024

Camano Country Club next phase-

<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=18-1382>

Race Road Culverts next phase-

<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1089>

Riparian Project at Lower Crescent- Here is the link to the snapshot of the Skagit project-
<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/projectsnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=23-1186>

Cornet and Hoopus restoration updates can be found here- <https://www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/cornet-bay-restoration/>

Island County Comp plan and Shoreline update information -

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4533/Island-County-Draft-Comp-Plan-Public-Participation-Plan-9623?bidId=>

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/599/Shorelines>

Public works did not receive grants for federal funding for some culvert replacements. Midvale did not have interest from SRTCC in the past.

James interested in lessons learned related to Maxwelton. LE will send information on the groups new website when it is up and running. LE will reach out to group to get an update. We do not have lessons learned on ESRP feedback. <https://whidbeywatersheds.org/maxwelton-watershed>

James will check with adopt a stream to invite them to work with Island County and will bring to next meeting.
<https://www.streamkeeper.org/>

Next meeting update on Mini grants and Hoopus video and grant round information review. LE to send out poll for membership questions, chairs, calendar and times for 2024.

Mini grant for Shore Friendly postcard brought in many requests for site visits. Jessica brings up RFP for shore friendly contracts. Jessica mentions groups looking to get grants for riparian planting. James gives updates on site visits he has been involved with on Whidbey. James encourages reaching out to Conservation District if groups are looking for support that goes beyond Shore Friendly. For more on Shore friendly information we will invite Ann to give an update and see website- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/365/Shore-Friendly-Program>

Next meeting December 20th on Zoom

