



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

03/20/2019 Room 131, Coupeville

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: John Lovie (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-chair), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair), Matt Kukuk (MRC), Greg Goforth (IC Planning) Tom Vos (SWS), Rick Baker (WWS), Mona Kristoferson Campbell (Business) (WebEx), Kristen Marshall (SnoCD) (WebEx),

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP), Tim Hillman (Guest), Lori Clark (IC DNR)

1) Introductions/announcements

Meeting Notes from February were approved.

Does anyone have any info ghost shrimp monitoring? Please share with Barbara Brock.

2) Updates

Funding/SRFB – Laura and Dawn will be requesting a time extension for the \$100,000 of 2015-2017 PSAR funds returned from the Camano Isl State Park project. It has been allocated to the Pearson Protection project but will not be spent prior to the expiration of those funds June 30, 2019. The extension requested is for 6 months. The request goes to the Salmon Recovery Council next Thursday.

PSP – PSEMP Steering Committee is recruiting members. Contact Dawn or Laura for application information. New PSAR manager is Carrie Byron, from Dept of Ecology.

ILIO – strategic implementation leads released funding list for Habitat, Shellfish and Stormwater projects. SI Leads are coming to Island County to discuss comments re: 2018 NEP NTAs and how nearshore areas are not being represented in funding lists, nor has shoreline armoring NTAs been supported in San Juan and Island. Meeting is in April Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Lean/RCO – There are WAC revisions being developed to better define in statute what it is lead entities do. Public hearing will be in December. RCO is considering how to develop a State-wide Large Capital Program with additional SRFB funding. The SRFB has to approve. The Council of Regions and Wa Salmon Coalition are all providing feedback. The proposal arises from a Lean Recommendation that was drafted in response to the feedback that large significant projects were not getting done because local allocations were too small. The SRFB requested that the assumption be explored and examples brought back to them for consideration. To obtain this information, RCO will be circulating a survey to sponsors, LE's and Regions in the next couple of

months. Dawn will circulate the survey to SRTCC and compile any feedback before responding to the survey.

Orca Task Force – There is a dedicated website for Orca and the task force: www.orca.wa.gov

Other Updates –

Paul, Todd, Ryan, Elsa Schwartz (MRC and Restore America’s Estuaries) and Dawn met with Paul Schlenger and Phil Bloch about the Nearshore Acquisition Framework tool. We revised the criteria and scoring that is applied to each parcel that results in a score. Phil is going to rerun the model with the revisions and produce some maps. This tool is just about complete. Ask confluence about presentation on framework.

Volunteers and the NW Straits Foundation planted **1500** plants at the Sunlight Shores restoration site. The beach sustained minimum damage during the Dec 2018 storms that hit West Whidbey pretty hard. This is great news.

Site visits will be on Friday May 3 and start on Camano at Elger Bay.

Rick, Matt K, and Ryan were all successfully reappointed by the County Commissioners for 4 more years on SRTCC.

3) Contractor for chapter update

The contract to write and design the draft of the chapter update was awarded to ESA and Abby Hook’s team.

4) 2020 calendar

Starting in 2020, the grant round will be condensed:

- Site visits will occur between mid-February and early May, with later dates reserved for Eastern WA LE’s that have snow and access issues until later in the season.
- Full applications are due 2 weeks prior to site visits (vs. pre-applications, currently)
- Comments from Review Panel only after entire RP meets in late May.
- One round of RP reviews removed.
- SRFB approval in September (vs. December)

To address this new timeline, SRTCC will require a letter of intent that contains more information up front. These questions will be pulled from the RCO Grant Application to reduce work on the sponsors.

There is a question as to whether RCO will revise the proposal and have the RP meet in early April and then again in late May. This will allow the RP to get comments and designation back to LE’s whose projects were reviewed in February and March. SRTCC will decide dates for our local calendar after we know what RCO’s decision will be.

5) Adaptive Management

The discussion and decision points around the adaptive management plan:

- SRTCC decided using “80% historic (=PFC)” is defensible for 50-yr goals. 20% of the 50-year goal is good for 10-year goals, except feeder bluff armoring, where we may want to be more aggressive with targets.
- Break the 10-year goals up into the priority areas.
- Use % and miles for each 50- and 10- yr goals.
- Circulate the reference that discusses the Properly Functioning Concept (PFC) to SRTCC
- Check with Cereghino 2012 about recommended Properly Functioning Conditions and habitat targets for recovery
- Put Drift Cell Continuity and Stormwater Indicators in the parking lot for now. Acknowledge they are important but that we don’t have enough info regionally yet. These will have placeholders.
- Next steps are to ID numbers (targets) for the other indicators and edit the text.
- Next meeting, approve target numbers (50- and 10- yr goals), set target bins, approve language

6) Project List

SRTCC had a robust and participatory discussion around the Project List. The following are the themes and decisions.

Acquisition of properties at low risk of development (low threat) should be considered carefully. The Nearshore Acquisition Framework Tool results may help clarify which projects are at high risk and most desirable for protection. Regulations should be protecting most of these sites. There was concern that the regulations change, the County is required to permit “reasonable use” and that the only way to protect something is to buy it and put it in protection.

Culvert priorities should be set by habitat gain only, without consideration of culvert condition. If a public culvert is in bad condition, the County is required to provide passage when they replace it. Salmon recovery funds are better spent opening up the better habitat that is blocked by culverts that may not need to be fixed in near future. Looked at the next highest priority culvert based on habitat from the 2015 report (under N Camano Dr). Contemplated trying to get culverts onto the CIP and on the tiered project list. Best to wait to see what the private culvert assessment comes up with, then look at prioritizing a list of culverts.

Collapse projects into one main project rather than phases on the big list. Note in the Project Name how many phases are expected. For example, Iverson Restoration will be “Iverson Restoration - phase 2 and 3” vs one row for the feasibility and one row for the construction phase.

Looked at the top tiered projects by score. Vetted the ‘dormant’ status for those labeled dormant.

Then discussed potential action steps for the ‘conceptual’ projects:

Project	Status	Barrier or Plan
North Livingston Bay Acquisition and Restoration	Dormant	Landowner willingness
Dugualla Bay Reconnection	Dormant	Landowner willingness
Iverson Preserve Tidegate Project Construction	Conceptual	Discuss feasibility study with PW, put together a summary, solicit interest from sponsors (Tribes, TNC, CDs).
West Deer Lagoon Tidal Restoration	Dormant	Landowner willingness
Dugualla Heights Lagoon Reconnection	Dormant	Landowner willingness
Davis Slough Restoration	Conceptual	Research Skagit Plan to understand the details for restoration, discuss with Jason Griffith and SRSC.
SW Triangle Cove Marsh Restoration	Conceptual	Ask landowner if there is any interest in selling.*
Madamba Salt Marsh Acquisition	Dormant	Maybe not dormant? Ask landowner if there is any interest in selling.*
Lone Creek/Deer Lagoon Restoration	Dormant	Political concerns and landowner willingness (other DD commissioners)

*Need to ask WCLT about how to assess landowner willingness for Madamba and Triangle.

7) Adjourn

Next meetings:

April 17 – Coupeville Rec Hall - Open house and Presentations; **Attendance Required for scoring and ranking.**

May 3 – Site Visits – starting on Camano Island. **Attendance Required for scoring and ranking.**

May 15 – Review of Chapter Update Draft; Approve targets and binning for AM.; Draft comments for projects based on site visits.

June 19 – Coupeville Library – Pre-scoring. **Attendance Required for scoring and ranking.**