



**Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) Council Meeting
July 20, 2023, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

Participants

Dan Calvert, JBLM
Amy-Hatch Wineka, WRIA 13
Andrew Deffobis, Thurston County
Casey Allen, DERT
Cindy Callahan, TPCHD
Cole Webster, Thurston County
Dave Peeler, DERT
Derek Day, ECY/SW SIL
Emile Ancelet, Pierce County
Tee Thomas, Quantified Ventures
Jeanette Dorner, Nisqually Land Trust
Jeremy Graham, City of Olympia
Jesse Barham, City of Olympia
Juliana Tadano, Puget Sound Partnership
Kelly McCaffrey, WDFW
Kym Foley, City of Olympia
Marco Pinchot, Pierce County
Jani Hitchen, Pierce County Councilmember
Jacob Murray, Mason Conservation District/LE Coordinator (WRIA 14)

Meeting Facilitation

Elizabeth McManus, Ross Strategic
Andres Sheikh, Ross Strategic

Meeting Summary

I. Round Robin

- [Toxics in Fish CAP RFP](#) (Derek Day – SW SIL)
- Innovative Conservation Financing (Dan Calvert – JBLM)
 - JBLM national resource management is being supported around the base. Quantified Ventures has been partnering with JBLM on access clean water revolving funds and have been looking to support ecosystems framework. Lots of local projects could benefit from this innovative approach of using and accessing those funds.
- AHSS Local Forum Recap (Elizabeth)
 - Successful meeting with the Leadership Council at LOTT in Olympia
 - Topics were Shellfish Partners, South Sound Mobile Pumpout, Shellfish Restoration in Henderson Inlet, Mason County creation of stable source of funding for clean water.

Discussion

II. 2023 Thurston County Shoreline Master Program Update

Andrew Deffobis – Thurston County ([Slides](#))

- Overview of Shoreline Master Plan and explanation of [2023 proposed updates](#)

- Description of property types impacted and shoreline buffers to protect critical habitat
- Impacts to broader community and status of plan adoption

Discussion

- Existing Structures that are “non-conforming” and 50 foot setbacks on shorelines seems small.
 - Non-conforming is in reference to legally existing structures before new rules were adopted
 - 50 foot buffers will be discussed/decided by the County Board on whether that is appropriate
- Supreme Court decision on wetlands
 - Rules for wetlands are not changing, but could have implications in future updates

III. 2023 Legislative Overview and Looking Ahead at the 2024 Legislative Session.

Don Gourlie – Puget Sound Partnership ([Slides](#))

- [Overview of 2023 legislative session Puget Sound priorities and key accomplishments](#)
 - Context of 2023 Legislative Session
 - Breakdown of bills and their status by Action Agenda Strategy
 - Very strong budget; some hesitance to lock-in ongoing investments
 - Successful follow thru on long-running items; freeing up future capacity
 - Lack of clarity/confidence = invest in continued conversations
- Preview of future LIO engagement ahead of 2024 session
 - Leadership Changes in 2024
- Discussion of the emerging priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session and opportunity for LIO input
 - Priority Setting
 - Add your thoughts here - [Puget Sound State Legislative Ideas - Google Jamboard](#)

Discussion

- Maybe have a meeting on what we would like to prioritize legislative priorities (particularly funding for Deschutes Estuary Restoration)
- SRFB is a stable source of funding, anything coming from the Climate Commitment Act will be adding to the historic appropriations

IV. ShoreLoans Program – Shoreline Restoration Revolving Loan Fund

Kelly McCaffrey – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ([Slides](#))

- Overview and purpose of the ShoreLoan Program Tool
 1. Previous analysis shows that loans are needed
 2. Armor regulations have just been strengthened
 3. Steady stream of owners through ShoreFriendly
 4. Sea Level Rise is an increasing topic
 5. One time Legislative Ask
 6. Public funds reach father
 7. Leverages private investment
 8. Is a public-private partnership with voluntary “buy-in”
 9. Financing now utilizes home equity that exists now
 10. Sea level rise reduces slow creep of depreciation
- Eligible Techniques

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1. Elevate and move landward
 2. Addresses failing armor
 3. Stabilizes erosion with eco-process solutions
- Tool development and functionality
 - Opportunity for input and next steps on implementation

Discussion

- Program is still under development and will be hopefully be public by the 2025 session