



**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Executive Committee Meeting
May 10, 2018, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Conference Call**

Executive Committee Members:

Jeff Dickison, Squaxin Island Tribe
Commissioner Bud Blake, Thurston County
David Troutt, Nisqually Tribe

Additional Attendees:

Jeff Barney, Pierce County
Tom Kantz, Pierce County
Stephanie Suter, Puget Sound Partnership
Evan Bauder, Mason Conservation District
John Bolender, Mason Conservation District

Meeting Summary

I. AHSS Administrative Updates

Due to the limited attendance by Executive Committee members and the timeframe for reviewing Near Term Actions (NTAs), Committee members present on the call elected to focus on the NTA Review and Endorsement process agenda item and push the remaining agenda items for the July Executive Committee Call.

II. AHSS Shellfish and Clean Water Initiative and AHSS Website Update

This agenda item will be covered at the next AHSS Executive Committee Meeting.

III. AHSS Project Review and Ranking Process

Elizabeth provided a brief overview of the AHSS process for scoring and ranking projects. Technical Team members that participated in the process reviewed and scored each project according to the published AHSS scoring process based on each project's anticipated benefit, likelihood of success, and consistency with the South Sound Strategy. The aggregated scores for each of the three categories were then used to sort projects into one of four bins. According to the AHSS scoring process, 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. Technical Team members convened via conference call twice to discuss their individual scoring of projects and settle any discrepancies to provide project bin recommendations for the Executive Committee. The Technical Team adopted an approach that calculated the mode and quartiles across the individual reviewers score to determine an aggregated bin score for each project.

The Technical Team scoring process resulted in 15 NTAs in Bin 4, 29 NTAs in Bin 3, 2 NTA in Bin 2, and 0 NTAs in Bin 1. They recommended that AHSS endorse all NTAs in Bins 4, 3, and 2. This year, in addition to a yes/no endorsement decision, LIOs have been asked to provide LIO-scale bin scores to the Puget Sound Partnership so that these LIO-scale scores can be factored into the Puget Sound Scale review



process. For local projects, LIO-scale scores will count for 20% of the PSP score. The Technical Team recommended forwarding to PSP the bin scores which resulted from there process.

Executive Committee members present on the call proposed to accept the Technical Team scores and forward them to PSP with one adjustment. They proposed to revise the cutoff between projects that ranked 4 (highest) and projects that ranked 3 to capture additional projects which are believed to be of high protection/restoration value but scored low because they are a (relatively) small size, i.e., they do not address multiple watersheds. Because a number of Executive Committee members were absent from the call, the present members elected to circulate the proposal via email to get consensus from all members. Subsequent to the meeting Executive Committee members who were not present confirmed their agreement with the proposed path forward and the NTA resulting scores were provided to the Puget Sound Partnership for inclusion in the PSP scoring and ranking process.

Executive Committee members commented that there is a need to reevaluate the scoring criteria with the Technical Team in an effort to better address scoring of projects that are relatively small in geographical scope but may still be highly beneficial.

V. Wrap Up and Future Meeting Topics

- Reevaluate project scoring criteria.
- Discuss future meetings and the need for improved attendance and engagement of Executive Committee members.

[Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm]

Next meeting: July 25, 2018, 2-4pm, Mason County