



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

PRESENTATIONS & OPEN HOUSE

Island County - WRIA 6

04/17/2019 Coupeville Recreation Hall

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), Mike Bianchi (USN), Kristen Marshall (SnoCD) (WebEx), Ryan Elting (WCLT), Matt Zupich (WICD)

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP), Tim Hillman (Guest), Lori Clark (IC DNR), Barbara Bennett (guest, Greenbank), Bob McFadden (guest, Consultant), Anna Toledo (MRC), Gwendolyn Hannam (guest, WICD), Tansy Schroeder (guest, IC Planning), Tom Slocum (guest, WICD, Greenbank), Steve Marx (guest, IC PW), Paul Onerheim (guest, Hidden Beach), Bill Howard (Hidden Beach), Lisa Kaufman (guest, NWSF, Hidden Beach), Sue Madsen (guest, SFEG, Culvert List), Jason Lewis (guest, SFEG, Culvert List)

1) Introductions/announcements

Meeting Notes from March were approved.

2) Updates

Funding/SRFB – Capital budget has not been released. But soon.

PSP – Puget Sound Day on the Hill/ Salmon Day on the Hill (DC) planning is going well.

ILIO – The ILIO join EC and TC meeting was held just before the SRTCC meeting in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. The Strategic Implementation Leads (Shellfish, Stormwater and Habitat) presented the process and outcomes of their NTA funding recommendations. They heard from the EC and some TC members that incorporating more local perspective in their input would strengthen their process and that the amount of process is not aligned with the amount of funding possible. Engagement by stakeholders is difficult to maintain under the current system.

Lean/RCO – Nothing new.

Orca Task Force – Major bills addressing the Task Force recommendations are still alive in the legislature.

Other Updates – Based on the current budgets attached to the proposed projects, there will be funds left unallocated. Notifying NOBLE that they do not need to repay the \$100,000 they borrowed and trading the rest with the Stilliguamish or other neighboring lead entity was discussed. A decision will be made after final applications have been received in June.

3) Paul Marczin – Voting permission – Paul has an unavoidable conflict for the day of site visits, one of the meetings members are required to attend in order to vote on project ranking. The committee decided that because the reason for missing the day was planned but unavoidable and because he likely has visited the majority of these sites or is familiar with them because of the nature of his work with WDFW, that he would still be able to make informed and fair decisions on these without needing to be onsite with the Review Panel.

Decision: Paul can still vote in July despite having to miss the site visits.

4) Dugualla Tidelands Cost Increase – The Whidbey Camano Land Trust (WCLT) requested a cost increase of \$20,000 (\$16,578 grant funding, \$3,422 match) for the Dugualla Tidelands Acquisition Project (#17-1062A). The cost increase will cover some closing expenses that were unexpected plus some signage and fencing.

Decision: The committee agreed to fund the \$16,578 from the 2017-2019 PSAR funds that were returned from Maylor.

5) New Member Applicants – Tansy Schroeder from IC Planning was appointed by the Department to replace Nathan Howard's vacant seat. Tim Hillman submitted an application for the citizen seat that was previously held by Julius Budos. Jessica Côté also submitted an application for the business representative seat previously held by Terica Ginther.

Decision: The committee enthusiastically recommends the Board of Island County Commissioners approve Tim's and Jessica's appointments. Tansy's seat is appointed by the IC Planning Department Director.

6) Adaptive Management

Text that details the proposed adaptive management process was drafted by Dawn. It was reviewed by Laura Ferguson, Paul Marczin, Lori Clark and John Lovie and the edits were incorporated. The revised text was distributed to the Committee. No further comments were received.

Decision: Send the text to Jimmy at ESA for inclusion in the draft Salmon Recovery Plan.

7) Project Presentations

The presentations are available upon request. The following is a summary of the discussion points for each project.

Elger Bay Phase 2 Acquisition –

- Neighboring landowners are in discussions about an easement or other action with the WCLT for phase 3, but discussions are still early.

Hidden Beach Restoration –

- One vocal opponent known in the area but is not part of the BeachCombers (HOA).

- Beach access will be provided.
- The main road, parking lot and bulkhead revetment on the northern most residence will be reinforced with revetments salvaged from the site.
- Whidbey Telecom have been involved in the discussions and are in agreement about the access road being made into a path.
- The BeachCombers are appreciative of the new sign installed by IC Parks
- There will be a presentation to the BeachCombers to discuss the proposed design.

Greenbank Phase 3 Design –

- Mitigation potential for the pump structure. Perhaps the Port would be interested in paying for that component as part of mitigation.
- The new outlet design results in lower flow out of the lagoon and the channel is less likely to migrate to the north. The tidal elevation in the lagoon will be altered, though, such that it won't empty out as far and a pump is likely necessary to empty the ditch from the south into the lagoon.
- The ground water hydrology is behind schedule. The salt water intrusion concern is necessary to be addressed before advancing any other design components.
- The Greenbank Beach and Boat Club is interested in finding partners for the construction phase.
- Match for the construction phase is still being considered. The GBBC is discussing a diking and drainage district formation option.
- There are RCO boating facilities grants potentially available if the GBBC would open the boat ramp to public use or sell the boat ramp and lagoon parcel. GBBC has not discussed this yet but Barb will carry the message back.

Island County Culvert Prioritization, Area 2 -

- More culverts could be assessed (level B) or habitat assessments conducted if the budget was increased. The sponsors were encouraged to consider revising their application to do this considering the amount of funding available and the current budget requests.

8) Adjourn

Next meetings:

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

May 15 – Coupeville Rm 131 - Review of Chapter Update Draft; Approve targets and binning for AM.; Draft comments for projects based on site visits.

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