

**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
September 6, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
LOTT Clean Water Alliance
500 Adams Street NE, Olympia, WA**

Participants

Jesse Barham, City of Olympia	Sue Patnude, DERT
Jeff Barney, Pierce County	Wendy Steffenson, LOTT
Evan Bauder, Mason Conservation District	Scott Steltzner, Squaxin Island Tribe
Marian Berejikian, West Sound Watersheds Council	Merita Trohimovich, City of Tacoma
Cindy Callahan, Pierce County Public Health	Jennifer Whipple, Taylor Shellfish
Justin Hall, Nisqually River Council	Dan Wrye, Pierce County Surface Water, ECB
Amy Hatch-Winecka, Thurston Conservation District	Representative
Jack Havens, CLIPA	Meeting Facilitation/Coordination:
Tom Kantz, Pierce County	Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Neil McLanahan, City of Tumwater	Andy Chinn, Ross Strategic
Brad Murphy, Thurston County	

Meeting Summary

I. Council Administrative Items

June Meeting Summary

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

PSP Updates

- The ECB is considering adopting more formal “Roberts-Style” rules for its meetings. ECB is also considering the following items for its 2016-2017 workplan:
 - Funding allocation for the various Strategic Initiatives
 - Accountability for underperforming Vital Signs
 - Funding for watershed scale-based programs
 - PSP engagement with local elected officials
 - Vessel and transboundary issues
- PSP is scheduled to unveil its legislative initiatives.

ECO Network Updates

- The Great Yards Get-Together is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th from 10-2 at Heritage Park. There will be interactive booths, tons of helpful tips on natural yard care topics, expert demonstrations, giveaways, live music, food, family activities, etc. They have a Facebook event page and the city of Olympia made a short silly video to help promote it. The video is on the city's Facebook page.

LIO Scope of Work

- The 2016-2017 draft LIO SOW is similar to the previous year but with some additional administrative items. PSP will be finalizing the SOW soon.

II. Allocation for NTA Direct Funding

The Strategic Initiative leads will make funding decisions in early November, after which time AHSS will have a short turnaround time to submit its proposed project for \$100,000 in funding. After consulting with the Technical Team, the South Sound Shellfish project ranked highest among the 2016 NTAs. AHSS informed the Strategic Initiative teams (per their request) that the AHSS request would likely fall under the shellfish Strategic Initiative.

- Marian noted that the proposed NTA should be measurable or successful; this is a trial run for direct funding so measurement and/or success are important.

III. South Sound Strategy

The AHSS Technical Team and contractor ESA went through all of the selected attributes and identified appropriate attributes for target setting. Some of the attributes have previously developed numerical targets (e.g., habitat, salmon) that will be adopted for the South Sound Strategy. Other attributes (e.g., herring) do not have sufficient data or a good enough model to develop targets. The time horizon for the targets is an open question; the targets are ambitious and AHSS must consider an approach to the targets and how progress will be made and measured.

The first South Sound Strategy draft will be submitted to PSP on September 30. The draft will continue to be revised throughout October, November, and December.

Questions and Comments

- The South Sound Strategy will include projects and programs in place that exemplify the work that should happen, according to the targets laid out in the Strategy.
- The Technical Team is interested in the balance between providing guidance and being overly prescriptive.
- Updating/reporting on the South Sound Strategy is still undetermined.
- Obtaining buy-in from various local governments on the goals and targets is still to be determined.

IV. Education and Outreach Team

The Education and Outreach Team is developing a short video on South Sound shellfish with the assistance of a local video artist/producer.

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: November 1, 2016, LOTT Cleanwater Alliance