

ILIO TC Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date:	July 16, 2019		
Meeting Time:	11:00am-12:30pm		
Meeting Location:	Coupeville Library 788 NW Alexander St Coupeville, WA 98239		
Meeting Attendees	Lori Clark	Barbara Bennett	
	Brian	Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD)	
	John Lovie	Kate Riley	
	Becky Fray		
	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. Discuss how FY2018 NEP funded regional NTAs may impact Island watershed 3. Discuss Land Development Implementation Strategy work plan 4. Recommendation for process to select local NTA for FY2019 NEP local allocation. 		
	Total Time:	90 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 email the NTA bundling exercise spreadsheet. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori applied for the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Advisory Team. They should let successful candidates know by the end of August. • 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. • Lori emailed the draft 2019-2020 scope of work for LIO Coordinator duties for review/comment. The main change from the current contract deliverables is the addition of an administration support and the allocation of more of Lori's time to regional Strategic Implementation Lead/ Implementation Strategy engagement. • Lori submitted the quarterly report for April –June 2019. This is available for review by request. • David Trimbach is looking at the relationship between sense of place and shorelines. He recently completed surveying residents in 12 counties (including Island) and now has a complete dataset for analysis. He attended the Langley Farmers Market last week to engage Island County residents to get 		

	<p>richer context and data to inform his study. Lori will invite David to attend an upcoming LIO TC meeting to share his results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Puget Sound Partnership and partners are excited to launch Puget Sound Info. Puget Sound Info is an online platform for sharing information and stories about Puget Sound recovery priorities, activities, investments, near-term results and progress toward Puget Sound recovery goals. As of June 2019, Puget Sound Info includes these four tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a revitalized, interactive Vital Sign website used to report on the status of over 50 indicators and progress toward Vital Sign targets and Puget Sound recovery goals, ○ the brand new Action Agenda Tracker designed to house all tracking and reporting on Action Agenda Regional Priorities, Near Term Action (NTA) status and accomplishments, and investments in recovery activities, ○ a revitalized National Estuary Program (NEP) Atlas built to house a summary of Puget Sound NEP investments, and ○ a common Data Center that provides access to detailed information about Activities, Progress Measures and Organizations that contribute data and reports • As a part of PSPs Mobilizing Funding effort, the LIO Coordinators were asked to complete an NTA bundling exercise to help inform what types of funding tools would be able to fund NTAs. This effort led Lori to make outreach to several regional NTA partners who indicated that Island LIO was a “local area” of interest for the project. There has not been much success in making a local partnership/connection to the work planned for these NTAs. • Governor Inslee will visit Cornet Bay on Wednesday to hear about the project and how the volunteers collaborated with NWS Foundation and Commission and State Parks to implement the project. • The Town of Coupeville is experiencing capacity limitations right now thus they are behind in the contracting for the FY2018 NEP funding. They are working with Dept of Health to develop a scope of work for the 2018-0324 NTA, Coupeville outfall study. When they applied for the 2018-2022 NTA, they had an engineer on staff. Now they are contracting with a consulting engineering firm and are concerned that the budget for surveying the shoreline and all eight outfalls is not enough. They have asked for an extension to get a better idea of the surveying costs and possibly only survey three or four outfalls instead of all eight of them. Their Utility Superintendent has discovered some surveys and stormwater reporting done in early 2000. They will go over these reports, see how much of the information can be used, and not be redundant with the new study. • Lori reported that Island County may be able to assist the Town of Coupeville in surveying the outfalls to keep the cost of the SOW down. • The MRC will be hosting two community workshops on shoreline infrastructure. They will weave in shore friendly and sea level rise. September 21st and September 27th. • 4 or 5 LE north sound have been invited by Admiral Gray to come to a brainstorm session on mitigation banking. Leverage SIKES funding to incorporate into mitigation funding. Readiness and Environmental Protection (REPI). • Greenbank community is meeting (Saturday) to discuss a vote on how to proceed with the Greenbank restoration project. 		
<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"> • none 		
<p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LIO Coordinators will present at the Ecosystem Coordination Board meeting on August 15th to discuss the LIOs role in the NEP funding model and AA implementation. Scott prepped the ECB in June on the upcoming agenda item. The main points he shared are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Partnership is missing an opportunity to take advantage of LIOs and the membership and 		

	<p>technical expertise available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The way LIOs are currently being under used, under supported, underfunded, and underappreciated is driving away membership and the desire to continue. <p>The August ECB meeting focus on solutions to address these concerns. These solutions include, but may not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Raising the stature of LIOs. One way, that has been discussed in the past but never acted on, is to be recognized within state statute. o Developing alternative pathways for LIOs to influence NEP funding recommendations. We presented such a proposal jointly with the Tribes back in 2014. The proposal was rejected because we did not have Partnership acknowledged recovery plans. LIOs now have those plans in place and have had them since 2017. It is now time to revisit developing alternative pathways for LIOs to influence NEP funding recommendations. o Utilize LIOs to develop and implement the regional "Mobilizing Funding Initiative". o Utilize LIOs to prioritize and address gaps and barriers to Puget Sound recovery. Some of us are discussing with the Strategic Initiative Leads, on how we can better engage LIOs in working from conception on approaches towards Puget Sound recovery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LIO Coordinators were successful in getting PSP to allow for allocation of the coordinator's time and FYY2019 contract funding to engage in the regional AA planning and implementation. We have been given flexibility to add this deliverable to our scopes of work (Subtask 2.05). Currently there are two Strategic Initiative Lead pilot work plans that have been drafted which support the LIO engagement: the Land Development and Cover Implementation Strategy (LDCIS) and the Stormwater Implementation Strategy. • The Stormwater SIL developed a framework for engaging the LIO's in the Stormwater Implementation Strategy development/improvements. LIOs do not have to choose engagement between the Land Development and Cover Implementation Strategy or the Stormwater Implementation Strategy at this time. There may be even more opportunities for LIO engagement in the upcoming months. These are the two pilots we have to evaluate how the local/regional engagement might be modeled for future IS work. 		
Topic:	Land Development Implementation Strategy work plan	Action Item Owner:	Lori
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	None		
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori will send the draft work plans for Land Development and Cover Implementation Strategy (LDCIS) and the Stormwater Implementation Strategy pilots. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Price Johnson is a part of the Land Use Deep Dive subcommittee (Ecosystem Coordinator Board). They are brainstorming how the ECB can work with local governments to protect ecologically important lands for Puget Sound recovery. • Lori met with the Dept of Commerce, Dept of Fish and Wildlife, and the Critical Area planners to discuss three 2018-2022 NTAs that are funded concerning CAO effectiveness in local jurisdictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018-0327 Puget Sound Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program(Dept of Commerce), 2018-0488 Template for Biennial Tracking Land Cover Change(WDFW), 2018-0735 Integrated Mapping and Decision Tools for Land Use Planning in Puget Sound(Dept of Commerce). 2017-0368 is the current project being implemented by WDFW, Evaluating Critical Area Ordinance Effectiveness: Mapping Critical Areas. Here is a link to the raw data from this study (provided by Keith Folkerts (WDFW) who presented at the ECB meeting): <p>https://data-wdfw.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/puget-sound-high-resolution-change-detection-2006-2015.</p> • I am working with Scott Brewer and the Habitat SIL on a framework and work plan for getting the LIOs more engaged with the Land Development implementation strategy. Lori will send out the draft workplan 		

	for the Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead in coordination with LIOs: Defining ecologically important lands. Island LIO will participate in this Implementation Strategy work group.		
Topic:	Recommendation for process to select local NTA for FY2019 NEP local allocation	Action Item Owner:	Lori
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ILIO Technical Committee recommends to the Executive Committee to utilize the scores and ranked list of Island LIO NTAs from the 2018-2022 NTA scoring and ranking process to allocate the local allocation of FY2019 NEP funds. 		
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori will work with project sponsors to determine which projects are eligible for/in need of funding. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ILIO Executive Committee approved the TC recommended scoring for 2018-2022 Near-term Actions (NTA) for ranking and to select the local NTA to apply the FY2018 NEP local funding allocation (\$100,000). The TC discussed selecting the next highest scoring NTA for FY2019 NEP local funding (\$100,000) versus changing the scoring criterion. The ILIO TC discussed that given the Town of Coupeville's capacity limitations right now, and their postponement of the FY2018 funding, the 2018-0326, Penn Cove Water Quality Improvement – Coupeville Sewer Extension, not be considered for FY2019 NEP funding. The City of Oak Harbor's three NTAs are not in need of funding at this time as they are in process of a feasibility analysis to inform the phasing of these projects. 		

Upcoming ILIO meetings:
August 17, 2019 11:00am-12:30pm – Coupeville Library
September 18, 2019, 11:00am-12:30pm, TBD
October 16, 2019, 11:00am-12:30pm, TBD

Executive Committee:
July 26, 2019 10am BICC Hearing Room
October 23, 2019 10am BICC Hearing Room