



# Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

Island County - WRIA 6

8/15/18 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Coupeville Campus, room 131

## Introductions/announcements

Member Participants: Barbara Brock (Citizen), Todd Zackey (Tulalip), Matt Zupich (WICD), John Lovie (Citizen), Paul Marczin (WDFW), Matt Kukuk (MRC)

Others: Dawn Pucci (LE Coordinator), Lori Clark (ILIO Coord), Jessica Côté (Blue Coast Engineering)

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### 1) Introductions/announcements

WDFW has assigned all of Island County's shoreline jurisdiction to Paul Marczin, as well as freshwater for Camano and North Whidbey. Jamie Bails will cover freshwater in South Whidbey.

### 2) Updates

**PSP** – There will be a joint LIO /LE mtg in January to discuss coordination of programs. Laura Ferguson will be our new ERC starting mid Sept.

**ILIO** – The ILIO TC decided on a scoring process for selecting the one NTA for local funding. The Executive Committee will be approving a ranking process next week. The project will be selected next ILIO TC meeting, which will occur right before the September SRTCC mtg.

**Funding** – The Pearson Acquisition project ranked 6th/13th on the PSAR Large Cap project list. The list has yet to be approved by the Salmon Recovery Council and Leadership Council.

The proposal for the construction of the culvert under N East Camano Dr (#1300) was ranked 19th /35 projects on WDFW's Fish Barrier Removal Board list and is now awaiting the 2019-2021 budget to determine if it is above or below the funding cutoff line.

**Orca Task Force** – There will be a task force meeting Aug 28 10am - 5pm at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge. Material from the previous meeting in Wenatchee (Aug 7) are available on line at:

[https://portal.starleaf.com/jumpoff?alias=84376&client=breeze&conf\\_id=84376\\_CONFID\\_3PG6TXDd1kGbt90I5AM%40starleaf.com&page=conf\\_info](https://portal.starleaf.com/jumpoff?alias=84376&client=breeze&conf_id=84376_CONFID_3PG6TXDd1kGbt90I5AM%40starleaf.com&page=conf_info)

Local thoughts and discussion regarding the Task Force recommendations that are being developed include support for more prey (3-5 yr old Chinook for whales and other fish for other predators to relieve pressure on Chinook and leave more for the whales), streamlining permitting in order to implement projects faster, which would also free up sponsor capacity for

the development of more projects, create a streamlined permitting process for HPAs in marine environment.

**Other Updates** – IC DNR is hosting an open house in the Crescent Watershed right after today's meeting. There will be info on the Crescent Creek Restoration Project, water quality, invasive species, etc.

IC is working with Planning on developing a mitigation bank of sorts. We have received several calls asking for mitigation projects where a homeowner has a project they want to build but is required to mitigate for and can't do it on site. We would like to be able to save the points or fees up and apply to a decent sized project. Mitigation funds cannot be used as match for grant funding. Paul M has experience in this area and suggested "fee in lieu" is better than a bank. A mitigation process exists in IC code but not used due to implementation difficulties. Sometimes, not having a easily accessible mitigation opportunities acts as a disincentive to doing the project that needs mitigating for in the first place.

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## **2. Starleaf – County WebEx –**

StarLeaf is the new conferencing program that the County has invested in. It will replace WebEx next month. Dawn will set up a test meeting for those that want to try it out. Dawn will work with Barbara to ensure it works on a Mac.

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## **3. Adaptive Management**

The committee discussed the goals of and benefits for having an adaptive management (AM) process for the Salmon Recovery Plan (SRP). We reviewed what the 2005 plan states about adaptive management (has a framework but no implementation guidance) and the Partnership's ToolKit guidance (questions to ask and points to consider when developing an AM process). We also looked at examples from WRIA 8, WRIA 9 and Snohomish.

There are two generalized categories for our AM process:

1. The targets based on common indicators (metrics), the periodic review of those to identify if progress is on track to meet goals, the pre-identified triggers that indicate when action is required and what that action should be; and
2. The different paths for change (science, policy, lessons learned, triggers), who decides the change that is required and who is the approval authority.

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## **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** Aug 15 – Coupeville Room 131 4 yr work plan  
Sept 19 – Coupeville Room 131 adaptive management plan