

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes				
Meeting Information				
Meeting Date:		October 8, 2024		
Meeting Time:		1:00pm-2:00pm		
Meeting Location:		Zoom		
		Jason Lim (PSP)	Brian Tyhuis (NAVFAC NW)	Jen Schmitz (IC DNR)
		Heather McCoy (WICD)	Joe Grogan (Town of Coupeville)	
		Clea Barenburg (ICDNR)	Kelly Zupich (ICDNR)	Barbara Bennet (MRC)
		Linda Lyshall – SnoHo CD	Nolan Grunski (Oak Harbor)	Paul Ben McElwain (SWS)
		Carlie Miller (ICDNR)	John Lanier (IC Planning)	Renee Zavas-Silva (ICNDR)
Meeting Objectives:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide overview and updates on all ICDNR programs and recent meetings 2. Discussion on HSIL Sea Level Rise Forum 		
Total Time:				60 minutes
Minutes				
1:00-1:59		Introductions and updates – see attendee list. No partner updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PaulBen McElwain – no big updates from Sound Water Stewards/MRC. • Nolan Grunski – Oak Harbor had first OakPac meeting last week. Received first comp plan and critical areas checklists from their external consultants, will review and move forward with the climate resilience element shortly. Jen adds that DNR has been attempting to work with the external climate resilience element consultant but haven’t heard many updates. Nolan adds that Oak Harbor and the County have been working together on other elements, so they are likely just waiting as well. • John Lanier – the consultant has been working; maybe they can give an update at a future meeting. The SMP has been sent to ECY, just waiting for their review and formal response, but they are short-staffed. The Keystone Preserve property (WCLT) SEPA checklist has been submitted and they will likely be approved as a special interest district. Jen asks if John is staying abreast of state-level SMP rulemaking. John says yes – he is on the local government advisory group for the rulemaking. They are doing several outreach efforts, and the outcome will be very important for Island County. • Renee Zavas-Silva – SWQ just wrapped up water year 2024, reviewing and compiling data for annual reporting. Moved into water year 2025 October 1. Working on wrapping up the PIC QAPP with Environmental Health and ECY. Jen gave kudos to the SWQ team. • Linda Lyshall – SnoHo CD staff have been working hard with the Washington Conservation Commission on the resilient riparian strategy and other efforts. Shared resources in meeting chat. Jen gave thanks or the SnoHo CD staff who supported a recent salmon town hall event on Camano. • Heather McCoy – Currently onboarding a new outreach coordinator. Looking forward to Orca Recovery Day on October 19th at Cornet Bay, in collaboration with Island MRC. • Kelly Zupich – end of grant fiscal year so there are lots of end of year reports to complete. 		

Additionally, recently completed two 4-hour workshops (Arlington and Oak Harbor) for shoreline homeowners in collaboration with Shore Friendly. Included resources and education. Also looking forward to ORD, which will include walks and talks about shoreline and orcas, and vegetation planting opportunities.

- Barbara Bennett – the MRC Comp Plan Subcommittee has three members that will be participating in the Planning Departments focus groups later this month. Also participated in the recent public hearings for the state-level SMP rulemaking.
- Clea Barenburg – busy time for all LE coordinators (26 of them) as it is the end of the grant round. Lots of reporting and meetings. Clea is moving overseas this weekend, so she will be working remotely through the end of the year to transition things to the new LE, then departing from the County. There is lots of conversation about how the CCA will affect future funding including the riparian funding. The Race Lagoon culvert replacement project was funded and will be moving forward with half Skagit LE funding (good partnership!). This lagoon is very important to fish for both counties. The Cultus Bay, Double Bluff, and Mailer Marsh projects are all moving forward. Everyone thanks Clea for her years with the County!
- Carlie Miller – next PIC quarterly meeting is later this week. If you'd like to attend please let Carlie know. Working on educational outreach mailers for the three geographies. Utilizing support from other PIC programs in Jefferson County, Skagit County, and others to not reinvent the wheel. Working on a once-a-month outreach series with local groups including the Keystone project.
- Brian Tyhuis – WCLT closed on some additional property related to the Crescent Creek project. Also working on a lot of stormwater design and MS4 permitting. Jen asks if they have a specific outreach and education person for the MS4 permit; Brian says no, just a general outreach person for the Navy/environmental.
- Joe Grogan – contractor was selected from RFP put out for a water reuse study for the Town. Also working on Phase 2 of the sea level rise project.
- Jason Lim – working on Year 3 contract updates with each of the LIOs, working on 2026-2030 Action Plan update, and also working on OSS Target Action plans.
- Jen – working on the details for receiving the OSS Target Action plan subaward of \$183,000 for each LIO to tackle OSS specific projects. This is a locally led, ground up process instead of wide action plans that are not locally customized. We will be augmenting our Shore Friendly program to include mapping of OSS systems in the inundation zone, outreach and education to shoreline homeowners, resiliency planning, research on regulations that other jurisdictions are using, even some reimbursements/minigrants for repair. We did NOT receive the funding for OSS mapping in the face of climate change/sea level rise.
- Reminder that the HSIL Sea Level Rise Forum is occurring October 24 and 25. This was planned in Lynnwood to make it more accessible for Island County as we will be a focal point. The agenda is still in the works but will include several presentations from well-known climate folks as well as Island County staff. Lots of Island County people will be in attendance, including DNR, Planning, MRC, and at least one Commissioner. Jen will be briefing Commissioner Bacon on the armoring report and other work before the event. There is a lot of scrutiny about shoreline management, and specifically what Island County will be doing after the results of the armoring study. Jen gave an update about a recent contentious meeting from the Mutiny Bay homeowners where they attested that the results of the armoring report were going to be directly used for denying them an armoring permit; this is completely false, and not at all how the Planning/Permitting group utilizes data, but there is a perception among some members of the shoreline

	community that these types of reports and data specifically work against them. Jen asks group for volunteers for speaking, moderating, or other help at the forum.
1:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 1:59
Next Meeting TBD	