

**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting**  
**June 28, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**LOTT Clean Water Alliance**  
**500 Adams Street NE, Olympia, WA**

**Participants**

Jesse Barham, City of Olympia	Chris Schutz, Pierce County
Erica Bates, WSU Extension	Wendy Steffenson, LOTT
Terry Blair, Pierce County	Stephanie Suter, PSP
John Bolender, Mason Conservation District	Lydia Wagner, ECY
Cindy Callahan, Pierce County Public Health	Allan Warren, Pierce Conservation District
Karla Fowler, LOTT	
Justin Hall, Nisqually River Council	Meeting Facilitation/Coordination:
Rachael Jamison, Port of Olympia	Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Tom Kantz, Pierce County	Andy Chinn, Ross Strategic
Ilon Logan, ESA	
Dave Peeler, DERT	
Debbie Riley, Mason County	
Al Schmauder, Chambers-Clover Watershed Council	

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Council Administrative Items**

May Meeting Summary

- Council members approved the May 2016 meeting summary as amended; the summary will be posted to the AHSS website.

PSP Updates

- The draft SOW for the 2016-2017 LIO activities is under development and will be circulated soon.
- PSP, LIOs, and EPA will meet with the Strategic Initiative leads to discuss the \$100,000 implementation funding.
- A new ECB coordinator for AHSS will be introduced at the November AHSS meeting.
- The JLARC review of PSP activities is ongoing.

ECO Network Updates

- Thurston ECO Net continues to meet monthly and currently has 164 members. Although PSP funding for coordination is over, Amber will continue as coordinator for the next year and the Thurston ECO net Website is funded for the next two years.

**II. AHSS Executive Committee Updates**

- During its May meeting the Executive Committee discussed alternative organizational structures as mentioned previously. The Executive Committee is interested in supplementary capacity to look for additional funding. They also have thought about how AHSS is set up internally.

- The JLARC has asked to meet with each LIO and a draft AHSS letter to JLARC is in progress. The fact sheet for the JLARC's work with PSP is available here:  
<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/AuditAndStudyReports/Documents/PugetSoundPartnership2016SO.pdf>

### III. South Sound Strategy

Ross Strategic and ESA provided an update presentation on the draft South Sound Strategy. Technical Team members pointed out that the strategy is not starting from scratch and is based upon a significant body of work that was completed for the first *Action Agenda for Puget Sound*, in addition to salmon recovery planning. During the presentation, Council members reviewed the draft introduction, draft prairie/oak woodlands section, draft water quality section, and draft targets.

#### Discussion:

- In-depth climate adaptation strategies such as large seawall projects are outside the scope of the South Sound Strategy. The South Sound Strategy is intended as the starting framework for discussions around those types of projects.
- Native prairies include agricultural lands, as included in the DNR dataset.
- It would be helpful to explain B-IBI scores and the advantages of B-IBI as a water quality indicator.
- Several organizations have volunteer data collection programs that could be useful for the South Sound Strategy – not as primary sources but to bolster other existing sources.
- Technical Team could consider the WDFW Mussel Watch program data.
- Governor Inslee's Shellfish Initiative includes some targets (although they could be Puget Sound-wide).
- The conservation districts are implementing marine nearshore programs. The programs do not all include detailed restoration goals but it would be useful to highlight them.
- Isolating data by inlet/island group would be useful because of the variation between them.

#### Next Steps

- Ross Strategic will circulate links to the draft introduction, draft prairie/oak woodlands section, draft water quality section, and draft targets.

[Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm]

**Next meeting: September 6, 2016, LOTT Cleanwater Alliance**