



**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting**  
**July 26, 2022, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Participants**

Tom Kantz, Pierce County  
Dana Coggon, Pierce Conservation District  
Keith Underwood, Mason Conservation District/LE Coordinator  
Barbara Ann Smolko, Pierce County  
Lisa Spurrier, Pierce County/LE Coordinator  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, TRPC/LE Coordinator  
Jeff Barney, Pierce County  
Jacob Murray, Pierce Conservation District  
Juliana Tadano, PSP  
Al Schmauder  
Jesse Barham, City of Olympia  
Brad Murphy, Thurston County  
Merita Trohimovich, City of Tacoma

*Meeting Facilitation*

Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic  
Andres Sheikh, Ross Strategic

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Welcome and Round Robin Updates**

- South Sound Science Symposium Planning Underway for 2022
- Action Agenda is going to Leadership Council in June for approval. Public comment period is open till Jun 15<sup>th</sup>
- Pierce County is doing a comprehensive plan update. Including an update an update to the critical areas ordinance. 2028 shoreline update with a nearshore assessment is also being explored.
- WRIA 10/12 Lead Entity is doing a short video using Caravan Lab, on fish passage barriers in Pierce County
- Mason County Planning Department holding a workshop on improving relationship and sharing of resources/services

**II. Project Lists in the LIO Geography**

- Currently compiling existing lists of projects from across the LIO and organizing them in one place for awareness building and so we can look for opportunities to work together
- This includes the Lead Entity workplans, the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement project lists, Capital Facilities and Park Plans, Retrofit Plans, Culvert priorities/plans and others. We're interested in your suggestions and ideas for this work.
- Proposing a series of Focus Area workshops in late summer/early fall regarding culverts, nearshore and forests.
- Goal: To create a menu of present and future projects in the LIO Geography

- Why: To help project sponsors and other partners be in a better position to coordinate and collaborate and to receive Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities.
- Help tell a better story about South Sound habitat restoration/acquisition/fish barrier removal projects, by linking various projects/proposals
- Make South Sound more competitive when funding becomes available

#### *Discussion*

- Many LIO members expressed interest in participating in Focus Area workshops to revise ERP content and be sure its up to date, review mapping tools and website content regarding focus area content and discussing individual/shared priorities.
- Discussion continued around what lists currently exist: Salmon Lead Entity Project Lists, PRISM, Salmon Recovery Portal, AA NTA Lists, Legacy Projects, PSAR workplans, Railroad funding and local (city/county) stormwater and Shoreline Management Plans, Capital Facilities and Park Plans and additional lists that already exist.

### **III. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding**

- Showcase of various opportunities currently available and who is applying for what in the LIO geography.
- America the Beautiful
- NOAA grants:
  - Fish Passage Barrier Removal + Tribal Specific Opportunity
  - Coastal Habitat Restoration
  - National Coastal Zone Management Program
  - Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience
  - Marine Debris Removal + Sea Grant Specific Opportunity
- LIO partners are currently engaged in applying for these grants

#### *Discussion*

- How can the LIO help support these projects?
  - Showcasing these opportunities on the LIO website
  - Coordinating between project sponsors on collecting letters of support
  - Helping draft proposals
  - Engage with LIO members on future opportunities

### **IV. Update on the 2022-2025 Coordination Contract (AHSS Executive Committee Decisions)**

- Thurston County to remain Fiscal Agent for LIO
- Ross Strategic to remain contractor for LIO coordinator role
- Task 5 Subtask Selections:
  - 5.03 – catalyze implementation of high priority public engagement, awareness raising, behavior change, incentive, and/or compliance project and programs identified in the LIO ERP or the Action Agenda
  - 5.07 – Equity and environmental justice
  - 5.05 – Pursue funding for 2022-26 Action Agenda implementation

TASK	FINAL BUDGET ALLOCATION
1 – Facilitate and maintain the LIO	\$30k
2 – Advance 2022- 26 Action Agenda; support 2026-30 AA update	\$30k
3 – Performance management	\$5k

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4 – Adaptive management and communication of ERP (the South Sound Strategy)	\$20k
5 – LIO choice tasks	\$40k

**VI. Next Steps**

- The next AHSS-LIO meeting, scheduled for Sept 27th 3:00-4:30 pm!
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