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2022

Objective	Task	Status (Underway, Ongoing, or Completed / Month & Year)	Lead person or entity	Support needed from	Expected completion date
Goal 1: Take Action on Policy, Projects and Measure Progress					
Objective 1: Increase the pace and magnitude of on-the-ground project implementation	Task A. ITs to develop broadly supported set of strategies at the reach or appropriate scale that results in an integrated suite of actions that support the advancement of fish, farm, and flood needs.	Ongoing			
	Task B. Secure and diversify the funding to support SLS priority farm, fish, and flood initiatives from federal, state, and local sources.				
	Task B1. Prepare for the upcoming legislative session to recognize opportunities to leverage ag & fish political capital to steer capacity and funding towards SLS priorities				
	Task B2. Suggested addition: Establish a Funding Workgroup to coordinate funding efforts, and to create and maintain a tool or tools to assist in funding solicitation.	Underway			
	Task C. Implement projects	Ongoing			
	Task C1. Stillaguamish IT Workplan (add link here)				
	Task C1. Snohomish IT Workplan (add link here)				
	Task D. 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.				
	Task D1. Identify key attributes needed to convey progress for SLS Partners and the public				
	Task D2. Review existing plans to determine fish, farm, and flood goals and outcomes				

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	Task D3. Identify top indicators to measure progress for fish, farms, and floods				
	Task E. Work with broader SLS partners to track progress across watersheds				
Objective 2: Identify and advance key policy, funding, and political needs to increase the pace and magnitude of integrated floodplain management actions in Snohomish County	Task A. Facilitate discussions with partners, elected officials, state and federal agencies, and others to move concepts forward in a coordinated manner.				
	Task A1. Riparian enhancement or protection (working buffers, flexible buffer widths etc.). Be aware of what is happening with riparian protection in the Centennial Accord and Tulalip Tribe's <u>research work</u>				
	Task A2. Farmland protection policy and funding	Ongoing			
	Task A3. Advance policy issues from the Stilly IT (in review currently):				
	<i>Task A3a. Build support for flood protection measures</i>				
	<i>Task A3b. Help partner with Ecology to build an irrigation efficiency and water availability program that addresses the needs of salmon and agriculture</i>				
	<i>Task A3c. Determine if an approach to creating a "riparian short plat" is feasible and supported</i>				
	<i>Task A3d. Assist with building political and financial support for projects like the South Slough Reconnection and Flood Risk reduction Project in the Stillaguamish</i>				
	Task A4. Advance policy issues from the Snohomish IT:				
	<i>Task A4a. Advocate for more funding for agricultural conservation easements</i>				

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	<i>Task A4b. Support flexibility from funders or permittees on multi-benefit solutions on farmland (I.e. boundary-line adjustments, flood easements)</i>				
	<i>Task A4c. Advocate for Ecology support for buy-protect-sell for agricultural lands</i>				
	<i>Task A4d. Support viable agricultural economy and ag businesses with things like funding for infrastructure improvements and permitting pathways for infrastructure improvements</i>				
	<i>Task A4e. Support cooperation between fish/habitat goals and farmer drainage/land needs.</i>				
	<i>Task A4f. Support on reducing regulatory barriers to implementing BMPs on farmland, especially surrounding water rights and storage (source switch and retiming)</i>				
	<i>Task A4g. Clarify the relationship between the SC and the IT</i>	Completed			
	Task A5. Coordinate input to Snohomish County regarding update to their Comprehensive Plan and other land use policy initiatives to support SLS objectives.	Ongoing			
	Task A6. Pursue regulatory “Harmonization” to address silos and conflicts.				
Task A7. Incorporate up to date climate data in consideration of alternatives.	Ongoing				
Goal 2: 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	Task A. Complete the development of a communications workplan.	Completed			
	Task A1. Integrate communications needs of ITs.	Completed			

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and/or developed through the SLS collaboration	Task A2. Include Communications Plan as an appendix to this workplan.	Completed			
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.	Task A. Sponsor monthly education seminars on topics of interest to SLS alternating fish, farm and flood.	Ongoing			
	Task B. Develop a shared understanding of the science and business in relation to fish restoration and agriculture viability				
Goal 3: Create a Collaborative Organizational Structure to Facilitate Action					
Objective 1: Establish the structure, roles, and responsibilities that support the SLS collaboration with a focus on taking action.	Task A. Fill roles and/or expand membership based on identified needs and gaps critical to moving work forward.	Ongoing			
	Task A1. Increase participation by flood interests and acknowledge importance of flood management.	Completed			
	Task A2. Engage water supply interests.				
	Task B. Work with Partners to ID a structure and associated roles and responsibilities to optimize SLS effectiveness and efficiency.	Completed 12/10/20			

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	Task C. Clarify processes to ensure that decisions and disagreements are resolved through collaborative forums based on the SLS values.	Underway			
	Task D. Secure dedicated and paid staff to support the collaboration				
	Task E. Identify paid staff to support the SLS SC and Partners in achieving their goals and workplan implementation	Completed			
	Task F. Define SLS collaboration, coordination, communication in the context of SLS.				
Objective 2: Review and clarify the mission and overarching goals of SLS.	Task A. SLS Steering Committee will review the mission to define Net Gain means.	Completed 12/10/20			
	Task B. Establish SLS goals that will allow us to communicate success.	Completed 12/10/20			
	Task C. Develop a Multi-Benefit Monitoring Plan.	Underway			
Objective 3: Identify opportunities for coordinated funding	Task 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.	Task A. The SLS Steering Committee addresses emerging needs and ensures alignment on priority actions.	Ongoing			
	Task B. Bi-monthly SLS partner meetings are aligned with the priorities as identified in the workplan	Ongoing			
Objective 5: Ensure SLS workplan ties into processes from other groups and watersheds and addresses cumulative effects.					

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DavidR: Broadly supported means the community, SLS Partners and the SC support the suites of actions as proposed - consistent with SLS Values, goals, and principles.
DavidR: Does this task fit better under Goal 3?
DavidR: Completed in 2021, need strategy for 2022. See goal 3 objective 3
DavidR: Funding Workgroup needs support
DavidR: The two ITs have agreed to keep their workplans in a separate location and provide a link to each here.
DavidR: Is Task D part of the Index of Watershed Health (Goal 3, Task 2C)?

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DavidR: Is Task E part of the Index of Watershed Health (Goal 3, Task 2C)?
DavidR: Farmland protection policies are being addressed in the Comp Plan WG. Funding is being explored in the Funding WG.
DavidR: Stilly IT - please revise these Policy issues as appropriate
DavidR: Snohomish IT - please revise these Policy issues as appropriate

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DavidR: This Task should be updated by the Communications Team.
DavidR: Do the ITs have what they need from the Communications Group?

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DavidR: We could include a link to the Communications Plan here.
DavidR: Our Special Topics seminars and discussions
DavidR: Use our Special Topics seminars and discussions to accomplish this.
DavidR: I believe this pertains to the Steering Committee
DavidR: We now have Erik representing the community flood interests.
DavidR: This product is the SLS Organizational Structure and Roles document from 12-10-20

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DavidR: Currently being discussed at the SC with ITs and other workgroup leads.
DavidR: Peak Sustainability Group is now staffing SC, Partners, Comp Plan WG, and Communications Group as well as producing the SLS News Update and organizing the Special Topics seminars.
DavidR: Suggest we continue to explore and clarify expectations within SLS in 2022.
DavidR: SLS has a new mission statement from 12-10-20
DavidR: SLS has broad goals identified in 12-10-20
DavidR: Suggest this become a separate objective.
DavidR: Steering Committee meets with ITs and other standing committee reps every other month to stay on top of issues.
DavidR: Need guidance from SC and others on priorities and timing for Partner meetings.
DavidR: Need a task for this objective.

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