



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

05/15/2019

Coupeville, Room 131

Introductions/announcements

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

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

1) Introductions –

*Tim and Jessica were officially appointed to the committee yesterday, Tuesday May 14. Yeah!

2) Updates

- Meeting notes approved – April and May Site Visits
- ILIO - Future discussions on best way to allocate \$100K local funds. Work with local partners to better strategize.
- PSP – Laura Blackmore was named by the Governor as the new ED for the PSP. Received funding to assist with chapter updates but is getting clarity from the legislature on the wording included in the fiscal bill that says LIOs will be conducting those updates. It was an inadvertent result of combining multiple bullets into one during the writing of the legislation. Likely, that LIOs will be required to be involved in reviewing or inputting into the chapter updates. SRC meeting on May 23. Lots of support for monitoring via PSEMP as well.
- Funding/SRFB – PSAR win (second largest allocation ever). FBRB list was funded.
- Projects – Iverson – send PRISM links for Iverson info to SRTCC.
- LEAN & Orca Task Force – Phase 2 of Task Force is starting up.
- Chapter Update Development – First look May 22. Reviewer volunteers (Paul and Todd). Comments due June 3. June 5 the Draft goes to the graphics designer. SRTCC will review the draft at the June meeting.

3) Project Site Visit Comments.

See attached table.

Elger Bay Phase 2 Acquisition

- Dawn and Barbara both spoke with the concerned landowner to the northwest of Elger Bay. She stated she would get back to us but has not to date.

Island County Culvert Prioritization, Area 1 (Private) & Area 2 (Private and Public)

- Budget has been increased to provide for double the number of barrier assessments. If not spent on barrier assessments, it will be put to more habitat assessments.
- Potentially add funding to proposal to add 3-4 CAFs (Correction Analysis Forms). Designs will assist with future funding opportunities.
- Going door to door to request permission to access has been successful in Snohomish (50-75% positive response). Recommended that SFEG try this. They may increase the budget request to facilitate this outreach.
- “Level T” (tidal) barrier assessment protocols are currently being developed by WDFW. Could this project be a pilot project to try those new protocols? Paul stated that developing a prioritization process that uses something other than just the Priority Index (PI) may be appropriate for tidal systems.

Hidden Beach Restoration

- Jen requested the number of plantings and other such details be included in the final proposal. This was the intent all along now that the pre-design documents are a little more settled.
- [Didn't hear the questions or conversation]

Greenbank Phase 3 Design

- Possible Match ideas:
 - donation of an easement on the freshwater wetland parcel that GBBC owns
 - acquire parcel or two the immediate south that don't have functioning wells or septic (landowner willingness unknown)
 - IC Public Works contribution to North Bluff Rd culvert
 - Diking District assessments
- Mitigation ideas:
 - Port or IC pay for pump design
 - IC pay for restoration as mitigation for CIP projects
- Explore idea of hooking at-risk wells up to group system rather than paying for saltwater intrusion studies
- Consider increasing scope and funding for 2017 project so work can start in July 2019 rather than waiting for Jan 2020.
- Mitigation (reduced) will likely be required for temporal loss of freshwater function while it converts to a salt water system, as per IC code.

4) Project and Grant Round Timing

Discussed the large project list and brainstormed what could or should be started in the next 4 years.

New project idea – Barnum rock removal, use fill for beach nourishment.

New project idea – Maxwellton - where are we at?

New project idea – SeaPlane Base West side of Cornet Bay (near old WAIF site), rock groin removal.

Need CO approval but Mike Bianchi thinks it is a possibility.

New project idea – talk to WCLT about Glendale property – bulkhead repair. Protecting 6 drain fields. 2nd bulkhead issue – WCLT – protecting house.

North Livingston – where are we?

Can we fund Island elements of regional NTAs?

The presence of drainfields in the nearshore is complicating shoreline restoration. It is the biggest obstacle to removing armor according to Matt K. San Juan county same issue.

5) Adjourn

Next meetings:

June 19 – Camano Library – Review of chapter update draft, pre-scoring. **Attendance required for scoring and ranking.**

July 10 (SECOND WED) – Coupeville room 131 – Final ranking. Project Synchronizing across programs, workshop

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Elger Bay Phase 2	This is a fantastic piece of property to add to what the Land Trust already owns in Elger Bay. While there is some resistance with the neighbors I think the trust is being proactive with trying to quell any worries	I think something that could help is continued work on 'Dale' (the remaining resistant owner) and reconnecting with the Strands as well to try to get a more definitive answer on whether or not this will even happen before investing more money.
	It's a bargain. Great property for price.	
	The further east the parking lot can be located, the better. (even though we aren't funding the lot with this grant).	
	Can the county abandon the road or part of it?	
	Only concern is one landowner adjacent to acquisition.	WCLT should disclose the adjacent landowners concerns and how they plan on addressing them or if they are not legitimate explain why
Hidden Beach Restoration	I think this is also a really good, doable project. It will have immediate benefits to the community and public without potential negative impacts.	I'm not sure if a geotechnical report or geocostal report has been prepared, but it might be helpful in regards to the upland road that needs to remain protected.
	Make clearer the communication with Whidbey Telecom in the app about their approval of conversion of road to trail.	
	What is the long term maintenance plan for the beach nourishment? If there is significant erosion of the material will new nourishment be placed at the site? What maintenance if any will the home owners community be responsible for?	Need to have maintenance plan or who will maintain site if nourishment erodes away. Also discuss how site and new beach will likely change do to SLR

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Greenbank March Phase 3	I am very skeptical of the achievability of this project. I think it's a cool, ambitious project but I don't think they're looking at the big picture enough.	I think the first step is getting back the BSA from the Bellingham consulting firm. It's great that this project will restore salmon use almost immediately, but we also need to look at the entire system. Is a mass kill off of a freshwater wetland ecosystem worth it?
	Raising the road and boat ramp may not prevent flooding on the property and drainfields to the north and south as they appear to be flooded anyway in storm events and from water coming over the back beach, currently.	Ecology has a revolving fund for septic drainfield program. Could this be used for leverage?
	Needs more local "skin in the game" in the form of funding. Diking and drainage district formation is good idea but is a lengthy process. May help with other issues such as septic and water issues.	
	Would be better if there were other public benefits on the property, such as access, when receiving a lot of public funds.	
	Large cost for small benefit for salmon.	
	Without the FW wetland, there is not sufficient volume of tidal area to maintain an opening and flushing.	
	Can we add caveats that prevent additional adjustment to height of boat ramp or parking lot.	Via ACoE permit.
	Some of SRTCC concerned about conversion to wetland to saltwater (change of plant communities).	

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	Others are not concerned at all (goals of mitigation, saltwater habitat is higher ranking in mitigation).	
	Recognize that there will be benefit to other wildlife species than just salmon.	
	Is this budget enough? Large concerns that this is not enough to attract expertise required, without working for free.	Applicant needs to increase the budget to ensure sufficient funds for all the analysis work.
	Planting Plan?	
	HPA requirements – need to consult with DFW	
	Bridge may be cheaper then culvert. May not pay for an expensive culvert.	
	I have some concerns that the groundwater study may not be detailed enough	Please provide some information about the aquifer at the site. Perhaps the report from Shannon and Wilson
	Applicant needs to address some contingencies and discuss how SLR may change the site overtime/ projected lifespan	
Culvert List Area 1 and 2	No comments. It's a project we asked them to do and it will be a good starting point for a comprehensive culvert database	
	A lot of the data is already generated. Get it from TZ. Make sure they spend enough time data mining for existing data rather than forging ahead quickly and recreating	They should make sure that they contact the small stream paper authors and make sure they have all the relevant data they need.

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	Is cost per culvert enough? Estimates seem low compared to work in other, easier watersheds.	
	Make sure they are linking to tidal elevations. Be sure to record/generate culvert tidal elevation data	
	Like the idea of working with Blue Coast, WDFW, ESA and the intertidal infrastructure work – “Barrier T”	