



**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Executive Committee Meeting**  
**January 12, 2018, 2:00 – 3:00 pm**  
**Conference Call**

**Executive Committee Members:**

Jeff Dickison, Squaxin Island Tribe  
Commissioner Kevin Shutty, Mason County  
Derek Young, Pierce County Council

**Additional Attendees:**

Jeff Barney, Pierce County  
Tom Kantz, Pierce County

**Meeting Summary**

**I. AHSS Administrative Updates**

- The September AHSS Executive Meeting summary was not discussed because the Committee did not have a quorum.
- No updates from the ECB.
- Tom Kantz and Jeff Barney provided the following update from the AHSS Council:
  - South Sound Shellfish received a second round of funding, bringing the total funding up to almost \$1.2 million, which will be shared between participating jurisdictions. The funding distributions are still being discussed but should be sorted out by March.
  - Jeff Dickison noted that this project aligns well with the AHSS Shellfish Initiative and it will be important to coordinate where possible.

**II. 2018 NTA Solicitation from PSP**

The Puget Sound Partnership is undergoing another update to the Action Agenda that will set the menu of actions that are needed to restore Puget Sound. Projects in the Action Agenda are eligible to be considered for NEP funding; other funders also use the Action Agenda as a factor in making funding decisions. The Action Agenda under development now will be in place for 4 years – 2018-2022. Project sponsors were required to pre-register proposed actions by December 22. There were about 75 pre-registered in South Sound. This list includes projects only in South Sound, projects in South Sound and one other LIO, and Regional NTAs, which occur in South Sound and two other LIOs. AHSS has an opportunity to review the pre-registered projects to flag and provide feedback for revisions, as needed.

The proposed process for review, given limited resources, is to focus on the projects not included in 4-Year Work Plans, as these undergo local review already. That leaves about 47 projects to review. The Technical Team will review and discuss these projects and flag any that they recommend for further review and consideration by the Executive Committee.

In addition to the South Sound projects, there are about 240 projects pre-registered as Puget Sound-wide actions. Elizabeth is skimming these actions and will flag anything that raises a concern.



#### Executive Committee Comments:

- Jeff Dickison noted that this round of projects will be different because many of them are being submitted so that they can later be eligible for funding. We will need to identify those projects that need our attention, as opposed to those that are just trying to be on the list to secure funding.

### III. AHSS Project Review and Ranking Process

The Technical Team has been working to update the criteria used to review and rank projects. This was an effort to consolidate and improve the criteria used in the past (see the [AHSS Project Endorsement Page](#)). The updated process scores each project based on benefit, likelihood of success, and consistency with the South Sound Strategy. The aggregated scores are used to sort projects into one of four bins. Projects in Bin 4 (highest ranking projects) are automatically endorsed by the AHSS; projects in bins three and two would go to the Executive Committee with a recommendation from the Technical Team on whether to endorse; and projects in bin one (the lowest scoring) would not be endorsed. Similar to the AHSS project review process used in the past, this process does result a ranked list of projects, rather it sorts projects into bins. The Technical Team is interested in the ability to create a ranked project list; in support of this Molly is collating and comparing criteria used to rank projects from other jurisdictions in the South Sound.

#### Executive Committee Comments

- None.

#### Other Participants Comments

- None.

### IV. Updates

Elizabeth provided the following updates on current AHSS workstreams:

- The AHSS submitted a comment letter in November on the Washington Department of Ecology's proposed No Discharge Zone. The letter expressed support for the concept but reiterated concerns with lack of pump out stations in South Sound.
- The AHSS Shellfish Initiative work is coming along. We are compiling resources for homeowners on septic system repair, creating a spreadsheet of funding opportunities for shellfish work, and continuing to work on recreation and commercial shellfish mapping in South Sound. As resources are completed they will be added to AHSS Council and Executive Committee meeting agendas for review and will then be posted to the AHSS website.

#### Executive Committee Comments:

- No comments.

#### Other Participant Comments:

- No comments.



## **V. Wrap Up and Future Meeting Topics**

Elizabeth reviewed continuing work and AHSS Executive Committee future meeting topics:

- Review decisions on proposed NTAs for the Action Agenda.
- Continue discussing and moving forward the Shellfish Initiative work, and consider options for the Alliance to have the opportunity to sponsor its own work.
- Review the Ecosystem Recovery Plan later in the year.
- Discuss the Alliance's role in the salmon recovery and coordination with Lead Entities in the South Sound.

Executive Committee Comments:

- Jeff Dickison added that the group should discuss the additional Shellfish funding and how it will be deployed.

[Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm]

**Next meeting: February 28, 2018, 2-4pm, LOTT Clean Water Alliance**