



**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
December 3rd, 2019 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

In-person location: Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct SW, Olympia, WA 98502

Webinar option: <https://rossstrategic.zoom.us/j/140423654>

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Meeting Summary

I. PSP Updates (Dan Calvert)

- The group is requesting \$100,000 for tracking progress measures
- The group is requesting to GOV & OFM to provide comments for SRKW Task Force report
- The group has released the newest State of the Sound Report
- The group anticipates getting info on decisions on NEP funding
- There is an upcoming meeting funded by EPA on alliance spending, the group is checking to see if there is seating available for members of AHSS at this meeting, but there are members from all the LIOs there

II. NEP Funding

- For the next action agenda in 2022 there will be another funding contract under EPA, but there will be funding for current actions in this agenda.
- There is the potential for having presentations for NEP funded projects to show progress and updates, will have shore friendly reporting what they intend to do at the next meeting

III. GIS Update (Brian McTeague)

Brian McTeague, Squaxin Island Tribe Quantitative Services Manager, provided an update on the GIS updates to the Alliance mapping.

- The main focus of the 2020 Update is to update the various GIS data layers displayed in the Web Map Apps and update the Attribute Summary Tables of the South Sound Strategy with the latest available data.
- Key Additions to the Mappers will be:

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- *Coastal Geologic Services Beach Strategies* (2020) data layers including Prioritized Layers for
 - Sediment Supply
 - Accretion Shoreform Support
 - Forage Fish Spawning
 - the Composite Recommendations 'combined' conglomerate
 - *Canned Queries* for 'Areas of Interest/Focus' which could include;
 - Forage fish
 - Salmonids
 - Armoring / Shorefriendly
 - DriftCells / Shoreforms
 - Embayments
 - Prairies / Oak Woodlands
 - Forests / Riparian / Freshwater
 - Water Quality
 - Shellfish
 - Timeline:
 - AHSS: South Sound Strategy Update (Summary Attributes): January 2020
 - SIT Coastal Catchment Analysis Project Update: January 2020
 - AHSS GIS: January 2020
 - AHSS web maps: January/February 2020
 - Finalizing of Priority Queries: February/March 2020
 - Addition of Priority Queries to web maps: March 2020

Discussion

- Checked to see if the presence of forage fish is being included with the analysis, since the data is limited. Beach strategies only ran analysis on beaches with documented forage fish within the layers used for this project
- Possibly show the linkages between queries in the updated mapper
- Possibly check to see if there is data coming out of chambers railroad project
- Is wild fish conservancy stream typing data in the mapping tool? Pierce County is trying to incorporate it into their maps
- DNR water typing data is essentially model based on 30m DEM, which is low resolution, but the new LIDAR is coming out soon for a higher resolution map
- Look at the possibility of Including a layer for invasive species
- Possibly include sea level rise projections into the mapper
- Link to other public GIS sites so that there isn't Pierce County Parcel, Wetland data housed by Pierce County since it is updated regularly; this site also has permitting data to be a nice way for a project sponsor to start understanding what it is going to take to start a project
- Good to know where the centers and corridors that the counties are planning development, from County Planners
- There is a project for Goldsborough Creek restoration, there is bacterial screening being done for this project and the data could potentially be utilized for this project into the future
- What can this mapper do to help people connect the dots for watershed restoration projects, what is it these individuals need

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- Data layers for bathometric data is set to get incorporated into the mapper to find trends and changes, there is a tidal gage going into Olympia for this data type
 - Make sure Brian Links are shared with the group

IV. Updates and Round Robin

- Funded shore friendly who just got their contract signed and there is a new person, Mary, working on it
- PSP is doing some updates to vital signs wheel, since some indicators didn't have targets; think about what updates could make it more useful, capital lake Deschutes river EIS just recently announced the EIS progress is going to be delayed by a year due to a new bathometric survey but something at the old Olympia brewery had PCB spills that shut down the lake the survey needed to take place in the spring due to algae growth, also asking for an additional 2.5 million in funding for additional studies; these studies are going to be pretty narrow though
- Ecology has made a draft plan for Nooksack River Basin since the local groups didn't develop one on time
- Olympia is working with NOAA for a tide gage at the port, this might be temporary however but could lead to permanent tidal station, Kitsap County natural asset management group with WA Enviro Council has funding for land use and stormwater planning
- Maya Bellin is stepping down from Ecology so there is going to be leadership changes there
- South Sound Science Symposium is likely to happen in 2020 probably in Oct, few years ago Puget Sound was declared a no discharge zone for boat waste, Hirst planning is going on right now for watershed with a grant program associated with it - proposals are due March 31st

V. Next Steps

The council will meet again January 4, from 2-4 pm. If you have suggestions for agenda topics, please email Elizabeth, emcmanus@rossstrategic.com