

Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Information

Meeting Date:	May 9, 2023		
Meeting Time:	1:00pm-3:00pm		
Meeting Location:	Zoom		
Meeting Attendees:	Clea Barenburg (IC DNR LE)	Barbara Bennett (MRC)	Matthew Colston (PSP)
	Krista Loercher	Joe Grogan (Town of Coupeville)	Jen Schmitz (manager IC DNR)
	Audrey Coyne (SIL liaison)	Jessica Reed (Watershed planner IC DNR)	Michelle Quast (Ecology)
	Heather McCoy (Conservation District)	Sarah – YSEALI Fellow	Donna Keeler (Town of Coupeville)
	Joshua Engelbrecht (Town of Coupeville)	Jason Lim (PSP)	Carlie Miller and Sage Ince (IC DNR)
Meeting Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Minutes & Agenda 2. Introductions: New LIO coordinator and Natural Resources Manager, YSEALI Fellow, Shellfish SIL Liaison https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/, 3. Shorelands Shoreline Master Program with presentation on the Coupeville Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment –Town of Coupeville staff 4. PSP and SIL liaison updates with Review- Puget Sound National Estuary Program- A new resource for shoreline restoration planners and land managers. Beach Strategies and funding tools 5. NOAA Fisheries awarded WDFW and local partners \$24 million in restoration funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/infrastructure/infrastructure-projects-nerrs.html 		

Total Time: 110 minutes

Minutes

Topics:	Moved presentation to first item so Coupeville town staff could participate.	
Topics:	Shorelands Shoreline Master Program with presentation on the Coupeville Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment –Town of Coupeville staff	Action Item Owner: Coupeville Town staff; Joe Grogan, Donna Keeler and main presentation by Joshua Engelbrecht
Decisions Made and Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up information for Clea to include links to presentation information. • Request for the town to share again after next steps in the assessment. 	

Item(s):	
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://townofcoupeville.org/comprehensive-plan-update/sea-level-rise-vulnerability-assessment/
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See website for information and video presentations- https://townofcoupeville.org/ ○ Aug 2022 start, with funding from the Department of Ecology's Shoreline Competitive Grant Program, the Town of Coupeville is taking important steps to prepare for the effects of sea level rise by conducting a sea level rise vulnerability assessment. This assessment will evaluate which of the Town's areas or assets are considered most at risk from sea level rise-related hazards. ○ Town staff have hired a consultant team to assist with community engagement and the technical analysis. The team is led by Peak Sustainability Group, with subconsultant Coastal Geologic Services conducting the technical analysis. The project began in earnest in summer 2022 and is expected to conclude during spring 2023 ○ Reviewed assets within 200ft shoreline buffer ○ Projected out to 2100, what can be done to adapt for sea-level rise. ○ 3 highly sensitive assets – historic structures, sewer lines, sewer treatment plant ○ Asset Sensitivity, historic buildings at risk, roads, bluffs, homes ○ Questions on: sea level rise data, report presentations, surveys, planning phase and next steps, future collaboration with IC, sewage and septic
Topic:	<div> <div>Introductions, Minutes review, Partner Updates</div> <div>Action Item Owner: Clea</div> </div>
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	Minutes not approved as not enough board members present at discussion time.
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send out announcements and updates in follow-up email to whole group. ● Reactivate Executive committee meetings and attend ECB meeting. https://www.psp.wa.gov/EB_about.php ● Send out all unapproved past minutes for review prior to next meeting. ● Website changes and updates for Island County
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes for March and April, not approved due to not enough board members present at end of meeting, will need to be approved to go onto website for public information availability. ● Introductions- New DNR manager, YSEALI fellow ● PSP updates- Climate committee After Action review – see explore page, turnover will put project on hold. New PSP LIO coordinator coming soon. ● Drinking Water Week awards for past and present committee members- Lifetime Achievement(John Lovie), and Grace Under Pressure (Joe Grogan) Read about this year's winners Drink-ing Water Week webpage. ● Delay in IC Shoreline Master Program – Hard armoring projects for MRC like done by Friends of the San Juans. ● Whidbey Basin updates, on April 24th NOAA Fisheries awarded WDFW and local partners \$24 million in restoration funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/infrastructure/infrastructure-projects-czm.html ● Outreach and education opportunities for Whidbey 101 and Coupeville Water Festival. ● Puget Sound National Estuary Program- A new resource for shoreline restoration planners and land managers. Beach Strategies tool- https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2018-0582_InitialFactsheet.pdf ● Brian NAS –

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ capital budget passed by legislation - \$1.3 mil for Whidbey Camano land trust for Key-stone project○ Middle Crescent – will be partnering with project, waiting for feasibility study, may contribute funds to the project depending on feasibility study results● Heather Whidbey CD – annual work plan for next FY<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://www.whidbeycd.org/goals-accomplishments.html○ Seeking comments on the plan, open until 5/17○ Heather happy to sit and chat about plan in addition or alternatively to comment form● Kristin Snoho CD – Annual plan also being drafted, a little behind<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Just published annual report https://scdannualreport.squarespace.com/2022○ As part of Habitat SIL funding, multiple CD's received funding for ongoing forest stewardship program, will be hiring another forester to support our area.	
Topics:	PSP SIL updates and Shellfish Liaison	Action Item Owner: Clea, Matt Colston PSP and Liaison Audrey Coyne
Decisions Made and Action Item(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Follow up information from our assigned Liaison that may not be Audrey in the future.● Plans for Upcoming Meetings- HSIL Shoreline Loan Fund Coordinator presentation	
Follow-up Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Shellfish Habitat, and Stormwater Strategic Initiative Leads (SIL) RFPs https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/rfp/● Look into stormwater SIL grant RFP - https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/stormwater-sil-rfp/● Clea and Jen to tour Livingston site with Habitat SIL group https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/habitat-strategic-initiative/	
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● SIL Funding timeline – Received new year funding guidelines● Reviewing investment priorities● Priorities to be announced in July so people can determine projects for RFP● Steps will be same as last year but with different priorities● Clea – would be nice to have notifications to LIO when project happening in our area● Audrey will be sharing list of approved/rejected proposals, after the fact right now but work in progress - Strategic Initiative Leads RFPs as of April 2023 can be found here. Both projects that were funded (either fully or partially) and those not chosen for funding are listed. As requested, this information should be sortable by WRIA. This list will be updated as future RFPs are run. The link to the list can also be found on the Strategic Initiatives Website, Funding page: Funding through the Strategic Initiative of the Puget Sound NEP (wa.gov).● Conflict of interest policy – careful of how to share information, discussing ideas on how to inform without jeopardizing opportunities for agencies● Clea -We did not receive Shellfish or Habitat SIL grants IC applied for. Clea attended debriefings for both proposals and has suggested sharing information on which RFPs were successful and which were not would be helpful.● Puget Sound National Estuary Program resources https://pugetsoundestuary.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2018-0582_InitialFactsheet.pdf● PSP has new Funding Tool proposal.	
Next Meeting June 13th		

