



Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

06/19/2019

Coupeville, Room 131

Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: John Lovie (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-chair), Barbara Brock (Citizen, Co-chair), Kristen Marshall (SnoCD), Mona K Campbell (Business), Jessica Côté (Business) (WebEx), Tim Hillman (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Tansy Schroeder (IC Planning) (WebEx), Greg Goforth (IC Planning), Tom Vos (SWS)

Others: Dawn Spilsbury Pucci (LE Coordinator), Laura Ferguson (PSP)

1) Introductions –

2) Updates

- Meeting notes approved – May
- ILIO - The LIOs are suggestions revisions to the EPA funding model and NTA review process. The LIOs are requesting a change to the allocation proportion of regional and local funds, more involvement in the regional NTA review and selection process and an assessment of the amount of state agency involvement and control over the SI processes. The suggestions and opinions have been presented to the Strategic Initiative Leads and are being heard by the EPA. Contact Lori for more details or a copy of the letter signed by the ILIO executive committee.
- PSP – There are several positions open at PSP they are currently trying to fill.
- Funding/SRFB – SRFB allocation may be going back up to \$18 million from the \$16.5 million that it has been for the last 2 years. This may mean our allocation of 2019 SRFB funds will be ~\$240,000 rather than the \$217,000 it was last year.
- Projects – OH Marina Feasibility RFP for contractors is out and responses are due mid-July. The Camano Country Club Tidegate Feasibility study is awaiting a contract from RCO. One of the grants that IC DNR was partnering with Restore America's Estuaries on was not successful but the next steps are still slowly being formulated. There was a public meeting to share results from the Greenbank biological, geomorphic and hydraulic studies. More discussion on Greenbank below.
- LEAN & Orca Task Force – Phase 2 of Task Force is starting up.
- Chapter Update Development – Agenda item below.

3) Project Pre-scoring Comments.

The Conflict of Interest procedures and expectations were reviewed and agreed to. SRTCC members submitted pre-scores prior to the meeting and these were reviewed. The overall ranking results were vetted and they appeared to be what members were generally expecting. All projects met the

threshold for funding. Scores for each project were reviewed to find and discuss outlying scores. Final revisions of scores are due to Dawn July 7 in time for July 10 ranking meeting.

Changes to the final applications (from the pre-applications) were summarized in a table and emailed to SRTCC ahead of time. Dawn summarized them again during the conversation of each individual project.

Elger Bay Phase 2 Acquisition

- Final application updated the budget which went down \$3000.
- No concerns or comments from SRTCC.

Hidden Beach Restoration

- Final application updated the budget which went down \$366.
- No concerns or comments from SRTCC.

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).
- “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.
- Budget increased to \$145,553.00
- No concerns or comments from SRTCC

Greenbank Phase 3 Design

- Lots of discussion around updates and funding timing.
 - Dawn asked about the hooking at-risk wells up to group system rather than paying for saltwater intrusion studies. But Aneta Hupfauer, IC Environmental Health, said the group system well for the Greenbank Association to the South is in a high risk area and just hooking up at risk wells doesn't address that issue. So studies need to continue. The presentation at the public meeting stated there was good separation between the aquifer the wells are drawing from and the surface water. This bodes well for the salt water intrusion risk to wells concern. The current report should go to Doug Kelly, IC EH, as soon as possible. It is his call if IC Public Health will allow inundation of that lagoon. His decision is pivotal to future plans.
 - GBBC is encouraged to meet with Paul Marczin, WDFW, about permitting requirements. This is now his area, and Jamie Bails is no longer the habitat biologist for the Holmes Harbor area. GBBC also needs to meet again with IC Planning to

determine future needs now that the marsh on the west side of North Bluff road is involved and a pump station is being considered.

- There were no species of concern found in the freshwater wetland during the biological assessments.
- Consider increasing scope and funding for 2017 project so work can continue through 2019 rather than waiting for Jan 2020.
 - SRTCC was supportive of this approach. The approved of the request received from Tom Slocum, Western Washington Conservation Commission, to extend the timeline, expand the scope of work and increase the budget of the 2017 project by incorporating the elements from their 2019 grant application. Tom has found match to satisfy the match requirement since the 2017 project will no longer be in the 'Design-only, match free, under \$200,000' project type. The match comes from in-kind effort and capacity from the past 3 years.
 - SRTCC requested that they receive quarterly updates on the progress of the project.
 - It was recognized that this project is the first of what likely is to become an increasingly more frequent type of project – nearshore inundation with neighboring private homeowners. We need to see this through the best we can and learn how to do these for the future.

4) Funding Decisions

- SRTCC approved forgiving the loan of \$100,000 to NOPL. WRIA 6 has ~\$136,000 unallocated this year.
- The remaining unallocated 2019 funds will be allocated to:
 - 1. Any cost increases needed by one of our active projects
 - 2. Loaned to neighboring watershed

The decision will be made in August after RFPs come back for Oak Harbor Marina Feasibility and the CCC Tidegate Feasibility. This also gives time for IC Public Works and the NW Straits Foundation to respond with any needs for the #1300 culvert design or Seahorse Siesta.

- Approved to fund the cost increase request and scope change for Greenbank. The \$182,900 will come from the remaining 2017-2019 PSAR returned from Maylor and a portion of the 2019-2021 PSAR that is unallocated.

5) Chapter Update

Dawn received the draft of the chapter update document from ESA Tuesday Jun 18. SRTCC got to see the graphic layout and color scheme. The ESA contract is done June 30 so all edits and suggestions must be sent to Dawn by noon on Monday Jun 24 so they can be relayed to ESA. Dawn will send out the text document and the pdf document that contains the same text but in the graphic layout.

IT was decided that a second map should be added that has a lidar bare earth layer, the stream layer (locations, not regulatory labels), pocket estuary locations, and project locations. A table should accompany the map that contains a list of SRFB projects that WRIA 6 has funded since 2000. The projects in the table can correspond to the locations and numbers in the map.

6) Adjourn

Next meetings:

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

Aug 21 - Coupeville room 131 – discussing final Recover Plan update edits. Continuing discussion about future projects, discuss climate change supplemental