

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes				
Meeting Information				
Meeting Date:		May 14 2024		
Meeting Time:		1:00pm-2:00pm		
Meeting Location:		Zoom		
Meeting Attendees:	Jessica Reed (ICDNR)		Krista Loercher (Whidbey Kayaking)	Jason Lim (PSP)
	Lea Shields (DOH)		Brian Tyhuis (NAVFAC NW)	Jen Schmitz (IC DNR)
	Heather McCoy (WICD)		Chris Kelly (IC Hydrogeology)	Joe Grogan (Coupeville)
	Clea Barenburg (ICDNR)		Kelly Zupich (ICDNR)	Barbara Bennet (MRC)
	Brian Smith (Oak Harbor)		Monae Kerr (PSP)	
Meeting Objectives:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide overview and updates on all ICDNR programs and recent meetings</li> <li>2. Discussion on ILIO hosting Local Forum in 2024</li> <li>3. Roundtable discussion including updates from partners, grant pursuits, and other projects occurring around Puget Sound</li> </ol>		
Total Time:				60 minutes
Minutes				
1:00-1:05		<b>Introductions and updates – see attendee list. No partner updates.</b> <p>The group reviewed the proposed agenda. No additions to the agenda as stated. Jen discussed that a recent OPMA training at the County determined that most DNR committees do not qualify for the type of rigorous formalities for approval of minutes, Robert’s Rules, etc. because we are not working on behalf of the BOCC making policy decisions, etc. The meetings will of course continue to be publicly posted and recorded. She solicited feedback from the group about this topic and asked if anyone had concerns about that to please reach out.</p>		
1:05-1:35		<b>Update from all ICDNR programs/Roundtable.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clea Barenburg – Salmon Recovery LE Coordinator). Salmon funding ongoing. This is a BIG funding year – SRFB, PSAR, riparian, PSAR large cap. The Double Bluff project (privately owned, including uplands) had made the cut in the top 14 projects in the Puget Sound, so that’s moving forward. They are continuing to answer additional questions from the reviewers. The other ESRP project is the Maxwelton monitoring and restoration project; they received lots of questions and additional requests but didn’t want to put the effort into the project at this time. They still might receive some 2022 funding, but they may not accept it. The Race Rd culvert replacement/fish passage project had some conditions put on the project – one condition was to just do one culvert as the reviewers thought the other didn’t have the habitat value, so they are likely going to go down to one culvert which halves the costs of the project. It is important to remember that the pocket estuaries in Island County support adult salmon populations throughout the Sound, including the large river systems in Skagit, etc. The Cultus Bay fish passage is looking into an alternative to a washed-out tidegate; this project also had a condition placed which asked them to limit the options (i.e., perhaps no work there is the best option for the area). The last project is Livingston Bay acquisition, which was liked and approved by the</li> </ul>		

	<p>reviewers. Anyone is welcome to join the SRTCC, etc. committee meetings. More information on websites for all four projects. Jen – asks Clea about the status of the \$25M for SRFB and \$11M for ESRP that are up in the air if the Climate Commitment Act is repealed in November. Clea – it’s fairly normal not to know what the total grant amount is until at least September; a couple of months ago the numbers were very different. If the CCA is repealed, we would lose our new riparian funding (~\$445k) for future years, so we are waiting to see how the CCA is treated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Zupich – Marine Resource Committee. IN the last few months, they removed two derelict vessels which were in danger of disintegrating. Looking into options to have a larger derelict vessel program. Gave an overview of the updated shoreline armoring survey which compared 2023 armoring with 2016 armoring, and an assessment of which parcels have permits for the armor. Right now, the preliminary results show that upwards of 95% is <u>unpermitted</u>. The MRC has also been working hard to submit comments for each of the Comprehensive Plan elements currently being reviewed by the Planning Dept. Recently met with the San Juan County employee that focuses on derelict vessels to determine how Island may implement a similar position.</li> <li>• Jen Schmitz – Shore Friendly program update. Hired new Shore Friendly Coordinator Valerie who started in April. She is currently half time but want to try to get this position to as close to full-time as possible because there is such significant need for education and prevention of armoring. Currently in the process of submitting our final application for an additional 6 years of Shore Friendly program funding. CFF Program update: Hoping to get in front of the BOCC soon to provide an overview of the one application (\$10k for ADA trail at Keystone Preserve).</li> <li>• Jessica Reed – Currently conducting interviews for a new Surface Water Quality Specialist. Working on the SOPs and QAPP for the PIC Program. Waiting on results from the most recent sampling event; will structure resampling around those results.</li> <li>• Jen - PIC contract will be in front of the BOCC for approval in the next couple of weeks; April 1<sup>st</sup> was approved start date for work. The OSS Target Action Plan Pilot was kicked off officially with several hours of workshops for the LIOs and Local Health Jurisdictions to brainstorm, identify, and document what the local issues are for each of us in regard to OSSs, and the potential solutions as well. An ‘aha’ moment that came through was to promote the idea that PIC programs and other such grants should be non-competitive for those who currently have the funding, rather than having to compete each time and risk losing the funding/creating gaps in pollution mitigation. Jen attended the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) at the Dungeness River Nature Center in Sequim which was beautiful and part of the Jamestown S’klallam Tribal lands and ecosystem restoration site.</li> </ul>
<p><b>1:35-1:50</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILIO is hosting the Leadership Council Local Forum on June 5 and 6 in Oak Harbor, as discussed on many of the last TC meetings. Jen has been working with the MRC and PSP to flesh out the agenda and the ‘asks’ of the PSP LC. Invites everyone to join from lunchtime on the first day through the end, including site visits and dinner. The NEP oversight folks from EPA will also be present for that meeting; this happens only once every 5 years for program evaluation, so that’s exciting that they will be in the room as well. Topics and presentation will focus on sea level rise and shoreline management; overview of the MRC sea level rise white paper; overview of the draft shoreline armoring survey, and overview of the potential financial tools including a shoreline revolving loan fund by WDFW. Then a panel discussion about each of these as well as the myriad issues related to shoreline management for Island County. The “asks” to the LC include 1) a letter of support to state agencies to expedite the implementation of a SRLF, as well as 2) commitment to having Island County as part of the October funding workshop.</li> </ul>

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<b>1:50-1:55</b>	<p>General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen will be soliciting input from the TC about future meetings/agenda topics</li> <li>• Kelly – the next MRC meeting will have guest speaker Ian Miller about the sea level rise models and Island County’s work on this issue</li> </ul>
<b>1:55</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 1:55</li> </ul>
Next Meeting July 9 <sup>th</sup>	