



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

11/20/18 10:00-1:00pm

Location: Padilla Bay

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Barbara Brock (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip), Matt Zupich (WICD), John Lovie (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Tom Vos (SWS), Kristin Marshall (SnoCD), Jay Kidder (SFEG), Ryan Elting (WCLT)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP), Lori Clark (IC DNR), Will Hallberg (WCLT), Tim Hillman (guest)

1) Introductions/announcements

Welcome, Laura!

2) Updates

Projects – Barnum Point Park is now 170 acres. The Holly Farm acquisition has been completed. Sunlight Shores bulkhead is currently being removed. Maylor Point project is finished and press release was done. Iverson has been completed and will be presented in an upcoming meeting. Greenbank design has hired their consultants for the assessments the County has requested.

PSP – PSAR communication tools, flyers. Please take and distribute.

ILIO – No updates.

Funding – No updates

Orca Task Force – Final recommendations have been submitted to the Governor by the Task Force, and are available on line.

3) Unallocated PSAR

The Lead Entity currently has \$560,049 in unobligated 2019-2021 PSAR and must request permission to retain these funds for allocation in the 2019 grant round. The unobligated funds are a result of a mid-grant round revision of a project at the request of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Technical Review Panel (TRP) and SRTCC in May. All WRIA 6 funds were proposed to be fully allocated at the beginning of the grant round. However, the East Camano Rd (#1300) Fish Passage barrier replacement project (#18-1378) was re-scoped from a \$600,000 construction project to a \$50,000 design project, resulting in a ~\$550,000 difference. It was too late in the grant round to propose new projects that could have used the now unobligated funds. SRTCC decided to hold the funds for the 2019 grant round as there are a couple of design projects that may be proposed for construction and will likely require more funds than our normal annual \$217,000 SRFB funds.

Additionally, the PSAR Large Capital Project, the Pearson property is now in the hands of Mr. Pearson's estate and, while they are still very willing to work with the Land Trust, they have estate taxes and other details to consider which has turned up the timeline a bit.

Also, the Maylor Point project will be returning ~\$80,000 of their PSAR they didn't need because they got funding from the Regional LIO NEP funds.

So between the unobligated \$560,049 and the \$80K returned funds, we are \$170,000 from being able to fund the \$800,000 Pearson project. The appraisal for the property will be under way very shortly and we will know how much it will really take (the WCLT) to purchase the property. Assuming it stays at \$800,000 that is needed, we can apply for PSAR returned funds for that \$170,000. This would not come out of our allocation and does not need to be paid back. There aren't any returned funds currently available but we can put in a first-come-first-serve request in case they do.

DECISION:

1. Allocate \$560,049 2019-2021 PSAR to Pearson
2. Allocate \$80,000 2017-2019 PSAR (from Maylor) to Pearson (exact balance is not yet known)
3. Requesting \$170,000 PSAR returned funds from the region for Pearson.

Caveat: this will only happen if by doing the above we can fully fund Pearson and we won't know that until the appraisal comes back and the WCLT has worked with the Pearson estate and reached a tentative agreement.

Approved by Barbara, Todd, Rick, John, Matt K, MattZ/Kristin, Paul, Mona, John, Mike B, Tom

Update:

The request to retain the unallocated 2019-2021 PSAR was approved by the Salmon Recovery Council. It was stated that this is not precedent-setting and does not guarantee future permission to retain unallocated funds.

4) Project List Prioritization

Projects

Decided on the following steps:

1. Added some new projects from sponsors
2. Will review the SMP Restoration Project list
 - a. Remove projects that are no longer current
 - b. SnoCD offered their intern to review the creosote projects to determine if they are still current
 - c. Add remaining projects to the “big list”
3. Add individual and specific culverts from the 2015 Area 1 PW Culvert List.
4. Add a placeholder for bulkheads identified by the Shore Friendly and Sharp programs.

Scoring

- Added 2 columns - Geographic Area and Ecosystem Component – to enable more refined filtering.
- Added project types/codes to Construction projects – Culvert, Tidegate, Acquisition, Armor
- Discussed using PSAR Large Cap Scoring criteria (Alignment to Strategy, Likelihood of Success: Technical, Likelihood of Success: Human, Contribution to Recovery, Readiness to Proceed). It was decided to keep the scoring to criteria that would persist through time and be an indication of the importance of the project to recovery regardless of socio/political factors. Alignment to Strategy is equivalent to the Areas and Ecosystem Components criteria that we use for annual ranking. It was also decided to add a modifier or score indicating the scale of the project and the potential ecological lift the project could provide.
- The committee will pre-score on these two components and the scores will be discussed by the committee. Final scores will be determined through this discussion.
- Tiering will be considered once scores have been completed.

Next Steps

1. Complete the list
2. Send to committee for prescoring
3. Complete scores as a group
4. Discuss tiering

Areas & Ecosystem Components

1 (NE Whidbey & E Camano)	10	10	10	7	5	3	2
2 (Saratoga Passage & Possession to Double Bluff)	9	8	7	5	4	2	1
3 (West Whidbey)	5	6	6	2	2	1	1
	PE/Streams	Bluff	Beaches	Streams	Uplands	Offshore	Rocky

Contribution to Recovery from ILIO

	4	3	2	1
Contribution to recovery Relative scale or magnitude of project? Project demonstrates multiple benefits to ecosystem recovery (e.g. floodplain process, human-wellbeing, shoreline improvements, etc.)?	Outstanding	Good	Acceptable	Unknown or not addressed

