

Salmon Recovery Technical and Citizen Committee Meeting



Island County - WRIA 6

4/18/2018 1 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Camano Library

Updates

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- The two acquisition projects proposed via Letter of Intent by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust have been withdrawn for this year due to the WCLT's best judgement on project readiness at this time.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.