

Owner Cat.	Habitat			Shellfish			Stormwater			Total		
	#	%	Cum %	#	%	Cum %	#	%	Cum %	#	%	Cum %
Federal	1	2%		0	0%		1	3%		2	2%	
State	8	17%	19%	2	22%	22%	12	41%	45%	22	26%	28%
Regional	9	19%	38%	1	11%	33%	1	3%	48%	11	13%	41%
UW	2	4%	43%	0	0%	33%	2	7%	55%	4	5%	46%
Local King Co.	5	11%	53%	0	0%	33%	5	17%	72%	10	12%	58%
Tribe	2	4%	57%	0	0%	33%	2	7%	79%	4	5%	62%
Local Other	20	43%	100%	6	67%	100%	6	21%	100%	32	38%	100%
Grand Total	47			9			29			85		

Analysis provided by SJC LIO

Note: Number and percent of Quartile 1 NTAs is only based on ownership, not whether the NTA is to be implemented locally or regionally. Some regional owners may be implementing an NTA in only one LIO, but that is not reflected here.

Highlights of SJC LIO Concerns:

1. The ranking places a relatively high priority on Federal, State and regional entities' actions. This concern stems from the 41% of top ranked NTA proposals—those falling into the top quartile—being owned by Federal, State, and regional (e.g., foundation, district caucus) entities. An additional 12% are owned by King County while only 38% are owned by 32 other local entities across all nine LIOs.
2. This outcome of the ranking was not anticipated and brings into question how the LIOs are to bring value to the program. This is particularly evident within the stormwater initiative where a full 41% of the top ranked NTAs are owned by State agencies.
3. Based on the current NTA cost estimates, ranking and the Partnership's stated premise that any deviation from ranking as the basis for funding will be by exception, the \$15M allocated from NEP this year will fund a very limited number of NTAs: up to 12 in stormwater, up to 3 in habitat, and up to 5 in shellfish initiatives. The number of actions and potential funds awarded to each organization (without consideration of Strategic Initiative Lead organizations' costs) directs 40% of the FY2016 NTA implementation funds to Federal and State agencies.
4. The NTA ranking places an emphasis on funding studies this year with \$5.6M, or 37%, of the \$15M to be directed toward studies. These studies are largely to be led by Federal and State agencies and the University of Washington, which are positioned for \$4.6M of this near term funding. Studies as well as outreach also are prioritized for future funding within the stormwater initiative in which only 30% of the top ranked NTAs are projects applying proven management practices to reduce stormwater impacts.
5. Of the 12 vessel traffic and oil spill related NTAs proposed, three are ranked in the top quartile. None currently are positioned in the Action Agenda for NEP funding until over \$8M is awarded to other habitat initiative actions. This would delay to future years any NEP-funded actions to address ongoing impacts and rapidly escalating risks from vessel traffic. Addressing these threats to the entire Puget Sound is not only among the Partnership's Regional Priorities and the highest priority for the North Sound LIOs, but also is needed now to support Federal transboundary policy development.