



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

7/28/17 1-3:00 pm

Location: Coupeville Library

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Nathan Howard (IC Planning), John Lovie (Citizen), Tom Vos (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Barbara Brock (citizen), Ryan Elting (WCLT),

WebEx: Dave Thompson (MRC), Todd Zackey (Tulalip Tribes), Mona Kristoferson Campbell (Kristoferson Farm)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Rodney Pond (Sound Salmon Solutions), Jennifer Riedmayer (IC DNR)

1) Introductions/announcements

Rodney Pond offered Sound Salmon Solutions as a potential partner or project sponsor on all sorts of projects from restoration to project development to education/outreach.

2) Updates

The meeting notes for June were approved.

ILIO – 2018 NTA submission deadline has been extended to early November. 2017 NTA funding recommendations will be coming out soon. There is an ILIO Technical Committee meeting on Friday Aug 4 at WSU extension office.

PSP – No capital budget means no project money. State capital funding is also required to fund the required match to the federal grant funding and to support the LE capacity grants. There is an emergency SRFB meeting Aug 24 to determine how to fund LEs, Regions, and the Review Panel until a budget is passed.

A research team from UW would like to come interview the committee for up to an hour in support of their project on how restoration partners are incorporating science in their plans and projects. We will suggest to them to come up for the hour before one of our meetings for a working lunch.

Dawn will be introducing the plan update timeline to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) next Wednesday at their work session.

3) Goals

We began with reviewing how our vision statements connected to limiting factors/pressures and how those led to goals (see figure below). The goals are also known as the 'common indicators' which are several physical targets selected by the PSP to measure progress towards habitat recovery. Island LE selected the most appropriate indicators for our watershed and identified pressures from a larger list provided by PSP. SRTCC decided to rename our 'goals' to targets as we may have goals associated with some pressures that don't have an assigned quantifiable measurement. For example, one of our recognized pressures is marine debris. We will support projects that address this pressure and work towards the goal of marine debris removal and subtidal habitat process rehabilitation and restoration. But we won't be setting a specific target of an area to be cleared or number of crab pots to be picked up.

Some of the other discussion points included:

- We will identify long term targets (50 years) and interim targets (~10 years).
- How do handle stormwater projects? By number of projects installed? They will need to be of a certain standard to be counted as acceptable. Can we use the volume of water the project is designed to treat? That would be included with the engineering designs.
- We need a target for "acres protected". It supports goals associated with connectivity and intact processes. The WCLT may be able to provide guidance on long term and interim targets.
- Trying to recover 80% of historic habitat (long term goal) may not be possible or applicable to every target. We should assess which homes truly rely on bulkheads (historic communities built on the intertidal areas) and remove those from the possible target. We can be more aggressive in setting interim targets if we focus on realistically removable armor.
- For shoreline armoring, we need to look at net gain, not just length of armor removed. Must take new armor into consideration when calculating how we are doing towards that target.
- Feeder bluff armor is higher priority and so we might set a more aggressive target for that goal.
- Need to figure out how to handle soft shore protection projects. How do we count those?
- Groins and overwater structures will be tracked under "% intact drift cell" target.
- It would be helpful if we could arrange to have an IC GIS expert work with us to tweak data queries and results so we can see exactly where the bluffs are that have armor and how many feet that equals. Same for armor that cant realistically be removed.
- Do we need a target that measures progress toward prevention?

The conversation will continue in August and hopefully we can decide on some figures for our targets. The hope is still to take the targets to the BOCC by Sept for their approval or agreement before we begin to identify strategies and criteria.

Adjourn

