



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

1/17/18 1-3:00 pm

Location: Coupeville Campus, Room 131

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Paul Marczin (WDFW), Julius Budos (Citizen), Barbara Brock (Citizen) (Phone), Todd Zackey (Tulalip Tribes), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Matt Zupich (WCD), Ryan Elting (WCLT)

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

1) Introductions/announcements

2) Updates

Meeting Notes from December approved.

PSP – State capital budget is expected to be passed in next couple of weeks, along with legislation addressing the Hirst court decision (wells and instream flows). Lead Entity 4-year work plans (project lists and a narrative) are due to the partnership Jan 31.

ILIO – Tech Committee reviewed the NTAs local to Island and comments were provided back to NTA owners. Revisions are due Feb 6. Final NTA proposals are due late March. There were over 850 NTA projects submitted throughout the Puget Sound. The Habitat Strategic Initiative Team is in need of volunteers. Let Dawn know if anyone comes to mind who may want to volunteer. A solicitation for volunteers has not been released yet but is expected soon.

Funding/SRFB – looking good to pass budget soon

Site Visit Dates – requested early May for site visits. Exact date TBA.

3) 2018 Grant Round Materials

Request for Proposals (RFP) memo was approved. Will be released Thursday 1/19.

Letter of Intent Template was approved with some edits. “Priority Area” was replaced with the request for information on how project proposes to benefit salmon, habitat and aligns with the goals of the salmon recovery plan. Will be released Thursday 1/19.

June meeting date will shift to a different day as Dawn won’t be able to make the Wednesday Date. A doodle poll will be distributed.

This year is our big funding request year. It is unclear if unallocated 2019-2021 PSAR will be swept Jan 2019. Are there any projects that members may have heard about that may be off the radar for 2018 funding but may need 2019-2021 funding?

- Country Club tidegate and water quality (who could sponsor?) Paul brought this project up. Barbara will look for emails with background info.
- Iverson and Greenbank next steps since this is a big funding request year?
- Speak with Snohomish Conservation District about 2019-2021 list
- Kristoferson culvert just below bridge on farm property
- Check NTAs

Decisions: Projects of opportunity that arise between the Feb 13 Letter of Intent deadline and the April pre-proposal deadline will be considered on case by case by SRTCCC. Projects of opportunity will be invited to apply provided that the reason they have suddenly become available is due to unforeseen changes, such as a change in landowner willingness.

4) Criteria

The committee discussed the draft criteria that was created based on last two months of conversation and revised based on emailed comments over last 2 weeks. The criteria was used on the 2015 Iverson Stakeholder Engagement application to see how it would apply to a less-than straight forward non-capital project.

After robust discussion in which everyone participated, here are the main discussion points:

- What is the go/no-go threshold for points (if a project has fewer than X points, it is not asked to submit a pre-app or it is not included on the project list for that year).
- Whether to score feasibility or design projects on that phase alone or for the potential full build out of the project. It was decided to use the potential of the project to score it for the “Watershed Processes and Actions” criteria. First steps for big projects are necessary though they may be small and seem unable to compete with other types of projects. The example of a pre-design or feasibility study for a pocket estuary reconnection may have more importance than a small conservation easement or culvert replacement.
- Ideally, we would have a list of past projects and their costs so that a better and more informed decision can be made about cost benefit.
- Language was added before some of the criteria boxes for guidance.
- Language was edited within the boxes on the criteria, and aligned, for clarity.

Decisions:

- During Letter of Intent stage, projects that have any scores in tier 3 or 4 are warned that revisions need to be made with pre-applications.
- Project must have 20 points minimum, and no tier 4 scores, to be placed on project list.
- Score “Watershed Processes and Actions” section on the full build out potential of the project
- A summary of the criteria sections and weighting of points will be presented to the Commissioners for preliminary approval in March.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Feb 21, 1-3pm, Camano Library, Adaptive Mgmt. Plan and letters of intent
Mar 21, 1-3pm, TBA, Criteria training and Adap. Mgmt. Plan cont’d