

**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
November 1, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
LOTT Clean Water Alliance
500 Adams Street NE, Olympia, WA**

Participants

Nancy Arnold, South Sound Estuary Association	Sue Patnude, DERT
Jesse Barham, City of Olympia	Dave Peeler, DERT
Jeff Barney, Pierce County	Wendy Steffensen, LOTT
Evan Bauder, Mason Conservation District	Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Marian Berejikian, West Sound Watersheds Council	Stephanie Suter, PSP
Justin Hall, Nisqually River Council	Jim Wilcox, Wilcox Farms, Leadership Council
Ray Hanowell, Thurston-Pierce County Public Health	liaison
Tom Kantz, Pierce County	Allan Warren, Pierce Conservation District
Sasha Medlen, South Sound Estuary Association	Meeting Facilitation/Coordination: Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic Andy Chinn, Ross Strategic

Meeting Summary

I. Council Administrative Items

September Meeting Summary

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

PSP Updates

- Survey results from the 2016 Action Agenda update “after action” review are being analyzed. Results will be distributed to survey participants and the ECB.

Council Chair and Vice-Chair

- Justin Hall’s term as AHSS Council Chair will expire at the end of December. As Vice-Chair, Tom Kantz will become the new AHSS Council Chair effective January 1. Evan Bauder was confirmed as the AHSS Council Vice-Chair.

LIO Scope of Work

- The 2016-2017 draft LIO SOW is now finalized.

II. Allocation for NTA Direct Funding

The Strategic Initiative leads will make funding decisions by November 10, after which time AHSS will have a short turnaround time to submit its proposed project for \$100,000 in funding. The Technical Team has recommended that the South Sound Shellfish project be submitted as the AHSS preferred NTA. The Executive Committee will make a final decision during its November meeting.

- Ross Strategic will circulate the “Budget Buddy” document that summarizes all of the items in the governor’s budget that affect salmon recovery work.

Next Steps

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- Elizabeth will circulate the funding recommendations from the Strategic Initiative leads, once they are released.

III. South Sound Strategy

The AHSS Technical Team and contractor ESA will be working to finalize the South Sound Strategy by December 31. Elizabeth will be distributing an updated draft for review in the next few weeks with a request for feedback in three areas:

- Are the targets understandable and reasonable? Is there a reasonable conceptual model associated with the targets? Are there any local targets that are not currently in the strategy and should be incorporated?
- What are the key gaps in the narrative description of the strategy?
- How could the strategy be most useful to you?

The Technical Team emphasized that the Strategy is intended to be a starting point to discuss funding, timelines, and outreach/education.

Questions and Comments

- It would be useful to have a key or guide for interpreting the tables in the strategy
- Is there a way to incorporate TMDL data from Ecology?
- Is there an outreach and education component to the Strategy?
- If the South Sound Strategy is “approved” by the Executive Committee, does that make it binding? Should the Executive Committee members sign an MOU?
- It would be useful to be able to access the data sources behind the strategy.
- The Strategy should be incorporated into the scoring process for South Sound NTAs (the next round of NTA development will be starting soon).
- For outreach and education organizations, it would be useful to have some text that addresses the most important elements to communicate to the public.
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Next Steps

- The Outreach and Education Team will develop draft text to insert in the South Sound Strategy.
- Elizabeth will circulate an updated draft South Sound Strategy to Council members with specific review instructions.

V. Other Items

- The South Sound Science Symposium is upcoming – list of speakers is posted on the website.
- South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group finished the Likes Creek culvert replacement project. One culvert was under a rail line, the other was under a county road. Unspent project funds will be used to work on additional upstream projects.

[Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm]

Next meeting: January 3, 2017, LOTT Cleanwater Alliance