



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

2/19/2020

Stanwood Library

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair), Paul Marczin (WDFW), John Lovie (Citizen), Tom Vos (SWS), Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD), Matt Kukuk (MRC), Kristin Marshall (SnoCD), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-chair), Tansy Schroeder (IC Planning), Mona Campbell (Business) (web-ex), Ryan Elting (Land Trust), Hannah Liss (IC Planning)(web-ex), Gwendolyn Hannam (WICD) (web-ex),

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Rivas (PSP) (web-ex), Lori Clark (ILIO) (web-ex), Ann Prusha (IC DNR), Joan Schrammeck (SWS), Tina Dinsel-Peterson (SWS)

1) Introductions & Announcements

- Dawn introduced Ann Prusha, Island County DNR's new Environmental Health Technician.

2) Updates

- Meeting notes approved – January
- Membership – All full! (Except for COG seat).
- ILIO –
 - A second DASEES (Decision software) workshop was held to review and group indicators into categories: Salmon; Shellfish (commercial and residential); OSS; eelgrass and kelp; marine water quality and fresh water quality; nearshore beach habitat, shoreline armor, and pocket estuaries; and positive connection, pride of place, and sense of stewardship. Weights were given to each. Nearshore beach habitat/shoreline armor/pocket estuaries was rated as most important at 0.33 total weight. The rest are all rated at 0.05, with anything left over going into nearshore. There was discussion about separating out the human health components. Gaps identified: Wastewater treatment facilities, new technology, OSS. Next meeting will be March 10 in Coupeville to review results of the groupings and weightings in the software.
- PSP –
 - Puget Sound Day on the Hill (D.C.) – April 28-29, 2020. If interested in participating (and it's encouraged!!), contact Laura to find out about planning meetings. This is a communal effort to go to DC and speak with legislatures about local environmental issues.

There is representation from different organizations, and this push creates real results in increased funding and support. It coincides with Salmon Days on the Hill.

- The state Legislative session will have a house and senate budget out soon. Every Friday, there is a phone conference that everyone is allowed to call into for updates. Updates are also posted on the Partnership website.
- The Salmon Recovery Council met in January, and there is not a lot of report on. There will be another meeting March 26.
- PSAR – looking for large cap pre-proposal reviewers. Contact Laura for further information. John has volunteered but is willing to step aside for other local representation
- PSP – regional salmon recovery update is beginning now and going through the summer of 2021.
- Chapter Update Approval –
 - Keith Higman and Dawn met with Commissioner Johnson and the update is now approved to move to the public meeting and resolution approval stage. She suggested adding a column to the table of projects that stated the outcome of each project (Completed, in Progress or study result). Another “Where as” statement will be added to the resolution that states the goals and targets in the plan update are SRTCCs and not ‘owned’ by Island County Commissioners.
- SRFB –
 - Statewide Salmon Strategy update has begun. The original Strategy from 1999, “Extinction is not an Option”, will be updated to reflect new information such as climate change, the culvert injunction and orca. The draft should be available by May or June.
 - The SRFB is gathering criteria and ideas for their Targeted Investment Strategy. Conversations are around the priorities of delisting, at-risk populations, orca and future threat abatement. SRFB decision in June likely.
- MRC –
 - There was a member retreat yesterday. Dawn and Anna are working together to help enable Lisa Kaufman and NWSF to apply for funding.
 - The Glass Quest is coming up – it’s an outreach and communications opportunity.
- Seining update –
 - The pinks are coming in. Some other interesting species were brought in at the last event. The next event will be on Monday, March 2nd.

3) Project Scoring

- There is a need to re-gather information – please send any data you have to Dawn.
- There have been discussions in the last week that involve Greenbank and will affect what is done with the scoring. Dawn suggested revisiting the project scoring at another meeting later in the summer

	Project Name
1	SeaPlane WAIF Groin Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could we lose more FF habitat than we'd gain?
2	Davis Slough Restoration Feasibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant size
3	Joseph Whidbey Beach Derelict Boat Ramp Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be fast and cheap • But is there FF benefit?
4	Barnum Point Armor Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score as if the rock was removed and not replaced against the toe, even though we know the actual project will have to consider the stability of the road on the feeder bluff
5	Mutiny Bay Condos Tide Gate Fish Passage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Postponed until February</i>
6	Glendale Culvert and Armor Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Postponed until February</i>
7	Maylor Point Beach Debris Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two parts – armor along the road, road and fill removal plus derelict armor off the beach at the end of the channel and path from housing
8	Geck Rd (Ala Spit) Softshore Armor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks like erosion may be a surface runoff issue, not coastal erosion issue. Alternate solutions should be addressed • Is this a case of armor prevention? IC SMP will prevent armor from being installed • Why would salmon money be used to install armor, even softshore, where none now exists? • Could the road be abandoned by acquiring parcels nearby and putting parking elsewhere?
9	Barnum Rd (Top of Triangle) Softshore Armor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same arguments as for Geck Rd (except the alternate parking suggestion) • If there is creosote here that needs to be removed, there might be some value
10	Crescent Harbor Riprap (Phase 1) Feasibility and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long stretch of beach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superfund concerns? • FF habitat gain? Or is the armor impacting despite all the wood in front of it?
11	<p>North Livingston Culvert Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Postponed until February</i>
12	<p>Derelict Infrastructure Removal Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would allow organizations to find beach projects or look at a beach strategies tool to group together derelict infrastructure projects in order to remove several structures at once.

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Project Name	PRISM #	Contact	Sponsor	Partners	Project Type	Metrics	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
Nearshore Protection Tool Implementation	20-1134	Ryan Elting/ Jon Decker	WCLT		Acquisition	20 Acres	\$ 795,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 940,000
Hoypus Point Armor Removal	20-1124	Lisa Kaufman	NWSF	WA Parks	Planning	250'	\$ 170,488	\$ -	\$ 170,488
Polnell Point Road Armor Removal Feasibility & Design	20-1146	Lisa Kaufman	NWSF	US Navy	Planning	875'	\$ 149,355	\$ 26,731	\$ 176,086
Total							\$ 1,114,843	\$ 171,731	\$ 1,286,574

Draft Applications Submitted to Stillaguamish Watershed Council Lead Entity Program 2020

Project Name	Prism #	Contact	Sponsor	Partners	Project Type	Metrics	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
Florence Island Tidal Wetland Acquisition	20-1092	Pat Stevenson	Stillaguamish Tribe		Acquisition	571 Acres	\$ 4,910,200	\$ 980,000	\$ 5,890,200
Total							\$ 4,910,200	\$ 980,000	\$ 5,890,200

- Nearshore Protection Tool Implementation: The WCLT is proposing to implement the Nearshore Protection Tool. The funding is not for their operations, just acquisitions. It will enable them to shorten the time from when they have a willing landowner to when they can purchase, and will provide more opportunities for land acquisition. There was discussion about using the tool first and examining how it

works before committing funds to this project, and potentially separating the fund frontloading from the use of the tool. There will be several presentations on the tool and a lot of discussion before this project begins implementation.

- Hoypus Point Armor Removal: Both Hoypus Point and Possession Point are in preplanning stages through a NWSF and MRC project. Only one will move to the design phase, and it will likely be Hoypus. If MRC chooses to advance Possession first before Hoypus, this SRFB app can be withdrawn.
- Polnell Point Armor Removal Feasibility and Design: There is a small stretch of armored road that connects Crescent Harbor/Strawberry Point area to the Polnell tombolo. The Navy is the landowner and will be part of this project.
- Florence Island Tidal Wetland Acquisition: The Stillaguamish are in negotiations with Twin City Foods to acquire this area. Part of it has been appraised, and they are waiting on the rest. They are working on getting funding for the remaining acres, and have asked us to help. We could send funding to the Stillaguamish to help them purchase it. It's valuable for at-risk fish populations. However, it would mean less funding for projects here, and less implementation of the new Nearshore Protection Tool until 2021. Dawn went over other project ideas, and it is likely there will be some important and challenging funding decisions coming up.

4) Review of Scoring Criteria

Available in Box [here](#).

Dawn showed the scoring sheet, and demonstrated how to access it (via hyperlink or PRISM Online). She showed the project pages, and how to navigate PRISM and understand the scoring guidance. Preliminary scores will be needed in the beginning of April after the site visits and presentations. Site visits for three of them will be on March 5th. Presentations for four of them will be on March 18th. Prescoring discussions will occur in mid-April. Scores will be adjusted in April-May. The final ranking will be in May. Members must be at either the site visits or presentations (preferably both) to have their scores counted. There was discussion about logistics for the site visits and presentations.

5) Review of 2020 Applications

6) Adjourn – 3:02

Next meetings:

- Mar 5 – Site visits
- Mar 18 – Padilla Bay - Project Presentations & Open House
- Apr 15 – Coupeville Rm 131 – Pre-scoring