

Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
December 8, 2015, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Via conference call

Participants

Jesse Barham, City of Olympia
Erica Bates, WSU Extension
John Bolender, Mason Conservation District
Karla Fowler, LOTT
Justin Hall, Nisqually River Council
Ray Hanowell, Tacoma-Pierce County Health
Department
Tom Kantz, Pierce County
Audrey Lamb, Taylor Shellfish
Jane Mountjoy-Venning, Thurston County
Sue Patnude, DERT
Jordan Rash, Forterra

Heather Saunders-Benson, Thurston County
Alex Smith, Port of Olympia
Amber Smith, Thurston ECO Network
Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Karen Strelloff, Mason Conservation District
Jenn Thurman-Williams, Mason Conservation
District

Meeting Coordination:

Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Andy Chinn, Ross Strategic

Meeting Summary

I. Council Administrative Items

November Meeting Summary

- Council members approved the November 2015 meeting summary, which will be posted to the AHSS website.

2016 Meeting Schedule

- Council members agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of every other month in 2016.

II. South Sound Near Term Actions

Elizabeth provided an update on submittal of AHSS near term actions for consideration in the 2016 Puget Sound Action Agenda update. Per AHSS Executive Committee decision, all proposed NTAs will be submitted to PSP for review and consideration. The deadline to submit full NTA proposals to PSP is December 31.

Next Steps

- Elizabeth will work with NTA sponsors to finalize their NTA proposals and will submit all proposed NTAs to PSP by December 31.

III. South Sound Strategy Development

AHSS Council 12-8-15 Meeting Summary

The AHSS Technical Team will complete a substantial amount of work on the South Sound Strategy during the first quarter of 2016. The Technical Team will update the AHSS Council and request feedback on elements of the draft recovery strategy as needed.

IV. AHSS Council Role and Work in 2016

AHSS Council members discussed the role of the AHSS Council and areas in which the Council could work throughout 2016. Suggested included:

- Defining the Council's role in relation to the Executive Committee; cleaning up the process between the two bodies such that the Council is providing meaningful input to the Executive Committee. This could include a re-examination of the AHSS bylaws, joint Council-Executive Committee meetings, and hearing from the Executive Committee on their vision for AHSS.
- Presenting the South Sound Strategy at the 2016 South Sound Science Symposium.
- Working more closely with the Thurston and Mason ECO Network coordinators on education and outreach opportunities.

[Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm]

Next meeting: TBD