



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

12/18/2019

Coupeville Rec Hall

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: John Lovie (Citizen), Tim Hillman (Citizen), Tom Vos (SWS), Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD), Matt Kukuk (MRC), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair)(WebEx), Tansy Schroeder (IC Planning), Hannah Liss (IC Planning), Rick Baker (WWS), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Kristin Marshall (SnoCD) (WebEx), Ryan Elting (WCLT), Jessica Côté (Business)

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP), Lori Clark (ILIO), Anna Toledo (MRC), Phil Bloch (Confluence), Pat Powell (WCLT), Jonathon Decker (WCLT)

1) Introductions & Announcements

2) Updates

- Meeting notes approved – November
- Membership – All full! (Except for COG seat).
- ILIO - Lori, John, Jill Wood and Cmsr Price Johnson met with EPA Representatives regarding the current funding model and requesting more local input and influence. The conversation went well.
- PSP – State of the Sound has been released. Vital Signs are being revisioned. Contact Laura for general information and contact Dawn if you are interested in the Chinook Vital Sign suggestions and changes.
- SRFB – All 2019 projects approved at the annual meeting. RCW definitions in 77.85 (Lead Entities) were reviewed and approved. Lead Entity capacity to capital funding alignment was reviewed. Recommendation from the SRFB to RCO staff was to look deeper, including multi-year time frame and other sources of funding. Criteria for a Targeted Investment (“state-wide large cap”) Program was discussed with recommendation to staff to look at de-listing and other potential criteria options.
- Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference (SSEC) – There are three reasons why the LE program can only send John and Dawn to SSEC this year, rather than the 4 people originally suggested. The increased scrutiny by RCO and the state Office of Fiscal Management on how lead entities spend capacity, that IC Public Health is sending ~ 12 people to one conference (staff and committee members) at \$1100/person, and the LE capacity funding was overspent last year are the reasons. Dawn will try to find funding to send others to the RCO Salmon Recovery Conference Spring of 2021.
- BOX site! <https://app.box.com/folder/94757806354>. Meeting notes and large documents (reports and work plans) will live in this site. Contact Dawn if you need help accessing.

- Dec 16 Commissioner Tour of Restoration Sites – the tour was well received. We visited projects in various stages of development - Livingston Bay Dr culvert (concept), OH Marina (Feasibility) and Sunlight Shores (completed). We also visited Leque to see it post restoration.
- BICC Work Session for Plan Update Approval – Commissioner Johnson requested a one-on-one meeting to discuss the Adaptive Management section. The Update will go to the Public Discussion and adoption soon after.

3) Nearshore Prioritization Framework

Presentation from Phil Bloch, Confluence Environmental, on the new tool developed for us to assist with increasing efficiency in getting acquisition funding allocated and implemented.

Report is available [here](#).

Each parcel earns a “protection” score, 100 points max. Scoring criteria was based on Landscape Context (20 points), Ecosystem Processes (60 points) and Habitat Function (20 points). There is a separate score for the “restoration” potential (65 points max).

Phil encouraged the scores to be used to determine relative importance of parcels between one another and not to be used as a cut off. For example, it isn't recommended to state that “all parcels that score less than 40 points are not fundable”. But it is appropriate to say “the parcel that scored 49 is of higher protection value than the parcel that scored 40”.

The framework is easily adjustable within the database should SRTCC want to re-weigh scores.

WCLT will begin their outreach portion of the project by January 2020. Their deliverable is to reach out to top 10 properties.

Discussion among SRTCC included the idea adding tidelands to the tool. WCLT has a layer of tideland parcel info. However, Confluence did not have it at the time the tool was being developed.

It was appreciated that the GIS info could be distributed as kmz (Google Earth) files.

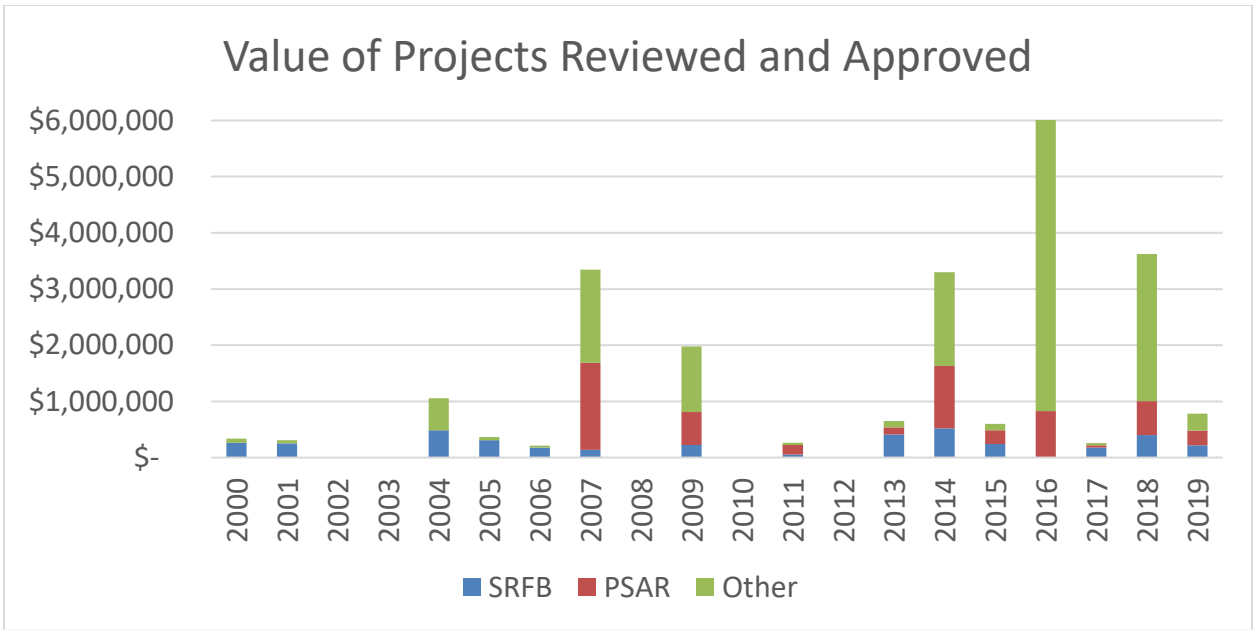
There is the possibility that the tool, or how it will be used, will need to be adjusted after it is used a few times if it is found there are components missing (tidelands?), scores need to be adjusted or in another improvement could be made.

SRTCC will discuss how to score proposals using this tool in a future meeting.

4) Celebration of our successes!

Since 2000, we have reviewed and approved through the LE process:

- 38 Projects
- Totaling \$44,946,368
 - Subtotals
 - \$ 7,740,165 SRFB
 - \$ 10,517,246 PSAR
 - \$ 26,688,956 Match



5) Adjourn

Next meetings:

Jan 15 – Coupeville Library – 2020 Grant round prep, project list scoring and tiering

Feb 19 – Stanwood library – 2020 project proposals review