

SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY SLS DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday July 9, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. (Zoom meeting)



Participants:

Bennett LaFond – Snohomish
Conservation District
Brian Bookie - National Foods, Co-chair
C. K. Eidem – Ducks Unlimited
Carol MacIroy - Carol MacIroy
Consulting
Dan Bartlheimer – Sno-Valley Farms
Dan Calvert – Puget Sound Partnership
Dani Driscoll - Snohomish County SWM
Erick Stockdale - Snohomish County
SWM
Heather Cole – The Nature Conservancy
Henry Lippek – Stillaguamish Flood
Control District
Jessica Hamill - Snohomish County
SWM
Kari Quaas - Snohomish Conservation
District
Kirk Lakey – Washington Department of
Fish and Wildlife

Kristin Marshall - Snohomish
Conservation District
Kurt Nelson – Tulalip Tribes
Larissa Lee - NOAA
**Linda Lyshall – Snohomish
Conservation District**
Linda Neunzig - Snohomish County Exec
Lindsey Desmul – Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lisa Nelson – Washington Department
of Ecology
Megan Darrow
Morgan Ruff – Tulalip Tribes
Nick Bratton - Forterra
Pat Stevenson – Stillaguamish Tribe
Paul Cereghino - NOAA
Rebecca Samy – Snohomish County PDS
Robin Fay – PCC Farmland Trust
Spencer Easton – ESA Consultants

Facilitator:

David Roberts – Kulshan Services (Facilitator)

Actions:

- David Roberts will check in with Andy and Terry regarding the letters of support for the two FbD grant application packages.
- David Roberts will have Terry and Brian sign the letters and return them to the IT leads.
- Joint Planning Group should begin working on work plan priorities.
- Linda will send a note to Rodney Pond and talk to Brian Bartelheimer regarding a nomination to the Executive Committee (EC).
- Jessica will follow-up with the SWM team regarding a nomination to the Executive Committee (EC).
- Additional nominations should be shared with David Roberts and Linda Lyshall.

Welcome, activity and agenda review

David Roberts welcomed everyone and noted that in spite of the Covid-19 challenges SLS was continuing to make progress and get things done. Teams are working. Grant money is now flowing, and projects are underway. There have been a number of good interactions between partners

opportunities for clarity. He also welcomed Morgan back who had been furloughed for several months.

Approval of meeting summary

June 11 meeting summary was approved with no changes.

Community Comment

No community members offered comment

Presentation, discussion, action

Letters of support for FbD submittals from two ITs

David Roberts introduced the agenda topic and asked the Partners if there were any comments or questions about the two letters or the project lists, both of which were included in the meeting packet. David acknowledged that a quorum of Executive Committee members were present. He asked the three members for their approval of the letters and for the Co-Chairs to sign letters of support.

Brian was supportive of the projects proposed. He said lots of work has gone into the process and he appreciates the updates the two ITs have made. Linda is in support of both projects and is very thankful for all of the support and efforts that have gone into the packages. CK also supports both proposed projects.

David said he would circle back with Terry Williams and Andy Werkhoven to make sure they were comfortable with moving forward before sending the letters for signature. (This was completed the next day and both Terry and Andy supported moving ahead.) The letters and final project lists will be posted on the SLS website.

SLS Draft Workplan Presentation

Dani Driscoll shared progress on the Joint Planning Group's (JPG) progress on the development of an SLS work plan and the near-term priorities that have been identified to date. Overall, the group seemed to appreciate the collaborative process and work that's gone into the workplan. It has been great having the Joint Planning Committee with different members to illustrate different perspectives.

Some clarification is needed on how the IT and EC work together. What happens if the EC doesn't agree with a proposed project? Will the IT continue to move forward? The project table should show timelines that cross-references with SLS goals and objectives. The Draft is on the website. The JPG will move forward with implementation of priority work and appreciates any input to the work plan which should be considered a living document.

Nominations for Executive Committee

Linda Lyshall discussed the desire to expand the membership of the Executive Committee. She asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone. The group is looking for additional fish interests as well as flood. Jessica shared that SWM is having the discussion regarding having a representative from the county be a flood expert. Brian Bartelheimer's name was suggested as a person with knowledge of flood issues. Linda nominated Rodney Pond from Sound Salmon Solutions. Linda will send a note to Rodney and talk to Brian. Jessica will follow-up with the SWM team. Additional nominations should be forwarded to David and Linda.

Overview of FbD Acquisition Strategy development process

Spencer Easton provided a brief summary of the FbD project aimed at developing a Goal: Brief overview of new SLS project. The SLS partners expressed interest in seeing the Tulalip Tribe Land Acquisition Strategy. Kurt Nelson stated there is a presentation that illustrates a nice storyboard of the process and Dani Driscoll is going to touch base to see if we can share the draft document with the partners. (See website.)

Updates

Lindsey Desmul reported that the NTA for outreach was approved for funding. She will be working with staff from SCD and SnoCo on developing a plan. Carol MacIlroy reported that the Stilly IT will be working on submitting FbD package and then transition of IT come August. She will be completing a review of the process and which the IT will share with the Partners. Spencer Easton shared that the Snohomish IT will be focusing on submitting their FbD package by the end of July.

Future meetings and agendas

David Roberts outlined plans for meetings that are being organized by the JPG. Meeting agenda topics will indicate how the presentations related to the work plan. Nick Bratton provided an update on the activities of the Comprehensive Plan Work Group. Carol suggested two times the Stilly IT would like to return to the Partners to discuss their internal review. Spencer requested time on the agenda in two months for review of the land acquisition strategy. Linda Lyshall suggested an agenda item to discuss how SLS moves forward with the future monitoring program. Additional topics will be added as the JPG schedules them.

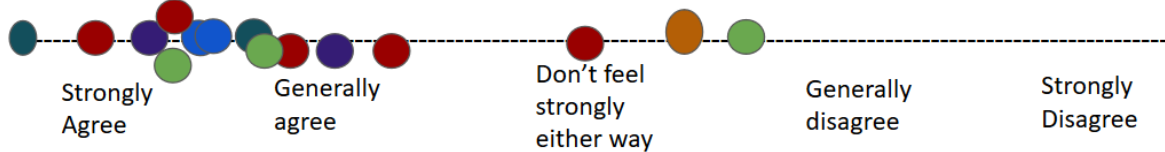
Future meeting topics at this time are as follows. All meetings will be virtual until further notice:

Month	Topics	Work Plan Reference
August 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DNR – mapping of salmon habitat capital projects• The WREC process in Snohomish County• Stilly IT - next steps/working strategy document	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
September 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stilly IT - strategy document• FbD land acquisition strategy• Multi-benefit project monitoring – Linda Lyshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
October 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD	
November 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FbD land acquisition strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD	

Closing exercise

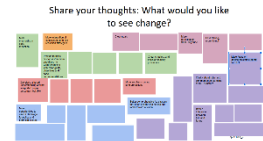
David Roberts share that he has been working with SLS for about one year and was interested in knowing how the Partners felt about progress. So he asked everyone to indicate how strongly they agreed with the following statement: “I like the overall progress and direction SLS is heading at this time.” Participants were asked to show their response by moving a dot on the continuum shown in the graphic below from a Google document.

1. I like the overall progress and direction SLS is heading at this time.



David observed that the majority of participants generally or strongly like that the progress and direction of SLS at this time. He asked the three people who were less excited or concerned about the progress and direction to call or write so he can understand their opinion.

The participants were then asked to answer a second question with specific input entered on a second page of the Google doc. "What would you like to see change?" The following answers were provided:



- More emphasis on flood reduction
- More integration of flood issues and risk reduction strategies
- Provide formal responses/recommendations to Comp Planning with clear goals, objectives and code recommendations
- Develop a shared understanding of what integrated project outcomes look like
- More opportunities to use EC leverage for policy and permitting issues
- Clear goals
- Clear structure and decision-making processes
- More emphasis on ag land protections
- Better comprehensive Ag strategy that goes beyond the pieces and looks toward a vision
- More participation from Stilly tribe
- Less talking, more doing!
- Clarity about roles and common understanding of SLS structure
- Better integration between fish and farms
- More focus on dedicated staff support for SLS

These comments will be forwarded to the JPG for consideration as they delve into the SLS priority work.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 11:45.