



# Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

4/18/18 1-4:00 pm

Location: Camano Library

## Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Barbara Brock (Citizen), John Lovie (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Mona Campbell (Business), Eric Mickelson (SRSC), Ryan Elting (WCLT), Tom Vos (SWS), Todd Zackey (Tulalip), Nathan Howard (IC Planning), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Rick Baker (WWS), Jay Kidder (SFEG), Matt Zupich (WICD) (WebEx), Matt Kukuk (MRC) (WebEx)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Suzanna Stoike (PSP), Lori Clark (IC DNR) (WebEx), Paul Tappel (Fisheries Engineers, inc), Chris Sublet (City of OH), Kristin Marshall (SnoCD), Nick Tuttle (ICPW), Kyle Carlson (ICPW), Steve Hinton (SRSC), Lisa Kaufman (NWSF), Ann Toledo (MRC)

---

## 1) Introductions/announcements

- Meeting Notes from March approved

### Provided as a written Update:

#### 2018 Acquisition Proposed Projects

- The two acquisition projects proposed via Letter of Intent by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust have been withdrawn for this year due to the WCLT's best judgement on project readiness at this time.
- The 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget funded the ALEA Program. One of the projects that received funding was the Pearson Acquisition project originally proposed by the WCLT in 2016 for the 2017-2019 PSAR Large Capital Program. With this extra funding award, the WCLT is now within \$800,000 of complete funding for the project. According to PSAR guidelines:

*"Projects that were submitted for funding as large capital projects during the 2017 –19 PSAR large capital review process, were approved by the SRFB, and have not changed in scope or cost may be resubmitted by the lead entity without undergoing additional local review process unless required by the lead entity. Any projects resubmitted will count towards the maximum of three projects per lead entity. If the project has changed in scope or cost since it was originally approved by the SRFB and the lead entity would like to resubmit it, the lead entity should check with its RCO grant manager and Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator to determine what level of additional review is required. All submitted projects will be re-ranked through the current approved regional ranking process for large capital projects."*

Based on this guidance, the WCLT has resubmitted the Pearson Acquisition to the PSAR Large Cap Round.

We reviewed the project in 2016 but did not rank it with our regular projects. I received feedback from RCO and the Region (PSP) that they recommend Large Cap projects be scored and ranked among local projects. So this time, SRTCC will score and rank this project. The WCLT will present the project to SRTCC but it will not be included on the site visits as the project has not changed since 2016 since the vast majority of us saw it. Additionally, it is not required to be visited by the SRFB Technical Review Panel. So out of respect for their extremely limited budget this year, they will not be revisiting the project in the field.

PSP

- No updates this month

## ILIO

- On April 17th, the ILIO Technical Committee scored and tiered, but did not rank, the local and regional NTA's. The results will be presented to the Executive Committee April 25 and provided to PSP in May.

## RCO Lean Study

- RCO is conducting a Lean study to assess the current state, and provide recommendations for improvement, of the Salmon Recovery project development and prioritization process. There will be a stakeholder advisory group including Lead Entities, SRFB members, RCO grant managers and regional representatives. This is a state-wide assessment, not just Puget Sound. It will take 10 -12 months to complete, including interviews of Lead Entities about our process and result in a plan for the implementation of recommended process improvements. It remains to be seen as to how this will affect our local process or if changes will be focused on the state and regional components of the process. Stay tuned.

---

## 2) Project Presentations

Each project was presented by the sponsor(s) and included a Q&A session. Highlights of the conversation for each project are presented below.

### Pearson Acquisition (Large Cap) – Whidbey Camano Land Trust

- Same project as presented in 2016 except another \$750,000 has been secured through an ALEA grant. So PSAR/SRFB request is reduced to \$750,000. Landowner has agreed to not entertain any other purchase offers while the WCLT is attempting to secure the final \$750,000.

### Crescent Harbor Creek Restoration – Skagit River System Cooperative

- Designs are available from previous grant. It is suspected that the culvert under Crescent Harbor Rd is passable except at very high flow but was not officially assessed. The proposed channel will be east of the likely historic channel to preserve a mature wetland at the stream mouth. The potential for the creek to back up onto the properties north of Crescent Harbor Rd was assessed and determined to be very unlikely. The fields north of the road currently flood during high rainfall events.

### Oak Harbor Marina Feasibility Study – Northwest Straits Foundation/City of Oak Harbor

- The Marina is solely supported by fees collected at the docks. No City funding is passed to the Marina. The potential to collect fees at the boat launch has been considered but enforcement concerns has prevented further discussions.

### N East Camano Dr #1300 Culvert Replacement – Island County Public Works

- Need to reconsider how to handle the beaver deceiver. The pipe is in the channel to enable water to flow out of the marsh downstream after the beavers try to build their dam on top of it. The current beaver dam is ~20 ft upstream of the beaver deceiver's current location. The Snohomish Cons Dist offered to assist with a solution. They have a "Living with Beavers" program. It might be as simple as fencing of that part of the stream. In the past, when there has not been a functioning Beaver Deceiver and the beaver dam the narrow part of the channel, it has caused flooding of the Animal Shelter's septic system across Can Ku Rd."

### S Barnum Dr #899 Culvert Replacement – Island County Public Works

- The stream channel comes across the field upstream as sheet flow and then into the channel to cross under S. Barnum Rd. The amount of accessible upstream habitat, as determined by WDFW during the 2014 Culvert Inventory is in question.

## Camano Country Club Tidegate Replacement Feasibility Study – Snohomish Conservation District

- Nathan Halloway, a member of the community, has been measuring water quality in the lagoon behind the houses for several years. Alternative aeration solutions have also been tried or considered to increase flushing and reduce algal blooms. The community is supportive of removing the tide gate from its current location. But they also want to control the water levels south of the road.

---

### **Adjourn**

### **Next Meeting:**

Apr 30 – May 1 – Site Visits (Required)

May 16 – Coupeville room 131; Comments summary; Large Capital Project Process; Adaptive Management

June 19 TUESDAY – Coupeville Library; Prescoring (Required)