



**San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC) Meeting
Draft Meeting Summary**

**Tuesday September 20, 2016, 9:45 am – 11:30 am
Padilla Bay Reserve, 10440 Bayview-Edison Rd. Mount Vernon, WA**

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Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Patti Gobin to clarify comments to be documented in the June 17 meeting summary. 	Marta Green

Record of Decisions	Person(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanimous approval for the LIO requesting that the Habitat SI Lead fund two local priority NTAs on dispersant use and advancing sea level rise adaptation. 	Members

Welcome and Introductions

Jamie Stephens, chair of the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC), convened the meeting. The members and guests provided brief introductions. Lisa Cook with Lummi Nation was introduced by Randy as a representative who may have more involvement in the San Juan LIO.

Meeting Agenda and Summary

The meeting agenda was approved with no changes. A member questioned the June 17 meeting summary paragraph that recorded Patti Gobin’s comments. Patti was not present and will be contacted to provide clarification.

Public Comment

Level Pratt from Friends of the Earth relayed the status of the Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment update.

Vessel Traffic Risk

Members discussed the VTRA 2010 base case and the new USCG rulemaking. Terry questioned whether the rulemaking will incorporate updated information on where fishing occurs. Tom reported that the tribes have consulted with USCG on the forthcoming rulemaking and indicated that the USCG is increasingly receptive to accommodate treaty fishing. Existing and new anchorage must be codified. Randy clarified that Lummi Nation does not consider tug escort mitigation; rather a safety measure. Terry added that efforts are underway to merge Federal-State-tribal legal information into one document and make Federal rules compatible.

The draft Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan results chain strategies were distributed. Stan explained comments shared with Marta and members at the LIO’s Vessel Traffic Workshop Sept 13. He distinguished VT risk analysis from spill preparedness and suggested that the LIO separate them in the EPRP VT strategy. The tribes are attempting to solve vessel risk on a Federal-to-Federal level. Jamie expressed that the tribes are not at the mercy of the State and that the LIO’s desire to develop and



implement a strategy is not to subjugate other efforts; rather, to add local resources for preparedness, safety and responsiveness. Members expressed some concern that the focus on recovering salmon has been lost. Tribal representatives suggested that we shouldn't rush the process to get to answers and that there is no acceptable level of risk. The Swinomish-Tulalip-Suquamish risk assessment is anticipated to be released in mid-November.

Local Priority NTAs

Linda expressed her frustration with the Partnership's handling of the local NTA prioritization process. We were asked to hold off then required to rush to inform SI Leads of decisions. The two NTAs recommended by the IC for priority funding related to Dispersant Use and Advancing Sea Level Rise Adaptation in the County were approved by the AOC.

Meeting with Islands Trust

Jamie met with Islands Trust in September. It was agreed that the Transborder Island Agreement should be updated in 2017. The San Juan County Council plans to join Islands Trust in their efforts related to the Kinder-Morgan project.

Announcement

Terry advised the group that Environment Canada and EPA are to participate in the Tulalip Salish Sea Conference November 14-16.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am

Attachment - Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	
Randy Kinley	Lummi Nation	X
Lisa Cook	Lummi Nation	X
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Terry Williams	Tulalip Tribes	X
Linda Lyshall	San Juan Islands Conservation District	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Jamie Stephens (Chair)	San Juan County Council	X
Stephanie Solien	Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council	

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership
Lovel Pratt	Friends of the Earth
Tom Ehrlichman	Special Council to Swinomish Tribe