



WRIA 6 Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee Meeting

January 18th, 2023

Member Participants: Todd Zackey (Tulalip, Co-Chair), Jessica Cote (Blue Coast Engineering), Frederick Kiga (Citizen), Kelly Zupich (MRC), Barbara Brock (Co-chair), Matthew Lander (IC PW), Renee Zavas Silva (IC Planning), Ashley Kees (WDFW), Ryan Elting (WCLT), Eric Mickelson (Skagit), Tom Vos (SWS), Lee Chaves (WWS), Scott Chaplin (COG)

Others: Clea Barenburg (LE Coordinator), Sage Ince and Carlie Miller (IC DNR), James Watson (WICD), Kurt WCLT(guest), Michelle Quast (DOE)

Administration Items

- October and November minutes were approved, and we reviewed how that process works.

Announcements

- PSP- Hannah Liss is now the LE PSP representative and Matt Colston is the LIO PSP representative.
- PSAR updates shared where to find updates and information on projects in Island County-

[Partnership's PSAR page.](#)

[2023-25 PSAR fact sheet](#)

[PSAR dashboard of accomplishments](#)

Review - 2022 Projects:

Beach Farm and Forest

Acquisition: <https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1085>

Race Lagoon Culvert No. 1893 and

1894: <https://secure.rco.wa.gov/prism/search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=22-1089>

- Island Local Integrating Organization (ILIO)
 - Jenn has resigned from the DNR Manager/ILIO Coordinator position and her last day was October 26th. The position has been posted for the second time as the first round of interviews did not work out. Clea held a meeting on January 10th where there was a presentation on the Livingston Restoration project with question and answer time with the Land Trust and ESA Daniel Elephant. Ryan Elting gave a review and update of the steps in this process for completing steps for acquisition. Information shared - Proposal details can be found here- Livingston Bay snapshot- This link should get you to all public information available on the proposal.
<https://secure.rco.wa.gov/PRISM/Search/ProjectSnapshot.aspx?ProjectNumber=20-1461>
Barbara shared information on current flooding and questions on value of property changes with current with future flooding. Tom V and Fred had similar questions.
Todd shared history and explained support for this priority area. Eric asked question about video and discussion of how many times this proposal update has been presented. Previously presented at SRTCC, at State Please join the [Habitat Strategic Initiative](#) for a series of webinars highlighting the results of two projects funded through our grant program that advance our [Floodplains and Estuaries Implementation Strategy](#). NTA 2018-0603 [Local Coordination to Advance PSNERP-identified Projects: Livingston Bay Restoration Feasibility Study](#)
SRTCC presented one letter of support related to change in asks to add the Tulalip Tribe as a co-sponsor to the Livingston Bay Protection and Restoration grant [20-1461](#). The project is to acquire properties along Livingston Bay and develop a preliminary design to restore them. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust and partners will develop a preliminary design to restore 317 acres of critical

salmon and wildlife habitat in Livingston Bay on Camano Island and seize upon current acquisition opportunities if restoration is deemed feasible. The Land Trust will investigate the feasibility of restoring former tidal estuary and wetland habitat that is currently managed as diked farmland, and protect those lands and adjacent nearshore habitat to benefit coho, chum, pink, and Endangered Species Act-listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead. The 317 acres targeted for restoration planning includes over three quarters of a mile of Livingston Bay shoreline and 25 acres of tidelands directly adjacent to over 7,500 acres of protected habitat within Port Susan Bay and the Stillaguamish River Delta. <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/02139/wdfw02139.pdf>

- Mathew Lander asked questions about the tribes taking responsibility for land owners part in the diking district. Todd gave information and said that he could ask others to present from Tulalip and do Q and A. Mathew asked about the changes to the stream. PW has to provide fish passage under the road. WASDOT did not call it a fish stream in a phone conversation.
- Todd spoke on big projects and how they take time to complete. Tom spoke and verified this project would be beneficial to wild chinook. Todd spoke on the highest priority sites for Island County and one of the largest restoration projects.
- Barbara and Todd to work on letter and review with Ryan and RCO on what needs to be on the letter. Clea asked if we do need to go through a ranking process and Todd said we could review how to rank a project. In the end it was proposed to send out a draft letter for all to review. Mathew Lander mentioned that last year we supported a project like this that was less of a priority. Eric, Lee, James, and Jessica supportive of reviewing draft letter. Todd will verify with Kay on what exact words are needed for the letter. (letter reviewed and sent)
- Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC)
 - Kelly Z. and Jessica C gave us an updated on Hoypus
 - **Hoypus Point Armor Removal Effectiveness Monitoring – Est. \$4,500 – Blue Coast Engineering/NWSF**
Northwest Straits Foundation would will apply for effectiveness monitoring for the Hoypus Point Armor removal project. Deliverables will include a series of beach profiles and beach photograph locations that would ideally be reoccupied 2 per year (May and October) to document change at the site over time and see how the site performed in terms of grain size distribution, beach slope, presence and density of large wood, vegetation which are analogs for habitat. Jessica
 - Kelly gave update on vessel removal.
- Other SRTCC Announcements – Mini grant funding is going out with the first PO going through this week
- Whidbey Basin Coordination
 - Snohomish is expecting 90 million in funding

Discussion

- Manual 18 Changes – We discussed this in October with Alex.
2023 SRFB Grant Round Site Visit Scheduling
 - i. SRTCC requested site visits in person during the first week of March, Tuesday and we are approved for Site Visits March 1st.
 - ii. The timeline is found on our website- -Proposals discussed today and projects invited provided they align with the Recovery plan and are very likely to be publicly supported. <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Salmon/Pages/SFRB-Grant-Funding.aspx>
 - iii. Proposals for letters of Intent received-
 - iv. • Estimated Funding Amounts for WRIA 6: 2023 SRFB The amount of funding available to the Island Watershed is not yet known, but is anticipated to be approximately \$1,240,000 to \$1,349,000. Based on previous allocations, the range of funds expected is \$240,000 to

\$349,000 for 2023 regular SRFB funded projects and up to \$1,000,000 for 2023-2025 PSAR funded projects. Projects for both the 2023 SRFB and 2023-2025 PSAR will advance through the regular Lead Entity process and will be approved at the September 2023 SRFB meeting.

Funding/SRFB

- <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Salmon/Pages/SFRB-Grant-Funding.aspx>
- The Lead Entity is soliciting projects for 2023 SRFB and 2023-2025 PSAR funding. The amount of funding available to the Island Watershed is not yet known, but is anticipated to be approximately \$1,240,000 to \$1,349,000. Based on previous allocations, the range of funds expected is \$240,000 to \$349,000 for 2023 regular SRFB funded projects and up to \$1,000,000 for 2023-2025 PSAR funded projects. Projects for both the 2023 SRFB and 2023-2025 PSAR will advance through the regular Lead Entity process and will be approved at the September 2023 SRFB meeting.

Grant Round – Updates

1. Letters of Intent – We have 5
- **Review letters of intent submitted –**
Started with quick sharing of proposals
 1. Middle Crescent creek restoration design level by Eric M and some comments from Land Trust Kirk regarding conservation easements for farming. Review of previous restoration on the Navy base. James (WICD) project for mapping fish bearing streams.
 2. Mathew L review of proposal at Scenic Heights design level and differences from last year. Was a concern last year because of barrier upstream. Discussion of the wastewater treatment plant, maybe relocation of effluent line. Questions on wood in lagoon and channel last year.
 3. Mouth of Deer Creek/Orr Creek, and
 4. upstream culverts #271
 5. (5) Anderson and #281 (4) Humphrey Rd. Humphrey is a deep culvert. All are design only.
Mouth is at concept level to remove a fish passage barrier without moving homes. Barrier is located at the bulkhead. Concerns over flood risk. Jessica and Barbara have concerns. Todd asked questions about regulating Deer lake.
 - Decide on invitations for full proposal – Todd requested to send summary out to everyone and request feedback. Request back for comments quickly as the applications due the 13th of February. Request for 1 week turnaround. Mathew requested feedback as soon as possible.

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- [Shellfish SIL - Help WWTP planning and strategizing for improvements RFP](#) IC submitted for PIC program
- [Habitat SIL RFP Closed](#). Successful applicant announcement expected by the end of February 2023
- Fred and Barbara asked about the Camano Country Club update. We expect to see presentation in February after expecting it over the last few months.
- Request to send out ranking and policy information for SRTCC
- Scott provided Langley update - The city council approved a proclamation acknowledging the rights of orcas. Fred brought up the funding available to Cities in Puget Sound.

Administration Items

- Membership update – Ryan Elting time expire 2/1/2023 need email requesting continuation. (received)

I sent out in email information on-

- LOIs summary and survey results for support (survey and follow up emails sent)
- Full LOIs with summary of feedback (feedback combined and sent out)
- Send out priority area Two Fish Passage Barrier Inventory
- Sent our PRISM numbers for all 5 projects
- Livingston Bay email for comments and feedback on letter as well as access to video presentation. (video sent out)
- Sent out bylaws and grant round timeline, sponsor manual and workshop information
- Meeting minutes and agenda as well as site visit drafts.

Adjourned

Next Month- Feb 15th – Ranking Criteria Review and plan site visits for March 1st presentations March 15th

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