

ILIO TC Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date:	May15, 2019		
Meeting Time:	11:00am-12:59pm		
Meeting Location:	Island County Coupeville Campus Room L&J 131 Coupeville, WA 98239		
Meeting Attendees	Lori Clark	Dennis LeFevere	
	Todd Zackey	Paul McElwain	
	John Lovie	Barbara Bennett	
	Keith Higman	Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD)	
	Dawn Spilsbury Pucci		
	Laura Ferguson		
Meeting Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates and discussion on LIO role in NEP funding model and AA implementation 2. Learn about San Juan's efforts to protect their marine waters and shoreline from impacts from a large oil spill. 		
		Total Time:	120 minutes

Minutes

Topic:	Updates	Action Item Owner:	Lori/
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 		
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori will apply for the Stormwater SIAT • Send Artifishal email/link to TC. Look to see if we can find a free sharing. We may be able to request a showing. • Send NOAA film -Mulkiteo research team & Tulalip smolt abundance video. • 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Initiatives are soliciting for new team members for the Advisory Teams. They are looking for policy and technical experts from each of the 3 Strategic Initiatives topic areas Habitat, Stormwater, and Shellfish. We have a wealth of knowledge on our ILIO Technical Committee and I would really like to get more local perspective on these teams. • Habitat SI has been working with PSP to craft the ECB's first "deep dive" into a topic (in alignment with the Land Development and Cover Implementation Strategy). Lori will invite Beverly. • SHB 1102 allocates \$400,000 to the City of Oak Harbor Marina. Lori contacted Chris Sublet to see if this will affect the 3 NTAs. Chris was not able to provide the details of what the funding will cover. Lori will follow up in a few weeks. • Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Blessing of the Fleet and First Salmon Ceremony is on May 16. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Jan-March 2019 ILIO progress report is available for review. • Lori is beginning to scope out next year's scope of work for LIO duties. The draft is available for anyone who is interested in looking over before finalized. • John Lovie sent a link to an article about a documentary, Artifishal, that takes a swerve into the metaphysical, framing the salmon emergency as a question about the human soul, about what it needs – about what we need – to survive. The contention of the film-makers is that while it may be human nature to seek dominion and control over the rest of nature, the very thing we need to survive is precisely that which defies our control, that thing which, when we seek to subjugate it, instead either slips through our nets, or is caught and dies. • NOAA film Mulкитеo research team. Tulalip smolt abundance video. • Town of Coupeville is working to rescope the feasibility study for the 6 outfalls. They are down an engineer and have a big project under contract right now. They may need to postpone starting the NTA work. They also may need help implementing the project management of the NTA. Keith added that Island County could offer survey/road crew assistance. 		
<p>Topic:</p>	<p>LIO role in NEP funding model and AA implementation</p>	<p>Action Item Owner:</p>	<p>Lori</p>
<p>Decisions Made and Action Item(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 		
<p>Follow-up Items:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send LCLD result chain to John Lovie. • Plan a workshop with all partners, including SWS, MRC and SRTCC 		
<p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When LIOs were first formed there was a lot of local buy-in and now the system is operations heavy. We don't feel that we participate in the decisions. • LIOs will be presenting to ECB. • Whatcom LIO created a preliminary review of NTA funding allocations for the 2018 SIAT Funding Recommendations. This graphic depicts the breakdown of local, regional, and state owner NTAs funded and the percent of funding for each SIL that is directed to local NTAs. • Strategic discussion about the way to leverage projects. Where they fit. The decisions we are making are strategic. • Opportunity fund-how did the ideas find their way on the list. Keith thinks some of the items on the list are not being addressed by other groups and some are. How can our funding sources be leveraged to support each other. • John added that the NTA process not look at large capital projects. Look at phases. NEP funding is flexible (outreach, planning). Phases of pre-construction can be covered • Paul understands and develops view of ecology of these pieces working together. Community education of landscape and process. • Barb asked if the \$100,000 is constraining project development. Yes! Priority projects cost much more than \$100,000 and project partners are not showing up to help develop the more comprehensive NTAs. • Gwendolyn shared that \$100,000 just fills surface holes. Experimental projects tend to be funded. Bring all partners together to make a bigger impact. • Timing of contractors, permitting, etc limits the timing of project implementation. • Think big in a visionary way. • Use water quality data to prioritize watersheds for WICD projects. Data should drive the decisions. • Laura suggested that LIOs can request more influence on the SIL scoring. • AACG and the Habitat SIL are collaborating on an effort to engage the LIO technical and policy committees more equitably in Puget Sound recovery planning/implementation decisions will increase buy-in, stop the bleeding (membership loss), and strengthen the recovery effort. Specifically engaging them in integrating ERP's and IS's will paint a stronger picture of how local input drives recovery, thereby increasing confidence that LIOs are valuable and worthy of continued member investment. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explore the thought experiment (pros, cons, resources needed, expected outcomes, etc.) of conducting a pilot that engages LIOs more fully and evaluate whether it will really address the core problems. ○ Based on the results of that discussion, conduct a pilot on enhanced LIO engagement and see if it achieves increased buy-in to LIO processes, LIO membership, LIO perceptions of importance and impact on PS recovery, or other improved outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strawman Proposal A: Sno-Stilly FP workshop - use ERP to operationalize regional FP IS at LIO scale ▪ Strawman Proposal B: LDC deep dive extended to LIOs - use ERPs to engage with ECB deep dive on LDC • Barb suggested developing a timeline –proactive vision for how to protect watershed. • Develop LCLD strategy for future project. Send LCLD result chain to John Lovie. • Implications of existing forest practices policies. • Benefit rating system – have to make money off a property to keep the exemption. IC does not maintain the class 4 G permits. Local interpretation of these land use codes. Need a way to convert rating system to a different class (tax reduction). • 		
Topic:	Webinar: The Threat of a Large Oil Spill -- What would a large oil spill cost all of us? How long would it affect our communities, property values, businesses, and way of life?	Action Item Owner:	San Juan MRC
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	None		
Follow-up Items:	•		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would a large oil spill cost all of us? How long would it affect our communities, property values, businesses, and way of life? Our County's Environmental Resources Division and the Marine Resources Committee together with specialty consultants (Earth Economics and Northern Economics) have completed an Oil Spill Consequences Assessment that estimates the catastrophic economic and ecosystem services losses that we would endure in the event of a large oil spill. It evaluates the extent of damages and range of potential costs from two hypothetical oil spills at the relatively high risk Turn Point location on Haro Strait: an oil tanker spill and cargo vessel fuel oil spill. The assessment contributes to a cost-benefit business case for investment in additional spill prevention measures including an emergency response towing vessel in or near our County waters that could aid vessels in distress. • Our Ecosystem Recovery Plan calls out the need for a regional strategy for the Oil and Hazardous Spills pressure focused on oil spill prevention and response to minimize the impacts to our nearshore and marine habitats from large spills. The San Juan, Whatcom, Island and Strait LIO need funding and support in collaborating on vessel traffic oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response strategies. The San Juan LIO is hoping to get a regional NTA funded that will support this strategy. 		

Upcoming LLIO meetings:

June 13th 9-11am – Coupeville Library

July 17, 2019 10:30am-12:30pm – Coupeville Library

Executive Committee:

July 26, 2019 10am BICC Hearing Room

October 23, 2019 10am BICC Hearing Room