

| Island Local Integrating Organization Technical Committee Meeting Notes | | | |
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| Meeting Information | | | |
| Meeting Date: | Aug 8, 2023 | | |
| Meeting Time: | 1:00pm-3:00pm | | |
| Meeting Location: | Zoom | | |
| Meeting Attendees: | Clea Barenburg (IC DNR) | Krista Loercher (Whidbey Kayaking) | Renee Zavas-Silva (IC Planning) |
| | Carlie Miller (IC DNR) | Joe Grogan (Town of Coupeville) | Jen Schmitz (IC DNR) |
| | Jessica Reed (IC DNR) | Jason Lim (PSP) | John Lanier (IC Planning) |
| | Chris Kelly (IC EH) | Brian Tyhuis (NAVFAC NW) | Linda Lyshall (Snohomish CD) |
| | Heather McCoy (WICD) | John Lovie (Guest Speaker/WIWSA) | Lea Shields (WADOH) |
| | Travis Wilmot (IC Planning) | Matt Colston (PSP) | Nolan Grunska (City of Oak Harbor) |
| Meeting Objectives: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes & Agenda 2. Updates from all ICDNR projects and programs, and updates from around the partners. 3. Presentation by John Lovie on Prioritizing Sea Level Rise Exposure and Habitat Sensitivity Across Puget Sound. 4. Plans for Upcoming Meetings | | |
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| 1:00-1:10 | <p>Introductions and updates – see attendee list. No partner updates.</p> <p>The group reviewed the proposed agenda and minutes from the July 2023 meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve minutes (Joe Grogan), seconded by Krista Loercher. Linda Lyshall requests an edit to a typo in the minutes that Jen will amend. Motion stands to approve minutes as amended.</p> | | |
| 1:10-1:20 | <p>Update from all ICDNR programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Schmitz – LIO Update/Puget Sound Partnership. There is another ECB meeting tomorrow; Partnership has been having lots of meetings this summer but not a lot of action, due to reorganization and hiring boom within PSP. Currently hiring for a Strategic Funding Coordinator as part of the newly formed funding team; this position would specifically help LIOs pursue funding. • Jessica Reed – Watershed Planner. Seeing several high E.coli hits around the County, working to bracket and help identify source issues, and working with Environmental Health to send out notices to potential problem parcels to get their septic inspections completed. Internally, working to identify opportunities for more PIC-type work and to move beyond voluntary compliance with septic issues causing high hits. • Clea Barenburg – Salmon Recovery LE Coordinator. Started the year with five projects for SRFB, one dropped off right away with several projects of concern, eventually only one | | |

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| | <p>project was totally cleared to move forward and it's associated with military property so that is exciting. Since there was only one project, the choice for the extra money was to give to either the Whidbey Basin group or use it for projects that were experiencing project overruns (this year, it was the Keystone project). So, two projects will be funded this year. Looking for additional members for the SRTCC technical board. Clea to work with Bryan to find replacement for Navy board member. Hoping to focus future funds on more shoreline projects rather than river projects. Next two-year contract for the salmon recovery position was approved. Update on Mutiny Bay bulkhead project: WDFW preliminary assessment that bulkheads are not appropriate for that site. More to come.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlie Miller – Surface Water Quality program working on SOPs, QAPPs, and other updates to ensure data quality and assurance in anticipation of creating more maps, trends analyses, and other information for inclusion in the upcoming comprehensive plan update. Hoping to find a source of funding for our missing PIC program. Looking into potentially storm sampling for metals, macroinvertebrates, and harmful algal bloom work. Continuing to do the monitoring for Asian giant hornets across north Whidbey (none yet!). Jen Schmitz – MRC has chosen a consultant to perform the shoreline armoring survey so once contracting is completed that will be kicking off as soon as possible. New RFP out for the Shore Friendly program to perform technical services (design/engineering/permitting support for armoring alternatives). |
| 1:20-2:30 | <p>John Lovie – Presentation on Sea Level Rise Impacts in Island County. PPT attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen – are the trespassing/no beach access signs rooted in RCW/code, or are they made up? John – most homeowners put up those bogus signs hoping people will assume the beach is private, but anyone can walk below the high-water mark on any beaches. Jen – the BOCC comments today were coincidentally regarding needing more public access to beaches and the dismay that so many beaches were privately held – is this not true? John – in general “if you can get to a beach by boat at high tide you can walk on it at low tide”. Jen – has the Town of Coupeville completed any sort of shoreline public access assessment? Joe – not that he believes, and there are many complicated tideland areas. Jen – any insight or feedback on the County’s ability to completely understand the quantity of water we have and are using, if the majority of wells are unmetered? John- we are fundamentally ok with quantity – we have plenty of rainfall and aquifer recharge – but we have larger issues with water quality, seawater intrusion, and development in recharge areas. Jen – do we have a great handle on how much water is used or is it just an extrapolation? John – it is just an estimate based on normal domestic use; however, people using it to water lawns are likely going way over their typical consumption, and agriculture is a wild card. Chris Kelly - Water use is tied to a water right, which is issued by Ecology. Joe – who is monitoring the nexus between recharge rates, sea level rise, and development – when do we put a moratorium on new wells? Chris Kelly – currently discussing this with DOH and Ecology, but one issue is that only potable wells show up on the radar. |
| 2:30-2:45 | <p>Other projects, grant pursuits, Partner updates, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Island County DNR and Planning staff have done a lot of work to thoroughly vet the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) and have determined that the program is not a great fit for us at this time as we already have critical areas ordinances in place that |

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| | <p>should and could operate better to protect these areas than the VSP. Many of the counties already in the program have had mediocre results, mostly due to a lack of capacity to perform the requisite monitoring, and the County wouldn't have the capacity to do this either. Linda- it is regular annual funding for technical assistance for the CDs, so this would be directly restricting funding to them. It is an option to have the CDs or a consultant do the monitoring rather than County staff. Travis – in order to implement the VSP, the first step would be to pass an ordinance removing agricultural spaces from the Critical Areas ordinance which would be a huge effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lea – there is a new RFP coming out for the Shellfish SIL funding opportunity soon. There will be new funding priorities in this round. • Joe – Coupeville applied for a water reuse and recharge grant through the Shellfish opp. |
| 2:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 2:45 |
| Next Meeting September 12 th | |