



# Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

10/18/17 1-3:00 pm

Location: Coupeville Campus, Rm 131

## **Introductions/announcements**

Member Participants: Paul Marczin (WDFW), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Matt Zupich (WICD), Tom Vos (Sound Water Stewards), John Lovie (Citizen), Barbara Brock (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip Tribes)

WebEx: Ryan Elting (WCLT)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Lori Clark (IC DNR), Suzanna Stoike (PSP) (WebEx)

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### **1) Introductions/announcements**

Dave Thomson has resigned from the MRC. The MRC has not yet selected a new member to sit on SRTCC  
Jay Kidder will represent the SFEG.

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### **2) Updates**

The meeting notes for Aug and Sept were approved.

PSP - No news on RCO's grant round timing until the SFRB meeting in December.

ILIO – The TC selected the WICD's NTA for implementation of Penn Cove BMP's for this year's local LIO funding (\$100K). IC also slated to get \$200K PIC project funded. Solicitation for 2018 NTA's will be released mid November.

Funding – No new budget news.

“Science day/Community Coordination Workshop” (name still being developed) – IC ILIO, Lead Entity and MRC will host workshops for the public to gather new project ideas and concerns, educate on work we do and how we are related to one another. This will also be a recruiting event for committees. SRTCC advice: include maps to show where projects are (pending and done). Soundwaters would be a good audience.

SRFB Review Panel (RP) – The RP tagged 2 of our projects. Greenbank was classified as “Needs more information” and the Nearshore Framework was “conditioned”. The RP was concerned that the Greenbank project as proposed would preclude future restoration that would encompass more fully the lagoon on the west side of North Bluff Road. The RP wanted to encourage the Land Trust to include a commitment to follow up the framework development with outreach to a number of identified parcels. Both sponsors provided more information and clarity as to why the projects were proposed the way they were. Both projects have now been “cleared”.

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### **3) Elwha Project Funding Support**

The project 16-1375 Lower Elwha River Protection acquisition project is in need of funding and the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity (NOPE) has requested the use of any unallocated PSAR from other Lead Entities. The project would protect ~32 acres of floodplain on the Elwha mainstem by conservation easement. There are two cabins in the floodplain and a larger house high on the bank. The easement would include the removal of the two cabins. Current development threat is that the existing structures are able to be built into more substantial homes, possibly, due to regulations permitting building within existing footprints of structures. Also, protection efforts, if built, may degrade habitat. The funding need is ~\$500K.

Island LE has ~\$139K unallocated 17-19 PSAR (due to Maylor Pt being funded with LIO funding and 'returning' \$202K. Greenbank phase 2 needs ~\$63K to be fully funded. ).

SRTCC agreed to loan \$100K to NOPL, to be paid back with 19-21 PSAR. We withheld some PSAR in case there are cost adjustments required for Seahorse Siesta construction because it's been 2 years since the construction estimates were developed.

#### 4) Strategies

WRIA 8 has recently produced a draft 10-Year update to their Chinook recovery plan. Their process was funded by the PSP and is available, even encouraged, to be used as an example. A crosswalk between our 2005 strategies and WRIA 8's applicable strategies was provided. It was decided that the list of select 16 WRIA 8 strategies covered most of our 2005 strategies and that by adopting or revising the WRIA 8 strategies, we would be more consistent with current regional efforts. Some revision is necessary due to the fact that WRIA 8 strategies were developed to address specific life stages and required habitat. As WRIA 6 does not have freshwater or spawning, we do not need strategies for those. Other adjustments were made and the decisions were made easily by consensus.

The strategies were prioritized into 2 tiers based on Potential Impact to juvenile survival. We discussed using the guidance from the PSP Toolkit, which consisted ranking with 4 levels (very high, high, medium, low) on 3 elements (Potential Importance, Feasibility, Readiness for Implementation). It was decided that the guidance would be more appropriate for project ranking criteria than for strategies. Specifically, the readiness may vary among different projects that could be proposed under the same strategy. The same concept applies to financial feasibility.

Separate strategies for 'protect' vs 'restore' were discussed. But it was decided that prioritization of individual projects, rather than strategies, would occur at the project level through our criteria. Strategies are aimed more at ecosystem component concepts. For example, the intent of our strategy "**Protect & restore natural marine shorelines and processes**" is to provide beach building processes, whether that is by protection or restoration.

Dawn and Suzanna will create results chains to ensure we have all components we need at this point.

The 2005 strategies that were not kept related to law enforcement, predator control and project development. The WRIA 6 Lead Entity has no authority to enforce and could not imagine a project that would be proposed that would not be covered under "Continue existing and conduct new research, monitoring and adaptive management on key issues" or "Integrate salmon recover priorities into local and regional planning, regulations, and permitting". The program development strategies were a relic of the time when the LE was being formed and established. They were determined to be no longer necessary.

Strategy	Tier	Strategy	Tier
Remove fish passage barriers	1	Integrate salmon recover priorities into local and regional planning, regulations, and permitting	1
Protect & restore Functional Riparian Vegetation	1	Continue existing and conduct new research, monitoring and adaptive management on key issues	1
Provide adequate streamflow	2	Increase awareness of and support for salmon recovery	2
Reconnect creek mouths, backshore areas, and estuaries	1		
Protect & restore natural marine shorelines and processes	1		
Protect & restore natural marine offshore habitats	2		
Protect & restore freshwater and marine water quality	2		

**5) Criteria**

Dawn will provide a summary of 3 types of criteria framework/guidance for discussion at the Oct 26 meeting.

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**Adjourn –**

**Next Meeting:** October 26, 1-3pm, **Camano Library** – Criteria  
November 15, 1-3pm, **Camano Library** – Criteria  
Dec 20, 1-3pm, **Coupeville Library**– Adaptive Mgmt Plan and 2018 Grant Round