

# Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO Implementation Committee Meeting Summary

*July 22, 2014*

*1:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

*Snohomish County Drewel Bldg. Conference Rm. E6A04*

## **Attendees:**

Bill Blake, City of Arlington, Stillaguamish Watershed Council  
Matt Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Tribe  
Tim Miller, Snoqualmie Tribe  
Debbie Terwilleger, Snohomish County  
Graham Anderson, Port of Everett  
Franchesca Perez, Sno Co. Marine Resources Committee  
Christine Betchley, Stillaguamish Clean Water District  
Ralph Svrjcek, Dept. of Ecology  
Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribes  
Josh Kubo, Tulalip Tribes  
Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe  
Randy Darst, Snohomish Health District  
Mary Cunningham, City of Everett  
Joan Lee, King County  
Perry Falcone, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum  
Gregg Farris, Snohomish County  
Kristin Kelly, Futurewise  
Ann Bylin, Snohomish County  
Heather Cole, Puget Sound Partnership  
Monte Marti, Snohomish Conservation District  
Leah Kintner, Puget Sound Partnership  
Ann Stanton, City of Snohomish  
Robert Sendrey, Sound Salmon Solutions  
Andy Noone, Sound Salmon Solutions  
Karen Stewart, LIO Coordinator

## **Introductions, Announcements and Public Comments**

Karen Stewart, LIO Coordinator opened the meeting with introductions and asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Announced that a video about Port Susan would be presented at the upcoming Focus on Farming conference on Nov. 20.

Discussion of PSP's Leadership Council Resolution 2014-02 Funding Alignment with Salmon Recovery. Draft was distributed and the final version will be emailed. Terry Williams talked about the need for this resolution and its relationship to Treaty rights at Risk, Coastal Zone Management Act, and reduction of plankton in Puget Sound. Seeking to harmonize rules and address impacts from climate change.

## **2014/2015 Action Agenda**

PSP approved local profile with 16 NTAs

Reporting requirements-*Heather Cole and Karen Stewart*

Reviewed handouts from PSP describing how project sponsors report on NTAs. PSP staff will track adopted near term actions in the Partnership's performance management system. This online public tool displays the status for all near term actions, and their associated performance measures in the Action Agenda. In order to be an effective tool, the Report Card application requires full quarterly progress reporting by all NTA owners. The primary or secondary owners may request the LIO Coordinator serve as the reporter for the NTA.

Quarterly reporting involves:

- Assigning a status (On Plan/Complete; Off Plan; Serious Constraints; Not Started – see table 1) to each near term action
- Providing comments on progress
- Reporting on the status of the performance measures assigned to the NTA

If a near term action owner also has several supporting entities, each group of entities responsible for that NTA will determine a reporting method that works for them, so that a status report for each contributory piece can be combined and reported as a single status on a quarterly basis by the owner or LIO Coordinator.

**Leadership Council Report Card Forum.** At each Puget Sound Leadership Council meeting, Partnership staff lead a Report Card forum that focuses on a particular section or topic in the Action Agenda, e.g. urban stormwater run-off. The forum is focused around a set of NTAs related to the chosen topic. Owners of NTAs falling under that topic are invited to attend the forum to take part in an interactive group discussion with the Leadership Council and their fellow NTA owners. The goal of this discussion is to share successes and help to find solutions to challenges in the implementation of key actions.

**NTA Financial Information.** The Action Agenda Report Card also displays financial information for each near term action. Once developed and approved, the Partnership will ask NTA owners to estimate how much it will cost to fully implement the NTA, and how much is currently budgeted. It is expected that this financial information will be updated once a year. This information is reported to the Leadership Council, EPA, and the Governor's Office.

## **NTA Owners report on implementation of performance measures**

### *SNST9 Fisheries/watershed ecology education for officials and decision-makers*

Robert Sendrey, Executive Director for Sound Salmon Solutions and Andy Noone, Education and Outreach Coordinator gave a status update of the NTA. Have completed 7 interviews, including decision-makers and conservation groups in the Stillaguamish watershed. Discussed potential project add-ons if additional funds were dedicated to this project.

### *SNST1 Improve regulatory effectiveness; SNST2-Identify existing data and prioritize needs*

NTA needs further scoping. Discussion of enforcement issues and compliance with adopted standards. Pollution Identification and Correction programs (SNST8) and SNST2-Identify existing data and prioritize needs would help address water quality problems. Wild Fish Conservancy has been collecting data in WRIA

7. The Snohomish Conservation District (Ryan Williams) has gathered water quality data in the Stillaguamish; a known data gap is the condition of stormwater management private facilities. Exploring pilot study to allow the conservation district to provide inspections of stormwater facilities within cities. Tulalip Tribes will offer training for stormwater managers.

*SNST3 Agricultural runoff*

Check on status of NPDES Phase 1 progress with City of Everett, Heather Kibby.

*SNST4 Local habitat protection and restoration*

City of Snohomish has donations of approximately \$300,000 for property acquisition along the Snohomish River for additional public access. New farm bill and 18 CREP projects. CREP projects in the Snoqualmie River valley allow exceptions for the 100' riparian buffers. Discussed the concept of harvestable buffers with French Creek suggested as an example, as well as Seattle steam. Need a process for review of working buffer exemption. Should add the Stillaguamish Tribe as a project owner/sponsor for meeting salmon recovery targets.

*SNST5 Onsite septic systems maintenance and retrofit*

In the Stillaguamish Clean Water District there is a new program to provide loans for repair of failing on-site septic systems. Discussion of LIO remaining \$ to fund Snoqualmie Tribe/King Co. in monitoring water quality in Kimball and Coal Creeks.

*SNST7 Floodplain management for farm-fish-flood*

Summary of Sustainable Lands Strategy and Farm-Fish-Flood programs were given.

**Review LIO Work Plan for Oct. 1, 2014- Sept. 30, 2015**

Karen Stewart distributed the draft work program for the LIO Implementation Committee review. Any comments or additional questions are due by August 1.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**