

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date:	June 8, 2021		
Meeting Time:	1:00pm-3:00pm		
Meeting Location:	Zoom		
Meeting Attendees	Lori Clark (ILIO Coordinator)	Barbara Bennett (MRC)	Linda Lyshall (SnoCD)
	Krista Loercher (Business/Ports Rep)	Hannah Liss (ICDNR)	Brian Katz (OSU)
	John Lovie (WRAC, SRTCC)	Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD/MRC)	Dennis Lefevre (City of Oak Harbor)
	Laura Rivas (PSP)	Ann Prusha (ICDNR)	
	Keith Higman (ICPH)	Anna Toledo (ICDNR)	
Meeting Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss utility of the Shellfish Harvest Closures Map • Update on Sustainable Forestry in Island County (IC) discussion • Understand the 2021-2022 LIO Contract • Discuss Ranking for 2022-2026 AA Strategies 		
		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"> • none 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Needs Assessment: Five (5) MRC members interviewed twenty-eight (28) individuals across six (6) interviewee types, with interviews averaging 50 minutes. Interviewers were trained on the interviewing and confidentiality protocols. Most interviews were conducted virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Interview notes were entered into spreadsheets and identified by interviewee type. Data was analyzed question-by-question for themes among and across topics and within and across interviewee types. Please direct questions to Barbara Bennett or Anna Toledo directly. • Does the Island Local Integrating Organization (ILIO) Technical Committee (TC) see value in attending the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) community workshops (on June 17th and 22nd) for individuals representing a broad range of groups and organizations to engage in dialogue and participate in the 2022-2026 Action Agenda (AA) update process? The purpose of these workshops is to help identify Puget Sound (PS) recovery strategies for the 2022-2026 AA. They need our help to identify these strategies, which will serve as a guide for the next 4 years of recovery action. Both workshops will cover the same material – they are holding two sessions to meet the needs of different schedules – and there is not a need to attend both workshops to fully engage. Anticipated workshop activities include an overview of the process to date, small group work to review and provide input on draft strategies, and time to discuss any questions. A full agenda will be shared with workshop participants in advance of the events. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda should have said we are going to discuss the ranking / prioritization of the draft for the 2022-2026 AA Strategies, not Implementation Strategies (IS). Keith commented that Jennifer Johnson has been hired to fill Lori's position. She has an interesting background and will be starting on June 21st. Commissioner Janet Saint Clair is now an ex-officio member to the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB). Even though she is a non-voting member, she will be working alongside other members to make sure our interests are represented. They will be taking on sustainable forestry issues. 		
Topic:	Shellfish Harvest Closures Map	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"> 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Katz is joining us today to walk us through a tool that he created to show shellfish harvest closure information overlaid with some of the data from the HWB survey. The tool can be found here: https://briangkatz.github.io/WA-shellfish-harvest-closures/ He recently received his MS in Geography from Oregon State University (OSU). He is a cartographer and Geographic Information System (GIS) analyst with extensive experience working on mapping projects, including in the PS region. He is interested in working on applied and collaborating projects, including those associated with equity and environmental justice. He has been collaborating with the OSU Human Dimensions Lab (Dr. Kelly Biedenweg's lab) over the last year on PSP-related mapping projects, including mapping the Human Wellbeing (HWB) Vital Sign (VS) survey results. This map includes information about access to recreational shellfish and its implications for environmental justice in PS. Closures limit access to local food, which creates inequities for who can safely harvest food. It is a tool that can be used to identify inequity while considering several factors. The key takeaways for IC: for closures, we experienced all 4 types, but proportions varied by place. He reviewed relationships among harvest frequency, race, and place. 1) There is an indirect relationship between closure duration and harvest frequency. Closures decrease harvest opportunities. 2) Race and closure duration: there is a direct/indirect relationship depending on closure type. The non-white population's access to harvestable areas is directly related to pollution, conditional, and emergency closures. There is an indirect relationship with biotoxins and total closures. 3) For harvest frequency and race, harvest frequencies are independent of race. 		
Topic:	Sustainable Forestry in Island County Roles/Responsibilities Status 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"> 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ILIO Executive Committee (EC) reviewed the TC recommendations that came from the ILIO TC April meeting. Hannah has created a table that tracks each of these items with roles and responsibilities for each task. This will be distributed to different departments; please let Hannah know if there is anything you feel strongly about. Hannah walked the group through the document. It goes hand in hand with the conversation notes document that has already been distributed. She is hoping to be able to fill in gaps as needed. This list can be a living document. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori submitted this topic to PSP to be considered for a collective local/regional project. Although a different project was selected as the one that will be funded to move forward, there was advocacy for the sustainable forestry issue to also receive support to move forward. A subcommittee has been formed and Hannah will be joining this committee. She is working with Evans School Graduates who are looking for a capstone project. There was a comment that, for regional support, they are brainstorming and working hard to figure out how to make this work. Some of the items are not set in stone and might not happen. Hannah plans on making outreach to Mary Engle's replacement at the Assessor's office. She is running it by us, and then will reach out to all identified parties. Hannah will also be restarting a committee to provide reinforcement with IC departments and the Conservation Districts (CDs). Keith commented that he would like to discourage us from distributing a document that looks like it is committing certain agencies to certain work that they might have agreed to. We need to have more dialogue and discussion before distributing this. There was then discussion that not everyone officially committed; this document will be distributed as a blank sign-up type sheet, unless a person or department has already explicitly committed to a task. We will see what level of commitment the Board of Island County Commissioners (BICC) allows us to have, which is going to be an upcoming conversation. Keith will feel comfortable after that conversation, once he understands the context we are operating in. After the July 14th BICC meeting, they will have information about what is and is not moving forward. This is not a work plan; it is an identification of who is responsible for barriers. Hannah will also add a header that these are opportunities for improvement, rather than an official BICC-approved work plan. 		
Topic:	2021-2022 LIO Contract <table border="1" data-bbox="1161 856 1323 974" style="float: right; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Action Item Owner:</td> <td>Lori</td> </tr> </table>	Action Item Owner:	Lori
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Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each year the ILIO Coordinator enters into contract negotiation with PSP. Laura is going to walk through the tasks to let us know how we have been implementing this contact and discuss other potential opportunities. Laura noted that the Scope of Work (SOW) for next year is a draft, and is not official yet. It can still change. Coordinators are given an opportunity to comment. This year's SOW is very much like last year's. Since Lori is leaving, she wanted everyone to be able to see the SOW and options. Laura highlighted key areas where this draft differs from our current contract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task 1: 1) LIO coordinator meetings were in-person, and now three will be virtual and one will be in-person. 2) The expectation for participation in board meetings is changing. The task will be more about the LIO coordinating, planning, and cohosting board meetings, and the coordinators have done a lot to figure out a schedule. Our turn will be in fall of 2022 with the Leadership Council. 3) There was a task about PSP workshops; this year, the expectation is to develop an annual work plan. We have already done this. Task 2: We can, and have, coordinated with state agencies who have Near Term Actions (NTAs) to work locally. Someone on this committee could help with reporting from regional sponsors by taking it on ourselves, in coordination with the sponsor. There is more specific language about contributing to local priorities and commitments (this is the same idea as last time, just a little more specific). T3: Now, local NTA owners are encouraged to report out. T4: We can still update the Ecosystem Recovery Plan (ERP) however we want. We are encouraged to update with justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) principles, PS VS revision, and climate change issues. T5: We choose which items we want to do (with a minimum of two). Laura reviewed what we chose to do this year, and what we can choose to do next year. Incorporating JEDI principles is a task we can 		

	<p>add.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion about the amount required in proportion to the amount of funding received. Keith asked Laura to pass this comment back to PSP. There are a lot in this contract, but much of it is examples of what we think could be done, and are not necessarily requirements. This is an effort to have a contract that has a standard while also providing flexibility. With Lori leaving, it is important for us to know what is voluntary for this contract, and for the new ILIO coordinator to understand its ins and outs. Lori will work closely with Keith in the next month or so to get this scoped out. 		
Topic:	Draft 2022-2026 AA Strategy ranking/prioritization	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"> 		
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori emailed out the workbook of the draft Strategies for the 2022-2026 AA with a crosswalk of the ILIO ERP. This crosswalk made clear areas that the ILIO will need to adaptively manage the ERP. This exercise gives a low, medium, or high ranking as to how well these strategies are represented in the ILIO ERP. This gives us feedback on how we need to revise our plan and conceptual models. It is very important that we translate our priorities into the draft strategies as this sets the stage for recovery/protection actions over the next 4 years. At this time, Phase 3, we are focusing only on Strategy Effectiveness and Regionally Significant Opportunity. Please send your feedback to Lori no later than June 21st. She will then share the list with the ILIO TC and EC with one final week for comments before turning it in to PSP. You may also choose to participate in the PSP community workshops on June 17th or June 22nd for individuals representing a broad range of groups and organizations to engage in dialogue and participate in the 2022-2026 AA update process. The purpose of these workshops is to help identify PS recovery strategies which will serve as a guide for the next 4 years of recovery action (2022-2026 AA) There are so many strategies because Lori pulled all of the strategies to our page. We have opportunities to rank ones for the entire region, but can identify the ones most important to us in IC. We will need to eliminate some, and some are specific for us. There was discussion on adding climate change and HWB. We fought to get HWB and climate change on this document. There is fear that, if they are not separately called out, they will not be properly addressed. It is challenging to figure out which ones are most important to focus on. Sea level rise and climate change can be incorporated into each project, and public access to areas can be incorporated through HWB. Once we rank, we can make projects based on that. A strategy can have multiple actions and outcomes. We are not finished, and these are still under development. HWB is late in the game to be added, but ideally it will be integrated throughout everything. Calling this out is raising awareness. For climate change – the guidance for incorporation has been applied differently by different groups. A goal of this AA is to have it speak to all of the work that needs to be done and less tied to what the NTA can fund. We want to talk about what is needed. There will be opportunities to incorporate HWB and climate change. Lori is going to go through these, and select the ones that are relevant to certain groups (like MRC), such as eelgrass and derelict infrastructure removal. Anna can ask the MRC to focus on those. Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen Committee (SRTCC) can look at 15 or so that are related to the Lead Entity (LE). Krista can look at ones specific to parks and beach access. John will look at all of them. Keith, Ann, and Lori can look through the shellfish items. Lori wants everyone to be involved. Linda and potentially Gwendolyn can look at the agriculture items. Barbara suggested making a group to look at the public access items. Please submit comments on the document that Lori shared. There is room for adaptive regulations in the climate change strategies. The other piece is that the Shoreline 		

	<p>Master Plan (SMP) is development focused, but if we want to do more things in IC outside of development, we will need to do more education and outreach, and do mitigation planning. We can also include stewardship. The SMP is not the only place that deals with climate change; it is just one. It is appropriate for us to find other places to incorporate addressing climate change.</p>