

FORUM DISCUSSION

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: August 3, 2017

Topic: Improved LIO and Snohomish LE collaboration

Background: LE/LIO integration has been an ongoing topic of conversation. At our June and July meetings, the PDC members agreed to initiate improved coordination and collaboration. The PDC identified the 2018 Action Agenda process and NTA development as a good place to start. To that end, LE and LIO staff have developed draft criteria for salmon recovery-related NTAs and have created a shared timeline to allow for lead entity review and approval of salmon recovery-related NTAs.

Criteria for Salmon Projects as NTAs:

- Capital salmon recovery projects must participate in a local Lead Entity review process before the Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO will recommend it for inclusion and funding as an NTA in the Action Agenda.
- Other salmon recovery-related projects must be on Snohomish or Stillaguamish Basins' 4-year workplan and be supported by the Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Plan and/or Stillaguamish Chinook Recovery Plan or other supporting documents (ie *Snohomish Basin Protect Plan*).
 - Example categories that could be considered as NTAs include (but are not limited to)
 - Stewardship
 - Monitoring
 - Ecosystem assessments
 - Outreach/education
- NTA proposals will be reviewed by Snohomish and Stillaguamish Lead Entity staff and partners to identify alignment and/or conflicts with salmon recovery strategies.

Draft timeline:

Red indicates Lead entity involvement/actions

1. Currently, the LIO is providing "local customization" to regional priorities, i.e. identifying LIO recovery strategies that align with regional priorities - **Draft due 7/31, Final due 8/30**
 - a. **Supported by LE staff**
2. NTA solicitation released - **9/28/17 (timeline may shift to provide more time)**
3. LIO holds NTA solicitation workshop – **October 19th**
4. NTA registration (like a pre-proposal) due - **11/1/17 (timeline may shift to provide more time)**
 - a. **Ad hoc Snohomish basin committee (to be formed) will review NTA ideas to ensure alignment with salmon recovery strategies and highlight opportunities for improved NTA proposals; NTA ideas to get on the 4YWP will be identified - November**
5. Salmon-recovery related NTAs proposed for 4YWP
 - a. **Forum approve additional to 4 YWP, Dec 7th Forum meeting**
6. NTA full proposals (aka "fact sheets") **due 1/10/18 (timeline may shift to provide more time)**
7. Salmon-recovery related NTAs reviewed for consistency
 - a. **Ad hoc Snohomish basin committee (to be formed) will review final NTA proposals to ensure alignment with salmon recovery strategies and consistency with 4YWP**
 - b. **Basin Committee recommends NTAs for approval by Snohomish Forum – January 2018**
8. All NTAs receive technical, LIO, and Tribal review - **1/22/18-2/16/18**
 - a. **Salmon recovery-related NTAs approved by Forum - February 1, 2018**
 - b. By February 16, 2018, LIO review NTAs for consistency and recommend which NTAs should or shouldn't move forward in 2018 AA