



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

2/16/17 1-3:00 pm

Location: Camano Library

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Nathan Howard (IC Planning, Phone), Julius Budos (Citizen), John Lovie (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip Tribes), Mona Kristoferson Campbell (Kristoferson Farm), Jim Somers (SFEG), Kristin Marshall (SCD), Dave Thompson (MRC, phone), Barbara Brock (SWS), Tom Vos (Citizen), Terica Ginther (Deception Pass Tours, Commercial Fishing, phone)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Lori Clark (IC DNR & ILIO, phone)

Introductions/Announcements

No announcements

Updates

January meeting notes approved

ILIO – Next year, salmon recovery projects will have to fill out a Near Term Action (NTA) application for the 2018 NTA round rather than just be included by reference as they were for 2016 NTA round.

PSP – The allocation formula that dictates how much each of the 8 salmon recovery regions get from the federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) award (and WA state match) is being reconfigured and it is extremely likely that the Puget Sound Region will receive a smaller percentage of this funding than in previous years for capital projects. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) will make a decision on the allocation formula for capital funding March 2. It will take affect for the 2017 grant round. Capacity funding is still being discussed with a decision being made for 2018.

Active Projects – The removal of the house on the shore at Barnum has been delayed until March.

SRFB Grant Round

A table with brief description of cost, name of sponsor, funding amount was distributed.

Sponsor	Name	\$	Project Description	Community OR
Northwest Straits Foundation	Sunlight Shores Nearshore Armor Removal	\$ 92,266	350' bulkhead removal (boulders, wood piles, rubble, debris), 0.25 acre of beach and backshore restored. Partial design and permitting done by other grant.	Community Assoc Board Approves
Greenbank Beach and Boat Club (with Whidbey Island Consv District)	Greenbank Marsh Restoration - Design Phase	\$ 77,000	90% design for project to restore tidal connection to 18 acre pocket estuary (also fixing stormwater issues), continued outreach and public engagement. 1st phase ongoing (2015 SRFB funded).	Proposed by Community Assoc. Still working with neighbors
Whidbey Camano Land Trust	Dugualla Bay "Dunlap Towing and Ducken" Tidelands Acquisition	\$ 25,500	Fee acquisition of 79 acres of tidlands in front of the new Dugualla pocket estuary and the Heights Lagoon. Adjacent to other protected areas.	WCLT has ongoing relationship with Dugualla Heights HOA.
Whidbey Camano Land Trust (with Confluence Environmental)	WRIA 6 Site Scale Acquisition Strategy	\$ 49,300	GIS geodatabase of parcels, framework for prioritization developed with a subcommittee.	N/A

The purpose of Letters of Intent is to screen for success in the grant round process (well scoped, appropriately scaled for funding levels, timely, high likelihood of funding). A secondary purpose is to act as a screening tool. Knowing from the start would ease the burden on the sponsor to putting work towards a full application.

Award amount this time: Around \$165-175k

Project Discussion Highlights:

Project #1

Greenbank Marsh Phase 2 - by Greenbank Beach and Boat Club, with support from the Whidbey Island Conservation District.

Phase 2 to a project that came through in 2015, working with the community in Greenbank (homeowners association), drainage and GB farm, used to be a pocket estuary. Long tidegate and culvert and outfall on the beach. Basin drain is blocked.

This project will take what was learned and discussed with the community from Phase 1 and develop 90% designs and permit applications. Not sure about the time sensitivity of this.

There haven't been concerns voiced to the LE Coordinator.

Good to encourage citizens promoting.

Request that the GBBC include how they considered or any plans to address the other part of the basin that drains into the project area. This will come up at the site visits and it is prudent to be prepared to answer.

Land EAST of Bluff road? Not to the Greenbank Farm - owned by the Port. The east side basin is smaller than the westside basin. **UPDATE: The land west of North Bluff Road is actually owned by GBBC, not the Port.*

Project #2

Sunlight Shores Armor Removal, by Northwest Straits Foundation

~350 Linear feet of armor removed tidelands restored. Removal (restoration) - permitting and design is complete or near complete through the Shore Friendly program. Now wanting to do the work of getting concrete out. There is ONE person that has voiced strong opposition. Claim that some might lose their shoreline.

John Lovie - lives close to this location. This location is inside of a pocket estuary. There is a landform within the place called "Henny Spit". This is the last piece with this level of armoring.

Some pilings have creosote. Supports lots of animals, birds esp. Clams, shellfish.

Now is a good time - politics are in favor of getting this work done.

For 350 ft of removal, this is a great deal for the cost.

Todd - issue about the priority zone 2. Further away from a natal system is more difficult to connect to Chinook.

Encourage Northwest Straits Foundation to contact the dissenter if they feel it is appropriate to prevent any momentum to complaints and to address as necessary.

Project #3

Dugualla Tidelands Acquisition - in highest geographic priority area

Land Trust proposal for fee simple acquisition for 2 parcels in the Dugualla Bay estuary. This is the largest, most significant estuary. Only \$29k for 79 acres.

Todd - why do we "need" this? This will likely be lost if not purchased now. There are folks interested in giving aquaculture a chance. The WCLT has already received inquiries about availability of the parcels.

Terica - is that the total purchase? Or is that the contribution?

Ryan - this is the full amount of the purchase. There would likely be a donation (Bargain sale). This is close to what the value is of that 79 acres. (\$25,500 SRFB, \$4,500 match)

Context - one property is adjacent to the dike breach property done immediately south.

Other piece is in front of the lagoon.

Project #4

Acquisition Strategy, by Confluence environment with the WCLT as fiscal agents

Paul Schlenger - works with Confluence as their primary biologist. Has done prioritization framework for West Sound and the San Juans. Great expertise on salmon recovery. Needs to partner with a non-profit to be eligible for funding. For the WRIA 6 LE there are specific needs, and funding is limited so will have to be simplified compared to the West Sound Framework that Confluence recently completed. The project has been scoped to meet our budget.

The LE set aside up to \$50k towards this work.

DECISION: Invite all 4 for full applications. Dawn will provide feedback from this meeting to sponsors and offer help to develop Viable Salmon Parameters (abundance, productivity, spatial structure, diversity) rationale as necessary for the applications.

The total amount requested for all 4 projects is \$244k. There is potential to ask for a loan from a neighboring Lead Entity if SRTCC feels very strongly that all 4 should be funded.

Chapter Update

Ray Timm is still working on the local literature review. The draft should be completed this week. The next chapter update discussion is to look at the 2005 plan. Goals, strategies, key ecological attributes (KEAs), indicators, pressures and then compare what is highlighted in the local literature report and the regional Nearshore Chapter synthesis. We will then discuss how our approach to salmon recovery should be adjusted.

Plan is to build out over time.

Reference to WRIA 8 goals.

Citizens Committee

Commissioners approved the list of members and terms. Want to see staggering of terms for members. Want to provide the opportunity for other groups to participate.

The bylaws should include a process for reviewing seats if someone steps away.

Conflict of interest:

Whole document needs a review of the “board/committee” wording. Clarity that it applies to just the SRTCC. Dawn will revise the document to ensure consistency with references regarding “Committee” and leave the intent and the language alone.

DECISIONS: Approved, with the understanding that “committee” wording clarified. SRTCC Members with conflicts of interest may participate in prescoring and all discussions but will have their scores removed from all projects during the final scoring.

Bylaws:

Bylaws were created using the Island County Marine Resources Committee bylaws as a template.

DECISIONS:

4 year term limits with no limit on number of consecutive terms served.

To stagger terms of the 9 members appointed by the Commissioners, it was suggested that 3-4 people that have 2 year terms for this first term only and then be recommended for reappointment again in 2019 for 4 year terms. Other members would be up for reappointment in 2021.

2 years - Dave, Julius, Terica volunteered. Rick was also selected though wasn't present at the meeting.

2 co-chairs - one from the tech part and one from the citizen's part. Co -chairs are there as a check point. Elections every other year in November.

Consensus versus Robert's Rules? Consensus is the direction - much easier to frame the bylaws to reflect what's been done in the past versus recreate the new ones. TAG operated under a consensus model.

Quorum? Simple majority? Quorum = Simple majority, which is 10 people election of officers requires 12 people.

Financial records - there are no financial relationships – Remove this section.

Dawn will revise the document and redistribute for review and approval at the March meeting. Drafts will be sent to Keith Higman for review prior to March as per his request.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

March 15 – Coupeville (WSU Extension) – Criteria refresher, goals/ strategies contd.

April 19 – Oak Harbor Library– Project Presentations and Open House