

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes			
Meeting Information			
Meeting Date:	March 12, 2024		
Meeting Time:	1:00pm-2:00pm		
Meeting Location:	Zoom		
Meeting Attendees:	Sage Ince (IC DNR)	Krista Loercher (Whidbey Kayaking)	Jason Lim (PSP)
	PaulBen McElwain (Sound Water Stewards)	Brian Tyhuis (NAVFAC NW)	Jen Schmitz (IC DNR)
	Lea Shields (WADOH)		
Meeting Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from December meeting 2. Provide overview and updates on all ICDNR programs and recent meetings 3. Discussion on ILIO hosting Local Forum in 2024 4. Roundtable discussion including updates from partners, grant pursuits, and other projects occurring around Puget Sound 		
			Total Time: 90 minutes
Minutes			
1:00-1:05	Introductions and updates – see attendee list. No partner updates. The group reviewed the proposed agenda. No additions to the agenda as stated.		
1:05-1:35	Update from all ICDNR programs/Roundtable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clea Barenburg – Salmon Recovery LE Coordinator. Salmon funding ongoing. This is a BIG funding year – SRFB, PSAR, riparian, PSAR large cap (over \$800k – Keystone Preserve is an example), etc. funding. Currently out performing site visits (Race Road culvert passage \$2M; Cultus Bay private fish passage - \$280k design and permitting; Double Bluff Acquisition - \$3M; North Livingston Bay Sherman acquisition - \$400k). More information on websites. • Jen Schmitz – CFF Program update. Recent article in the newspaper stated that Commissioners decided to fund Freund Marsh after all; that decision hasn't actually been made yet, but discussion are ongoing (\$580k). Funding stipulations included performing a feasibility study for the tidegate, public access, etc. New funding round for 2024 just closed end of February; only one application (WCLT) was received. • Jen Schmitz – Shore Friendly Program Coordinator position still open; an offer has been extended and accepted. New person starts April 8th. Jen has submitted grant applications for the next several years of RCO funding. • PaulBen – MRC Retreat is this month; continues to be involved with SMP and Comp Plan public processes. • Sage Ince – Surface Water Quality Program Annual Report will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the Work Session March 13th. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Schmitz – LIO Update/Puget Sound Partnership. Continuing to plan the Local Forum component of the Leadership Council, which will be focused on Sea Level Rise. The Leadership Council includes many high-level officials from state and federal agencies, legislators, and other entities. The local LIO has one afternoon as a Local Forum to present on issues that are of particular interest to the LIO and convey an ‘ask’ to the group. Jen is working with PSP and the state agencies to formulate that ask and would love input on presentation and presenter content. Jen also gave an update on the Executive Committee meeting in February. New elected officials since November election. The elected officials found great benefit in having their staff attend the Technical Committee meetings and reporting back to them, then discussing more in depth at the Executive Committee meetings.
1:35-1:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about Local Forum • Jen describes preliminary agenda: 1) Overview presentation on the impacts of sea level rise in Island County (myriad of topics and issues). 2) Presentation from MRC regarding the results of the shoreline armoring survey and the implications of how our efforts are still resulting in additional net gain 3) Others? Need to coalesce around an ‘ask’. • Krista – can we ask for them to start a fund to move/relocate homes and people? • PaulBen – should we have a discussion about whether or not we are taking an integrated approach to this? Are all the players around the table? • Jason – there are many different entities who will be in the room, so the entity that takes the ask is dependent on the ask. Save the Bay from San Francisco will be coming up to attend this, so it’s getting national recognition! • Jen – it would be good to have the Navy and everyone else on the TC be present and engaged to show that this is a County-wide concern • PaulBen – would love to have more public-facing information, such as maps that show the permitted/unpermitted shoreline armoring, as well as the susceptible septic systems to sea level rise • Jen – this raises another issue about second homes/vacation homes/investment properties; after we assess which properties are vulnerable, we may find that a good number of them are not primary residences, where the appetite for responsible septic maintenance, staying within permitted water and wastewater constraints, etc. is much lower than primary residences • Brian – asks for clarification on the date/time of the Local Forum (June 5-6 at Oak Harbor library). Jen mentions that they are interested in doing local site visits; MRC will take people to the Cornet Bay restoration site. Brian suggests taking them to the Crescent Creek restoration site. Jen will follow up with this possibility.
1:50-1:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • Jen gives updates on the upcoming meetings around the Sound • Krista asks when the SMP public hearing is; Jen will update the group • Jen will add a funding opportunity component to upcoming meetings
2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Next Meeting April 8th