

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date: March 9, 2021

Meeting Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Attendees

Lori Clark (ILIO Coordinator)	Barbara Bennett (MRC)
Krista Loercher (Business/Ports Rep)	Hannah Liss (ICDNR)
John Lovie (WRAC, SRTCC)	Dawn Spilsbury-Pucci (ICDNR)
Laura Rivas (PSP)	Grant Johnson (ICP&CD)
Anna Toledo (ICDNR)	Brian Tyhuis (US Navy)

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss Shoreline Master Plan Draft Updates.
- Discuss SW SIAT Toxics Workshop
- Discuss Forestry Practices in Island County

Total Time: 120 minutes

Minutes

Topic:

Updates

Action Item Owner:

Lori

Decisions Made and Action Item(s):

- none

Follow-up Items:

- none

Notes:

- The ILIO EC officially appointed Krista Loercher as the ILIO TC group Business/Port Representative.
- The EC made a decision to endorse the 2021 PSP legislative priorities including HB 1117 at the February meeting (Feb 24th). House Bill 1117 was included for EC consideration at the request of Commissioner St. Clair. This bill addresses promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework. The second substitute bill was moved forward to committee review on Feb 22nd. The bill requires that after January 1, 2024, comprehensive plan updates will include strategies that meet the net ecological gain pursuant to the federal endangered species act.
- The ILIO EC supports the 2021 work plan with the addition of forestry practices (to be discussed later on the agenda)
- Check out the [Human Wellbeing explorer map](#) that OSU created to visualize survey responses about human well-being in the Puget Sound.
- Puget Sound Day on the Hill 2021: PSDOTH will be held as a virtual event on Fridays from 1:00-2:30 pm (Pacific Time) April 23 - May 21. Topics that will be discussed are Puget Sound restoration and protection, salmon recovery efforts, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and infrastructure, among other topics. Click [here](#) for the most up-to-date information and registration information.
- The AACG is in the third phase of the 2022-2026 AA development process which includes discussing strategies. The AACG is working out to what extent the strategies should be grouped or lumped. It seems like

	<p>the direction will be to be more specific and then move into lumping if the strategies look like they are targeting the same outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Habitat Strategic Initiative is hosting a webinar on the Residential Shoreline Loan Program Feasibility Study on March 31, 2021. This revolving loan fund could finance low-interest loans for residential shoreline projects like hard armor removal, soft-shore stabilization, and elevating or moving homes landward to reduce flooding risk as sea level rises. • Gwendolyn was given a permanent seat on the SW SIAT in addition to Lori. 		
Topic:	Draft SMP Update	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"> • send the 2010 ICLEI report 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IC Planning Department is in process of updating the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) code. They have been convening a Technical Review Committee to solicit draft comments for revisions. The draft changes went to the Planning Commission for consideration on March 8th. • Education and outreach effort is needed to help residents understand to be effective partners. Need to prepare our residents on implications of SLR. • Current activity is update only with abbreviated process. There will be a full revision of SMP that will provide a more comprehensive update to the regulations. • MRC embraces outreach and could be a good partner. • New regulations have a lot of accommodations to property owners. Little push back on homeowners. We need to be prepared to have strategic responses to the realization that change is happening. Looking at political will for how we shape the shoreline regulations. • We need to work hard between now and the next SMP update to ensure that people will better understand risk. • Sunlight Shores water system infrastructure is under water. Not sustainable. People are afraid, nervous, etc. • Having residents use the SLR mapping tools is helpful to understand shoreline property impacts. • People who use the shoreline are underrepresented in the conversation. • Political will is built from the ground up. • We need to support crafting a policy that does not result in greater gentrification on the shoreline. • Locally driven process – public access and shoreline residents need discussion and prerogative of ownership. • Need to find incentives for property owners to do the right thing. • Streamlined permitting is an incentive. • Ian Miller doing a project that will be a database to look at hazard to infrastructure at the parcel scale. Property tax data provides a limitation in the data. We will need to improve the data quality. • 2028 next update to the SMP. • Ask for and deliberately incorporate SLR community conversations into work plan. • Show what will happen to public beach. Charrettes can be utilized as a visual tool. Structure a day where information is delivered and then people can break into groups and work on solutions. • Add pictures at access sites and QR code. • Empower people to make decisions. Can be overwhelming to hear this information without clear solutions and guidance. Ignore or anger if there are not strategic options. • 		
Topic:	SW SIAT Toxics Workshop Debrief/ Take-Aways	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"> • none 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxics workshop hosted by the Stormwater Strategic Initiative (Feb 5 and 26). The Feb 5th workshop focused on science only and addressed PCBs, PAHs, PBDEs and CEC's with an emphasis on emerging science and 		

	<p>the discussion will address sources, pathways and impacts. The workshop is available on YouTube. The Feb 26th workshop focused on approaches, barriers and keys to success and a path forward for solutions and interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording available for those who missed. 		
Topic:	Forestry Practices in Island County	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"> Have IC Planning and WA DNR attend LIO meeting to discuss code and loopholes. Invite Kelsi (WICD) and someone from WSU Extension to next meeting Check regulations about buffers space between clear cuts and roads. 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EC added addressing the accelerating deforestation in Island County to the 2021 work plan. Non-selective deforestation has been on the rise over the past few years. As development pressures have been increasing, logging companies have been focusing on Island County, especially since we seem to be the cheapest hauls in the state. This topic is on the Planning Department's 2021 docket as they discuss the Public Benefit Rating System. This could be a good opportunity for the ILIO to engage in these conversations and better understand the gap between the WA DNR clearcut permits and County input. It seems that the community may want the opportunity to have input in this process. The ILIO could take on the role of outreach on this issue and also facilitate conversations with the state. This impacts natural ecosystem processes but also groundwater infiltration, and agriculture Developers clear cut property and then sell the lots without telling them there was a 6 year moratorium. As we determine the buffer that is needed for a wetland. It gets a wetland score. HSIAT funded Puget Sound Caucus of Conservation Districts to do forestry management plans. Need to include Kelsi in conversations. Selective cutting is an alternative practice to clear-cutting. Only one company was willing to come to the Island. Regulations about a buffer space between the road and where the clear cutting starts to preserve the rural character of the island. One idea is to incentivize turning into converted properties into multi- housing. Navy is also watching this issue. Whidbey Camano Land Trust participates in the DOD program that helps partner with local non-profits. Share cost of purchasing easements. Since 2006, the Navy has protected 14000 acres, 1/2 is forested land. Contribute with REPI program. Class 4G conversations requires less review. We have less control over these permits. 20-acre exemptions. No incentives to do the selective cuts. WSU extension has a lot of education of forest practices. Island County could declare self to be a national refuge. This would kick the local review process into effect. Cascade Loop is now a national route. 		