

SUMMARY NOTES
SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3.7.1
10:30 – 12:00 Tuesday January 10, 2017
(Annual Meeting)

Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Building
6406 Marine Drive, Tulalip, WA 98271

PARTICIPANTS

Terry Williams (by phone), Tulalip Tribes, SLS Co-Chair (Fish)	Tristan Klesick, Stilly farmer, SLS Co-Chair (Ag)
Dave Remlinger, Lord Hill Farms, SLS EC Ag rep.	Kristin Kelly, Pilchuck Audubon, SLS EC Fish / Environmental rep
C.K. Eidem, Ducks Unlimited, SLS EC Fish rep	Monte Marti, Mgr Sno Conservation Dist., EC Ag rep
Brian Bookey, Cherry Lane Farms, SLS EC Ag rep.	Jessica Hamill, SnoCo Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Coordinator
Kirk Lakey, WDFW	Pat Stevenson, Stillaguamish Tribe for Chairman Shawn Yanity, EC Fish Rep
Bob Everitt, WDFW NW Regional Director	Lindsey Desmul, WDFW Habitat Biologist, info / communic. coordinator
Dan Evans, SLS co-facilitator	Deborah Knight, Manager, City of Stanwood
Kye Iris, WDFW land & real estate specialist	Linda Neunzig, SnoCo Ag Coordinator
Sean Curran, SnoCo PDS	Chuck Hazleton, Stillaguamish Flood Control District Mgr, Commissioner
Jay Krienitz, WDFW, ESRP Manager	Paul Cereghino, NOAA Restoration Center, Coordinated Investment Initiative
Alexa Ramos, SnoCo SWM, support staff	Janet Curran, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Diane Hennessey, Ecology, wetland programs	Erik Stockdale, SnoCo SWM, Special Projects Coordinator
Heather Cole, TNC area coordinator	JB Bennis, WSU Extension
Dan Bartelheimer, farmer, President of Snohomish County Farm Bureau	Nick Bratton, Forterra, land conservation /TDR specialist

PURPOSE: Annual SLS organizational meeting to elect officers, lay out meeting schedule, and address structural issues such as coordination with related initiatives and partners; discuss and outline 2017 SLS work plan; farm-fish-floods updates and upcoming events.

1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTION (10:30-10:40)

- a) **Review purpose, agenda:** The Annual Meeting of the SLS prescribed in the SLS Bylaws was called to order. The facilitator noted that a quorum of the

Executive Committee was present and outlined the required business, including the election of SLS officers. See Appendix 1 for meeting agenda.

- b) **Introductions:** Co-chair Tristan Klesick welcomed participants and thanked the Tualip Tribes for hosting the meeting. Executive Committee members, conveners, and other participants introduced themselves.

2) SLS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ACTIONS (10:10-10:30)

- a) **Election of Executive Committee officers:** The former Co-chairs, Terry Williams (Fish Caucus Chair) and Tristan Klesick (Ag Caucus Chair), and Secretary Treasurer Kristin Kelly were nominated to serve again in their respective officer roles:
- i) **Ag Caucus Chair / SLS Co-chair:** Tristan Klesick was nominated by fellow Ag Caucus member Monte Marti to serve again as Ag Caucus Chair and SLS Co-chair; the motion was seconded by Brian Bookey; and was approved unanimously.
 - ii) **Fish Caucus Chair / SLS Co-chair:** Terry Williams was nominated by fellow Fish Caucus member CK Eidem to serve again as Fish Caucus Chair and SLS Co-chair; the motion was seconded by Pat Stevenson (representing SLS Fish Caucus and Executive Committee member Shawn Yanity, Chairman of the Stillaguamish Tribe); and was approved unanimously.
 - iii) **Secretary Treasurer:** Kristin Kelly was nominated by Co-chair Tristan Klesick to serve again as SLS Secretary Treasurer; the motion was seconded by Monte Marti; and was approved unanimously.
- b) **Other organizational matters:**

Schedule: Erik Stockdale proposed the draft SLS Executive Committee meeting schedule (see Appendix 2). He noted that efforts were made to hold meetings at the County just prior to Ag Board meetings to maximize efficiency for SLS members that also attend those meetings. The group was notified that they will receive calendar invites to the meetings shortly. The schedule was approved, noting that some adjustments may need to be made in the future. Pat suggested that, as in the past, the agenda topics should align with the meeting locations: Tualip = Snohomish Basin; Stillaguamish = Stillaguamish Basin; County = countywide. Tristan, Erik, and others supported the idea.

Kirk Lakey mentioned that last year meetings were held at the location where the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum meets, but that seems to be missing from the schedule this year. Efforts had been made before to ensure continuity by holding some meetings where the Forum and Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC) gather (either before or after).

Erik and Dan Evans noted scheduling issues with trying to accommodate the numerous groups associated with SLS.

Jessica mentioned that the LE, LIO, and SLS staff would be meeting tomorrow (1/11/17) to cover coordination so it could be further discussed then.

Paul Cereghino commented that having meetings on the same day still may not be sufficient to ensure continuity/integration with the LIOs, LEs, etc. The strategy may need to be reevaluated as the SLS committee develops.

Pat Stevenson stated that there had been redundancy issues with multiple same day meetings in the past.

Funding: Dan informed the committee that his hours are being cut due to funding so other members may have to pick up the slack.

Pat mentioned that the Tribe's agreement with Ecology has \$20K allocated to SLS that could potentially be used to address SLS priorities. Linda suggested that such funds could be used to put on another dinner.

Erik mentioned that there is a \$30K contract at the County to support the reach scale planning effort. NEP funding aids in SLS and reach scale planning too. Dan stated that the County shouldn't bear the full weight of funding SLS though. They have invested a lot already, and now it's time for others to step up and share the burden. Paul added that now that SLS is becoming more product-driven it will be easier to get funding from other sources.

The need for \$4,000 for the Stillaguamish Valley Protection Initiative (SVPI) easement development came up. Snohomish County management has communicated the need to establish a business case for altering easement language. Tristan noted that TDR is different than PDR, which is the immediate priority. The language is important. It needs to be weighted towards farmland protection while also preserving the flexible, multi-benefit requirement. This approach was broadly supported at the recent SVPI meeting that included tribes, ag, SnoCo, SCD, TNC, PCC Farmland Trust, and others.

Janet mentioned a Federal Action Plan is in the works and that she had proposed adding a line item, which allocates funds for professional facilitation and a stipend for participants.

3) SLS PRIORITIES & WORK PLAN OUTLINE (10:30-11:20)

- a) **Review and discuss SLS 2017 priorities, Work Plan outline, notes:** The committee reviewed the priority list documents (See Appendix 3 for the summary of SLS Priorities). Dan asked the group for their feedback and if they felt anything was missed. Brian pointed out that ag productivity development (e.g. digesters, etc.) is missing. Monte suggested ag needs and issues should receive greater emphasis. He also commented that the Responsible Stewardship proposal outlined by Farm Bureau President Dan Bartelheimer is woven into each of the priorities listed, but it should be explicitly called out. Pat suggested adding in-stream flows (i.e. *Hirst* case) to the water management component.
- b) **Funding outlook, priorities:** The conversation turned to incentivizing Responsible Stewardship and how to support the ag economy at large. Dan referenced some existing programs that reward high levels of stewardship (e.g., USDA's CREP and RCPP programs). Lowering transactional costs of "nutrient trading" or "ecological services" programs was brought up, as was streamlining processes, expediting permitting for "responsible stewardship/salmon safe certificate" holders. These ideas could be incorporated in the ag sections of the reach scale plans. FbD, TNC, and NOAA have funding opportunities via ag resiliency, ag engagement, etc.

In terms of the regulatory efficiency priority, the Executive Committee discussed the on-going drainage maintenance permit package initiative, as well as the need for streamlined permitting of culvert replacement, noting that SnoCo has

identified over 800 culverts in county rights of way that should be replaced and that more than 25% of culvert replacement cost is permitting and associated design.

A committee member mentioned that there is a \$2 million proposal to NRCS for an OMNI processing center on the Visser farm.

- c) **Coordination with other resource mgt initiatives:** Tristan touched on the need to change where funding comes from. We should focus on multi-benefit funding sources. We also need coordinated funding messaging on all levels (federal, state, and local).

In particular, multi-benefit Floodplains by Design, Conservation Commission acquisition, and ESRP project design and “learning projects” were discussed as priority funding sources for SLS type project packages that support fish-farm-flood needs.

Erik noted that he will be reaching out to ag members on this committee for input on the ag engagement piece in the reach scale plans. The initial Lower Skykomish Reach Scale Plan should be ready for release in May/June 2017. The upcoming Mann Road County project is another opportunity for a multi-benefit (farm, fish, flood) win.

Paul commented that we need work towards shifting from communicating TO people to engaging WITH people. It would help with finding funding if we could get this plan clearly laid out.

5. WRAP UP, ADJOURN (11:55-Noon)

The meeting adjourned before the farm-fish-flood updates were completed. The next meeting of the SLS Executive Committee will be at Snohomish County February 15th from 10:00 to noon.

APPENDIX 1: SLS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA

**SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PHASE 3.7 2017, ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday January 10, 2017 10:00 – Noon
Tulalip Admin Center: 6406 Marine Dr. Tulalip, WA 98271
(large conference room, 1st floor, north side)**

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4) WELCOME, INTRODUCTION (10:00-10:10)

- a) Review purpose, agenda
- b) Introductions

5) SLS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ACTIONS (10:10-10:30)

- a) Election of Executive Committee, officers:
 - i) Co-Chairs (one each from fish and farm caucus)
 - ii) Secretary Treasurer
- b) Other organizational matters: meeting schedule, by-laws, funding

6) SLS PRIORITIES & WORK PLAN OUTLINE (10:30-11:20)

- a) Review and discuss SLS 2017 Priorities, Work Plan outline, notes
- b) Coordination with other resource mgt initiatives
- c) Funding outlook, priorities

7) UPDATES & REPORTS (11:20-11:55)

- a) Ag Caucus
- b) Fish Caucus
- c) Flood risk and water management
- d) Coordinated Investment

8) WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS (11:55-Noon)

9) ADJOURN (Noon)

APPENDIX 2: SLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

2017 SLS Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

Updated 1-9-2017

Date	Time	Location	Room
Tue Jan 10	10-noon	Tulalip Natural Resources	Training Room 162
Wed Feb 15	10-noon	Snohomish County	Admin East 1 st floor Conference Room 1F07
Wed March 15	10-noon	Stillaguamish Tribe	Natural Resources Conference Room
Tue April 11	10-noon	Snohomish County*	Admin East 6A04
Wed May 10	10-noon	Tulalip Natural Resources	Training Room 162
Tue June 13	10-noon	Snohomish County*	Admin East 6A04
Thurs July 13	10-noon	Stillaguamish Tribe	Natural Resources Conference Room
Tue Aug 8	10-noon	Snohomish County*	Admin East 6A04
Wed Sept 13	10-noon	Tulalip Natural Resources	Training Room 162
Tue Oct 10	10-noon	Snohomish County*	Admin East 6A04
Thurs Nov 9	10-noon	Stillaguamish Tribe	Natural Resources Conference Room
Tue Dec 12	10-noon	Snohomish County *	Admin East 6A04

*= same day as Ag Board

Stillaguamish Tribe Natural Resources Conference Room

22712 6th Ave NE- Arlington, WA 98223

Directions to meeting location: From I-5: Take exit 210. Turn west on 236th street. Turn left at the first road, Nygaard Road (6th Ave). Follow Nygaard to the end and turn right at the last driveway. Visitor parking is on the north side of the building nearest the main entrance. If all of the parking spots are taken, please part on Nygaard, on the section that is south of the driveway leading into our parking lot.

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APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF SLS 2017 PRIORITIES

SLS WORK PLAN PRIORITIES — DISCUSSION DRAFT

JANUARY 10, 2017

1. Resource Lands Protection Initiative
 - a. Broad, flexible (among F3 needs) protection from development
 - b. Easement tool
 - c. Funding sources & tools: PDR, TDR, CREP lease
 - d. Stillaguamish Valley Protection Initiative (SVPI) demonstration project
 - e. Campaign and broad consensus to protect resource lands
2. Integrated Reach Design & Implementation
 - a. Description: in SLS Lower Sky Reach Plan, Coordinated Investment Initiative and FbD materials
 - b. Structure: assessmt, tech, design, implementation assistance, MAP
 - c. Focus area reach plans:
 - i. Lower Sky: work group actively finalizing (spring 2017)
 - ii. Lower Snohomish: Fr. Crk, mouth of Pilchuck, DMP
 - iii. Estuary: complex, many big ongoing projects
 - iv. Stillaguamish: 8 projects funded in initial FbD CI-9 round
3. Regulatory Coordination & Efficiency
 - a. Drainage maintenance example (FSFCD) and template
 - b. Culvert replacement programmatic permitting
 - c. Water management flexibility for net gain (WID, water bank, “toolbox”)
4. Ag Resiliency
 - a. Develop Ag Resilience Plan (Sno Conservation Dist lead)
 - b. Ag representation at other floodplain & planning efforts
 - c. Collaborative multi-benefit implementation
5. Communications & Engagement
 - a. SLS and partner websites
 - b. On-line materials, classes (e.g., Fish & Farm 101)
 - c. Story Maps (WDFW's ESRP)
 - d. Op-Eds, press
 - e. Focused outreach to key groups