

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes				
Meeting Information				
Meeting Date:		August 13, 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)
		Clea Barenburg (ICDNR)	Kelly Zupich (ICDNR)	Barbara Bennet (MRC)
Meeting Objectives:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide overview and updates on all ICDNR programs and recent meetings</li> <li>2. Overview of new one-time OSS grant funding and discussion of proposed use</li> <li>3. Roundtable discussion including updates from partners, grant pursuits, and other projects occurring around Puget Sound</li> </ol>		
Total Time:				60 minutes
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1:00-1:55		<p><b>Introductions and updates – see attendee list.</b></p> <p>The group reviewed the proposed agenda. No additions to the agenda as stated.</p> <p>Krista Loercher gave an update on a recent Public Works discussion at a Work Session meeting regarding the 2016 parks management plan; BOCC did not want to just ‘rubber stamp’ existing plan. BOCC wanted more emphasis on shoreline access, environmental engagement, etc. Parks mentioned they may put some of that management back on DNR. Jen mentions that Town of Coupeville is reexamining their Parks and Rec for the first time in many years.</p> <p>Nolan Grunski gave an update on moving forward with the Comprehensive Planning efforts, including a Climate Resilience sub-element, which is being done by a consultant. Jen gives an update that the County is also using a consultant for the Climate Resilience element, but so far there hasn’t been a lot of engagement from DNR and other groups.</p> <p>Lea Shields gave an update on the work the SSIL is doing with the Puget Sound Institute on the ‘grant uncertainties matrix’ which is a planning process used to determine questions related to successful implementation of PIC, onsite septic, and ag work through breakout rooms, etc. Jen added that it was a good opportunity for a ‘temperature check’ that isn’t prescriptive for what will or will not be funded, but provides an understanding of common obstacles. Lea is hosting a regional PIC meeting next week as well!</p> <p>Jason Lim – no updates from PSP</p> <p>Kelly Zupich – gave brief update on the Comp Plan feedback/comment process. The MRC has been providing input and comment on each of the elements/sections as possible, but these seem to go into the ether; we aren’t exactly certain how the feedback is being or will be used. Jen provides another update on the Shoreline Master Plan – the 2020 Periodic Update was approved</p>		

	<p>by BOCC for submission to Ecology. The full packet including the redlines and internal/external comment log is available on the Island County website. Krista indicated that it's a difficult document to digest and asks if there's an executive summary. There isn't, but a Powerpoint that was provided during the meeting does provide an overview and the next steps for implementation, review, etc. Jen gave a brief update of a new proposed approach to Shoreline permitting, which would include the potential for a pre-application meeting, at a cost of \$300 to the applicant, which would make sure they had all their ducks in a row prior to going through the full permitting process and then getting denied.</p> <p>Jen then gives an update on the shoreline armoring report finalized and provided by Herrera, which has stirred a lot of interest at the state and local level in regard to what next steps may be in order, including considerations for retroactive enforcement, future example setting, and financial options for funding these efforts.</p> <p>Jessica Reed gave an update on the surface water quality team, which has been getting a lot of high <i>E. coli</i> hits for the last several weeks, which requires additional resampling, confirmation sampling, and source identification. They've been working with Environmental Health to do outreach and inspire people to take advantage of the voucher program to get more OSS systems inspected and repaired. All of Penn Cove is closed to shellfishing right now. Jen gave a brief update that the PIC program is off and running, the QAPP has been submitted to ECY and we are working on procedures and coordination with our EH colleagues to be ready for fall field work. Further, the OSS Target Action Plan, target setting process has moved forward and \$183k will be given out to each LIO to be implemented in locally-led issues. The proposed idea would be to use this funding to augment the Shore Friendly outreach and education capacity (currently passive program, which requires people to come to us for help) to target homeowners with OSS systems on the shoreline. Krista suggests adding a seasonality aspect to the workplan, to adjust to the swelling tourist numbers/better chance of getting snowbird homeowners on site. Jen clarifies with Jason/Lea that this money could be used to educate contractors themselves in addition to homeowners. Krista also suggests focusing on cleaning staff, to better educate on what should or should not be put down the drain, or what to look for in terms of septic trouble when homeowners are away for long periods of time.</p> <p>Clea Barenburg gave an update on the salmon funding round. Four projects have made it to the end, which has never happened before. A fifth Island County project is also moving forward that is being paid for by the Skagit LE. So, this is a very successful year! The Double Bluff project, a major feeder bluff in the County, will more than likely be funded in full and protected! Cultus Bay and Race Road projects are also moving forward. The Keystone Preserve project from 2022 is also continuing forward by removing the house and shoreline armor this year (2024). Excited to be working with the tribes to incorporate their priorities into the salmon recovery planning efforts.</p>
<b>1:55-2:00</b>	<p>General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen reminded everyone about the RAFT tool, and the upcoming grant opportunities</li> <li>• Jen reminds everyone to provide suggestions for topics and/or ideas for speakers for upcoming and future meetings</li> </ul>
<b>2:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 2:00</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	