

REVISIONS TO 12/7/14 PROPOSED SLS BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

The Snohomish County Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) was established in 2010 to address the growing conflict between the dual mandates of preserving farmland and protecting fish throughout the County, particularly the riverways and estuaries that are critical to both. Federal, state, local and tribal governments, in cooperation with agricultural, environmental and community stakeholders, convened the SLS and created an eight-member Executive Committee, with four farm and four fish representatives. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the SLS.

The mission of the Sustainable Lands Strategy is to help generate net gains in the productivity and sustained health of fish and farm communities (broadly defined to include flood control, tribal culture, environmental quality) by providing participants with: 1) best available science and technical support, 2) a neutral, mutually respectful forum for farm-fish collaboration, 3) packaging suites of broadly supported fish-farm measures that together generate net gain, and 4) monitoring and evaluation to measure progress.

The success of the SLS is based on mutual respect between farm and fish communities and a willingness to go beyond toleration of the other within a common landscape to helping each other achieve improvement in productivity and sustained health (“net gain”). ~~DELETED: – Snohomish County’s flood plains and estuaries --]~~

The SLS has no regulatory authority – which continues to reside in the convening governments – and is not a required review or process step for projects, be they restoration or ag/infrastructure. Instead, the SLS is an opportunity to take advantage of integrated farm-fish-watershed information, technical and design assistance, packaging of fish-farm projects for net gain and broad support, and priority access to funding and permitting assistance. Some project proponents will choose to work collaboratively within the SLS structure to achieve these benefits, others may not. The SLS value proposition must be sufficiently compelling to attract voluntary participation.

ARTICLE 1

OFFICES

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at its principal place of business or such other place as the Executive Committee may designate. The Corporation may have such other offices as the Executive Committee may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP, CONVENERS

As set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall have no members. The federal, state, municipal, and tribal governments, and the agricultural / flood control, environmental, and community stakeholders that are the conveners of the SLS. SLS conveners may be recognized as such, and serve as an informal advisory group to the SLS, by submitting a letter of interest, which will be considered by the Executive Committee.