

Island Local Integrating Organization (ILIO) Technical Committee (TC) Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date:	October 12, 2021		
Meeting Time:	1:00pm-3:00pm		
Meeting Location:	Zoom		
Meeting Attendees:	Jenn Johnson (ILIO Coordinator / ICDNR Manager)	Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (IC Salmon Recovery)	Joseph Grogan (Town of Coupeville)
	Laura Rivas (PSP)	Matt Colston (ICDNR)	Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD)
	Mary Engle (IC Planning)	Dennis Lefevre (City of Oak Harbor)	Barbara Bennet (MRC)
	PaulBen McElwain (SWS)	Krista Loercher (Business/Ports)	Stan Walsh (SRSC)
	John Lovie (WRAC, SRTCC)	Linda Lyshall (SnoCD)	
Meeting Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of August Meeting Minutes • Provide updates on Action Agenda (AA), Statement of Work (SOW), budget, and Annual Work Plan • Brainstorm priorities for a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Consultant • Continue updating the Vital Sign (VS) and Priority document 		
	Total Time:		120 minutes

Minutes

Topic:	Updates and meeting minute approval	Action Item Owner:	Jenn
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September meeting minutes were approved. 		
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn will send out information regarding upcoming events, Strategic Initiative Advisory Teams (SIATs), Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) workshops, and the draft nutrient reduction permit. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September minutes were approved. • Coordinator updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Ecosystem Recovery Summit will be next week. The ILIO, Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC), and Island County Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen Committee (SRTCC) will all be contributing to identify potential collaboration projects and future work. ○ Here are other upcoming workshops and opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ocean Acidification in the Salish Sea – Oct 7. ▪ Communities, Climate Change, and Health Equity – A New Vision, Oct 12-14. ▪ Wildfire & Climate Justice – Oct 14. ▪ Pacific Northwest (PNW) Citizen Science Summit – Oct 26-27. ▪ Sustainable Consumption at COP26 – Oct 26. ▪ Deep Dive – State-level Food Policy webinar – Oct 14. ▪ 2021 Energy Law and Policy Symposium – Oct 14. ▪ Shore Friendly webinar, Vegetation Management for Shoreline Landowners – Oct 21. ▪ Salish Sea Conference – April 25-22, 2022. They are calling for submissions if you or someone you know is interested in submitting: https://salishseaconference.com/call_for_submissions/ 		

- Regional Groups: If you are interested in joining a regional SIAT, you can find the [information to apply here](#). If you are interested in other regional group opportunities please contact Jenn and she can share more work groups and subcommittees. The SIATs make a lot of decisions and help define priorities. Our funding model will involve funding coming through these SIATs, so having our voice in these discussions is great for future work. In the capacity contract with the LIO, there is funding to support participation. Laura and Jenn are working on what this will look like.
 - John commented that the time commitment will likely be less than it has been, since the meetings will be on Zoom. It is rewarding, and incredibly useful to have local representation. It is helpful to have someone to defend near term actions (NTAs), and you do learn a lot. Please reach out to him if you have questions, especially for the Shellfish SIAT.
 - Habitat Strategic SIAT: John is on this one. It requires breadth and depth of knowledge of priority habitat protection and restoration topics and associated programs, regulations, policies, research and strategies in either watershed/terrestrial or marine/nearshore/estuarine environments.
 - Stormwater SIAT: Gwendolyn is on this one. It requires breadth and depth of knowledge of priority stormwater point source, stormwater nonpoint source, or contaminated runoff pollution issues, programs, and strategies, public-private partnerships, green stormwater infrastructure scale- up strategies, integrated stormwater and land use planning with a focus on transportation, economic analysis and stormwater specific climate change approaches.
 - Shellfish SIAT: We have no representatives on this one, but it would be great to have at least one person. It requires breadth and depth of knowledge of priority shellfish and water quality issues, pollution sources, programs, and strategies.

- PSP Updates

- The AA update has moved into Phase 4, Identify Actions Aligned With Strategies. They are currently seeking input, including ours. Laura reviewed the timeline. They will be hosting workshops in early November and December around creation of new actions aligned with our updated 26 strategies. If you are interested in participating you can find [information here](#) and please [register here](#).

Workshop	Topic	Meeting 1	Meeting 2
A	Smart growth and development	Tuesday, Nov 2	Tuesday, Nov 30
B	Working lands	Wednesday, Nov 3	Wednesday, Dec 1
C	Marine habitat protection/restoration	Thursday, Nov 4	Thursday, Dec 2
D	Freshwater habitat protection/restoration	Friday, Nov 5	Friday, Dec 3
E	Water quality	Tuesday, Nov 9	Tuesday, Dec 7
F	Food webs and human activities	Wednesday, Nov 10	Wednesday, Dec 8

- Strategies will serve as the basis for identifying actions and commitments for the 2022-2026 AA update, and articulate effective recovery approaches that can guide implementation and funding decisions of partners across the recovery community.
 - Actions describe the activities that will be a shared focus for implementing each strategy from 2022-2026. Actions are intended to guide partner implementation and will inform the focus of public and private funding and implementation support by the boards and regional partners. They are split into the following four categories: Enabling Conditions, Behavior Change, Protection and Restoration, and Law and Policy.
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has updated the four [Toxics in Fish](#) indicators. The indicators measure chemical concentrations in the following fish to assess impacts of contaminants in different Puget Sound habitats: [Pacific herring](#) (open water), [adult resident Chinook salmon](#) (open water), [English sole](#) (benthic habitat), and [juvenile Chinook salmon](#) (estuarine and nearshore habitat). Progress is mixed. PCBs remain a problem throughout the region, PBDEs are going down but remain a high concern for juvenile Chinooks in Snohomish and Puyallup rivers. PAH-induced liver disease in English sole has dramatically improved at several locations.
 - The Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) is meeting Oct 28. Please let Laura know and she will send you the agenda.
 - [Orca Recovery Day](#) is Oct 16, but events have been happening already.
- Joseph commented that Ecology has put out a draft permit for nutrient reduction. He will send it to Jenn to

	<p>share with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a restoration project occurring at Crescent Creek, to connect it to the estuary. • Dawn is leaving Island County (IC) Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and will likely stay on SRTCC. Thank you for everything, Dawn! 		
Topic:	Updates on AA, SOW, Budget, and Annual Work Plan	Action Item Owner:	Jenn
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):			
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn will send a link to information regarding structured decision making (SDM). 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOW & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lori Clark and Laura presented the SOW & budget with this group in the spring for this upcoming round. This was approved by the Board of Island County Commissioners (BICC) last week. The contract began Oct 1 and continues until Sep 30, 2022. ○ This means we will be working towards Task 5 subtasks as a committee. Jenn reviewed the subtasks, which involve the on-the-ground work we want the ILIO to do in the upcoming year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subtask 5.04: Broaden “barriers removal,” since it applies to more than culverts. This could also include building a tool to help understand barriers. This involves revisiting our barriers list, and prioritizing. ▪ Subtask 5.06: We have tried to use SDM in the past, and came to the conclusion that it was not a good tool for ranking projects, but there are other aspects that were not used. As we move forward in developing strategies for projects, it might be worth a second look. Jenn will send a link to information about SDM if anyone wants to learn more. ○ Work Plan Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a new item in our SOW. All LIOs have been asked to create one. The draft Work Plan is in progress, and the initial draft is based on SOW tasks and TC conversations. It is a living document, and will be added to or changed based on the Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP) and funding progress and updates. ▪ Jenn reviewed the draft Workplan. Please let her know if you are interested in taking a bigger role in one or more of these tasks and if you see any gaps in next steps for the year. 		
Topic:	JEDI Consultant – Brainstorming	Action Item Owner:	Jenn
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):			
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn will create a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a consultant. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn asked the group what we would want a JEDI consultant to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is a challenge to reach the populations we need to reach. We tend to reach the same groups and hear from the same people. We need to reach a broader audience. We need methods for amplifying and recruiting new voices. A first task for a consultant would be to identify who these groups are in IC. • There is not specific state guidance on this, other than that we are speaking with experts in this area, and they can help guide us in the work we are doing. It is largely up to us. This document outlines state recommendations. PSP recently hired someone to work on these issues, and her work can be shared as well. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an intertwining of place, ecology, and sense of communities throughout time around a place. JEDI might be a perspective on this. Jenn will create an RFQ to put out. Please let her know if you are interested in reviewing this. 		
Topic:	VS & Strategy Prioritization	Action Item Owner:	Jenn
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenn will share meeting information for the presentation about greenhouse emission work in IC to the BICC. Jenn will determine our highest priorities and pair them with upcoming PSP workshops, and send this information to the group. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to those who were able to send thoughts and feedback on the VS and strategies. This is on-going, so if you are still able to take a look, send your thoughts/scores to Jenn. At the last meeting, there was interest from the group in seeing how the 151 initial strategies were combined into the new 26 strategies, and how the ILIO initially scored the 151 strategies in the spring. Jenn consolidated the initial table showing how the strategies were condensed. Jenn reviewed the document, and the group discussed next steps and what we need to focus on moving forward in the ERP updates. Jenn will look at what we have ranked as most important, and let the group know; this will help us decide which of PSP's work groups are best for us to attend. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to: Protect and restore pocket estuaries (including associated riparian habitats) by advancing integrated river basin management planning, policies and regulations and accelerating funding and implementation of reach-scale plans. We have limited estuaries but they are high priority habitat in IC. Updated to High-Medium priority. Strategy 6: We should work on this at the watershed scale (i.e. Mutiny Bay). Strategy 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to Medium-High priority. We need a better understanding of availability and recharge. We need to identify the players here. Strategy 8: This is important, but outside of IC. We can identify the key players involved. Strategy 9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Susan was recently downgraded. Updated to Medium priority. Strategy 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is connected to shellfish and bluff stability. Updated to High priority. Strategy 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to High priority. This is a priority to CDs. Strategy 13: This involves collaboration efforts, especially with San Juan County. Strategy 15: We will focus our efforts on habitat. Strategy 16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to High priority. 		

- This includes actions to protect/restore eelgrass/kelp (it is not restoration focused but is education/outreach focused). Increase monitoring. San Juan & Mariner's Cove do have ongoing restoration efforts.
 - There is potential to coordinate with MRCs, including for voluntary no-anchor zones.
- Strategy 17:
 - Sound Water Stewards (SWS) collects fishing line and the MRC does crabbing outreach. There is more that can be done.
 - Crabbing tourism in IC is a potential gap in outreach. We can work with ports in and out of IC.
 - Updated to: Promote best practices by boaters to protect water quality and life in Puget Sound (specify – increase outreach at licensing areas.).
- Strategy 20: IC is currently working with a contractor on greenhouse gas emissions to come up with a Climate Action Plan. She will be presenting to the BICC this month, and Jenn can share the meeting information. She will also share the report when it is completed at the end of the year.
- Strategy 21:
 - This encompasses treaty rights.
 - Updated to High priority.
- Strategy 22:
 - This encompasses treaty rights.
 - Updated to High priority.
- Strategy 23: "Underrepresented" is covering a lot in this description.
- Strategy 26:
 - PFAS in drinking water is an issue in IC. This should be looked at through a climate change lens.
 - These impacts are across the community.
 - Update to: Protect human health through programs that educate communities and limit harmful exposures from air and water contaminants.

Next Meeting
 November 9, 2021
 1:00-3:00 PM PST
 Zoom