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SLS Work Plan Framework

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Goal: Take Action on Policy and Projects

Objective 1: Increase the pace and magnitude of on-the-ground project implementation.

- A. ITs to develop broadly supported suites of actions that supports the advancement of fish, farm, and flood needs. (“Broadly supported” means the community, SLS Partners and the EC support the suites of actions as proposed - consistent with SLS Values, goals and principles.)
- B. Pursue and secure funding
- C. Highlight key policy issues needing support from broader SLS partnership to achieve on-the-ground results
- D. Implement projects
- E. Work at the Stilly and Snohomish scales to drive action, define goals; track progress in a manner that strengthens local collaboration; and shows the result of investment and changes on the ground.
 - I. Identify key attributes needed to convey progress for all SLS Partners and the public
 - II. Review the reach scale plans and create a map of actions
 - III. Identify top priorities for salmon habitat and agriculture to create a map overlay to identify opportunities for collaboration.
- F. Work with broader SLS partners to track progress across watersheds

Objective 2: Advance key policy, funding and political needs to increase the pace and magnitude of integrated floodplain management actions in Snohomish County

- A. Facilitate discussions with partners, elected officials, state and federal agencies and others to move concepts forward in a coordinated manner
 - I) Riparian enhancement or protection (working buffers, flexible buffers widths etc). Be aware of what is happening with riparian protection in the Centennial Accord and Tulalip Tribe's research work.
 - II) Farmland protection policy and funding
 - III) Advance policy issues from the Stilly IT (in review currently):

- a. Build support for flood protection measures
 - b. Help partner with Ecology to build a irrigation efficiency and water availability program that addresses the needs of salmon and agriculture
 - c. Determine if an approach to creating a “riparian short plat” is feasible and supported
 - d. Assist with building political and financial support for projects like the South Slough Reconnection and Flood Risk reduction Project in the Stillaguamish
- IV) Advance policy issues from the Snohomish IT:
 - a. (Note: Spencer will develop these with the IT)
 - V) Coordinate input to Snohomish County regarding update to their Comprehensive Plan to support SLS objectives.
 - VI) Pursue regulatory “Harmonization” to address silos and conflicts.
 - VII) Incorporate up to date climate data in consideration of alternatives.
- B. Secure and diversify the funding based on specific needs
 - I) Engagement, advocacy and lobbying....

Goal: Communicate with Public and Partners to best achieve other SLS work plan goals

Objective 1: Develop tools and activities to communicate actions and outcomes consistent with SLS values, supported by SLS partners and/or developed through the SLS collaboration

- A. Complete the development of a communications outline.
 - I) Integrate communications needs of ITs.

Objective 2: Identify opportunities for coordinated information sharing and communication reflecting the support for SLS. Develop a shared understanding of the science in relation to fish restoration, flood management and agriculture viability.

- A. Sponsor monthly education seminars on topics of interest to SLS alternating fish, farm and flood.

Goal: Create a Collaborative Organizational Structure to Facilitate Action

Objective 1: Clarify the roles and responsibilities that support the SLS collaboration with a focus on taking action?

- A. Fill roles and/or expand membership based on identified needs and gaps critical to moving work forward.
 - I) Increase participation by flood interests and acknowledge importance of flood management.
 - II) Engage water supply interests.
- B. Clarify processes to ensure that decisions and disagreements are resolved through collaborative forums based on the SLS values.
- C. Secure dedicated and paid staff to support the collaboration

Objective 2: Review and clarify the mission and overarching goals of SLS.

Objective 3: Identify opportunities for coordinated funding

- A. Prepare for the upcoming legislative session to recognize opportunities to leverage flood, ag & fish political capital to steer capacity and funding towards SLS priorities

Objective 4: Develop, implement and revise a two year workplan based on SLS Values and principles.

- A. Monthly SLS partner meetings are aligned with the priorities as identified in the workplan
- B. The SLS planning team addresses emerging needs and ensures alignment on priority actions.