



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Dec 16, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair), Paul Marczin (WDFW), John Lovie (Citizen), Tom Vos (SWS), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-chair), Jon Decker (WCLT), Jessica Côté (Blue Coast Engineering), Tim Hillman (Citizen), Carson Moscoso (SnoCD), Laura Rivas (PSP), Rick Baker (WWS), Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD)

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Ann Prusha (IC DNR), Ameer Bahr (RCO)

1. Introductions & Updates

- Puget Sound Partnership (PSP):
 - i. Ecology updated the Condition of Swimming Beaches Vital Sign with 2020 data. Three of 60 sites did not meet recreational water quality criteria.
 - ii. The Governor's budget will be out this week, and the next session begins January 11. Laura will share PSP's legislative priorities. Jeff Parsons will be reporting on weekly in-sessions; Laura will share this info.
 - iii. The Salmon Report is expected to be out in early January.
- Funding/Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB):
 - i. There will be upcoming work to identify regional "Critical Uncertainties" next year for each region.
 - ii. Some changes to Manual 18 were approved, related to monitoring.
- Projects (Seahorse Siesta):
 - i. While the samples were being analyzed, discussions with Ameer Bahr and Kay Caromile (both RCO) led to funding ideas from Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP). Ameer spoke with Lisa Kaufman, and they are sticking with original cost increase request. It will add funds from SRFB, Hidden Beach funding and then ESRP.
 - ii. The analysis shows that the soil is pretty clean. DNR has approved it to be put on the beach. There is a screening process involved.
 - iii. Paul commented that adding material to the beach is not covered in the permit. Please let Lisa know.
- The *State of the Watershed* report is out and on the NWIFC's page. Dawn will send it to the group. It is the perspective of the Tribes that goes with the *State of the Salmon* and *State of the Sound* reports.
- A lot of work is occurring in front of the homes Sunlight Shores Ave. They are building wooden groins and repairing the bulkhead. The proposed breach on Henny Spit will be moved further north to minimize risk of damage to the Sunlight Shores restoration project and is undergoing more permit review.
- WCLT closed on a purchase of 20 acres of wetland habitat in the upper headwaters of Glendale Creek. This was funded through Conservation Futures.

2. Administration Stuff

- Meeting Notes Approval – October & November

- Membership Updates:
 - i. Alexandra Plumb from Public Works is probably going to join us when she is finished with COVID-19 work and be the second Island County spot.
 - ii. 4 of the 9 appointed member positions are up for reappointment in February 2021. There are no term limits.
 - iii. Barbara, Jim, John and Mona have terms that are expiring. If interested in being reappointed, please send Dawn and email of interest.
 - iv. There is an open position for an MRC member.
 - v. Dawn will inquire about Jay Kidder from SFEG.

- Bylaw discussion regarding Consensus Decision Making (CDM):
 - i. Dawn cleaned up the by-laws document and added our edits. She also added a chart that explains when a super and regular majority is needed.
 - ii. Consensus Decision making is a formal process, and when the by-laws were written SRTCC was not necessarily adopting this process. Barbara and Ann made a document outlining a more formal CDM process. We basically already follow the process outlined in the new document.
 - iii. There was discussion about blocking a decision (one of the CDM options); this is used rarely, if ever, and if a member leaned towards a block we would work together to address their concerns.
 - iv. We might need to allow more time to reach a decision; the CDM process may be challenging with meeting length we have. It is initially slower to come to a decision, but it evens out (or is more efficient) in the long run because concerns are addressed at an early stage.
 - v. There was a suggestion to have cards that show votes; this allows people who may not otherwise speak up to voice their opinions. We can also use the polling option on Zoom calls.
 - vi. The CDM document will be will be Exhibit B (Exhibit A is the Membership Roster) of the by-laws.
 - vii. **The group agreed to adopt the by-laws and both exhibits.**

3. ILIO Survey Results

- The ILIO Technical Committee looked at the initial survey results. SRTCC will discuss this in January. The results are great, and seem to show that many participants view the environment holistically.

4. 2021 Grant Round

- Timeline:
 - i. Site visits will be March 4.
 - ii. RCO is doing an early track and a later track as a way to streamline the approval process. We will have the review comment forms back earlier than last year

since we are on the early track. We should have comments by April 3rd so we can move forward with scoring, ranking, and reviewing.

- iii. Site visits will almost definitely be remote, and will be similar to our open house presentations.
 - iv. Dawn will show us where to go to put comments into PRISM. This will be valuable to sponsors. The Review Panel will also benefit from hearing what our opinions are.
 - v. We can do our pre-scoring early, and then do final scoring in July, but there might be an earlier conference call (conference calls may or may not be needed).
 - vi. Dawn and Ann will update the timeline.
- Letters of Intent:
 - i. We did not require these last year. This year is a small grant year.
 - ii. The intention is to help sponsors with capacity; they don't spend time putting together an entire package for something that will not score well. They do help the sponsor figure things out, and it would be valuable for us to have an idea of what proposals might be coming. It could also be valuable for new sponsors. It can be a very short letter.
 - iii. Dawn removed the project staging and sequencing section, put a 500 word limit on the project description, simplified the map requirements, and included a contact box. Dawn will make the changes and post it on the website. Ann will send out the RFP as a special announcement to the newsletter distribution group and include a link to the Letter of Intent.
 - iv. **The group decided to require a LOI, but with the shortened document as a template.**
 - Presentations, Site Visits, and Open House:
 - i. Meetings are already open to the public, and projects are open for public review. If sponsors would benefit from public review, we can have a virtual open house, but there has not been much turnout for these in the last few years. If we know that a project is going to be controversial, then it should not be at the point where it is being reviewed and getting site visits. We can emphasize this to sponsors.
 - ii. We can ask sponsors to let us know where public access point are, and SRTCC members can go look at sites on their own.
 - iii. **The group decided to not have a separate open house.**
 - iv. Presentations should be kept short. They will be in PowerPoint, and are not structured. Site visits make a big difference. Drone footage might be helpful.
 - v. For site visits, if we have more than 3 projects, a day is probably enough time to present. If we have more than three, we will likely need more than a day. We will plan for an hour per project, and be sure to give breaks.
 - vi. We could also draft up a reviewer guide score sheet to make sure reviewers feel key issue questions have been answered.

5. Adjourn