***GUIDANCE FOR ADDING LOCAL CONTEXT TO REGIONAL PRIORITIES***

**What does Local Context do?**

Local context provides additional specificity to how a regional priority is implemented in an LIO geography.

**Objectives for Local Context:**

* LIOs incorporate their local expertise, approaches, and priorities to further customize Action Agenda implementation in their area.
* NTA owners have clear sideboards when developing NTAs.
* LIOs have a clear basis for reviewing NTAs before they are adopted into the Action Agenda.
* NTAs are reflective of specific LIO approaches and priorities.
* Basis for coordination and collaboration between NTA owners and LIOs during NTA development.

**How will local context be used?**

NTA owners will develop their NTAs to be responsive to the local context of the regional priority.

LIOs will use the local context alignment when reviewing and recommending an NTA for 2018 Action Agenda adoption.

SIATs will evaluate and prioritize NTAs on a set of criteria including how well an NTA aligns with regional priority which includes local context. Draft Solicitation (out July 5th) will have further detail.

***The solicitation is limited in space. Please indicate local context in the following format:***

**KEY:**

**Not applicable**: This regional priority is not a priority in this LIO. NTAs should not be submitted for this approach in this LIO.

**Applicable, no additional info**: This regional priority is applicable in this LIO but no further specification than what is already listed is necessary or available from the LIO.

**Applicable, see local context:** This regional priority is applicable to the LIO, and additional specifications are necessary for any NTAs being proposed in this LIO area. (Note: LIOs will need to provide additional specification to the regional priority, which will briefly be referenced in the regional priority table, but will be published in an appendix that contains the full local context text. For example, LIOs could refer to a particular element from the LIO Plan, calling it out and demonstrating the further clarification from the regional priority to the Local Context. If an LIO intends to reference the LIO Plan, please cite specific page numbers and tables.)

**Addressed, no NTAs needed**: This regional priority is currently being and/or has already been addressed by this LIO and no additional NTAs are requested. (Note: This is intended to be a way to communicate progress in your LIO. You can provide a link to a prior NTA, LE 4YWP, report, website, etc. that describes what was done, if applicable.)

Example Table- not a full table of approaches under Floodplains (FP1) Regional Priority

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| Approach\* | Desired Outcome | Description/  Clarifications | Local Context (LIO will indicate using the KEY listed above) |
| FP1. ENABLE GREATER LOCAL PLANNING CAPACITY TO ADDRESS RESTORATION AND PROTECTION | | | |
| FP.1.1 Identify ecologically important areas | Reach-scale planning will be able to address ecologically important areas | May include: ‘policy needs’, ‘example actions’ & ‘proposal guidance’ | Island: |
| HCCC: |
| San Juan: |
| Snohomish-Stillaguamish: |
| South Central: |
| South Sound: |
| Strait: |
| West Central: |
| Whatcom: |

**Developing Local Context: For each Regional Priority and associated information:**

**Begin here:**

Within a Regional Priority, is the ‘approach’ relevant to your LIO?

NO

Write “**Not applicable”** in cell.

YES

Does this ‘approach’ require further action within your LIO?

STOP

Write: “**Addressed, no NTAs needed”** in cell and provide link to report, website, or article, if applicable.

NO

Does your LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan provide further specificity to the ‘approach’?

YES

STOP

Write: “**Applicable, no additional info”** in cell. The approach & associated priority is applicable in your LIO and no further specification is necessary.

NO

YES

Write: “**Applicable, see local context”** in cell.Provide additional specification to customize how the ‘approach’ is implemented in your LIO. (Note: the information provided here will be housed in an Appendix linked directly to the table

Is there a geographic focus within your LIO for this Regional Priority?

What information or resources should be used?

Who are the necessary actors or participants?

What else do NTA owners need to know or address for their NTA to be successful in your LIO area?

EXAMPLES

STOP

Has your LIO prioritized this action? (High. Med, Low)?

STOP