



**San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Joint Implementation Committee (IC) and Local Entities Meeting**

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

San Juan Island Grange, Friday Harbor, WA

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Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Schedule EPRP core team meetings Attend EPRP core team meetings Jan-Feb Distribute Dec 7 letter from Maria Cantwell to President re: KM Pipeline	Marta Core team participants Lovell, Marta

Record of Decisions	Person(s) Responsible
LIO IC decided on a schedule change from monthly meetings to bi-monthly meetings.	All

Welcome and Introductions

Linda Lyshall, chair of the Implementation Committee (IC), convened the meeting at 11:11am. The Implementation Committee (IC) members and other local environmental entities' participants provided brief introductions.

Meeting Agenda and Summary

The meeting agenda was approved, adding time at the end of the agenda to review future actions. The meeting summary from the September 7, 2016 SJ LIO Implementation Committee meeting was approved by members present.

Public Comment

Lovel Pratt reported that the VTRA update is in draft form now and will be finalized by the end of the year. Current models for vessel assist tug escorts in the Salish Sea show a 15% decrease in incidents occurring east of Port Angeles. Current models also show there is no benefit for tug assists from Buoy J, contrary to what was predicted by the proposed Kinder Morgan project (projected to increase traffic from one vessel per week to one per day, an increase of 348 annually). Alternative routes are being looked at for the Kinder Morgan pipeline project. There is a push for the Army Corps. of Engineers to produce final EIS on the BP dock at Cherry Point to potentially prevent Cherry Point being a termination point to the pipeline route. Senator Maria Cantwell sent a great letter to President Obama about this issue on December 7th; Marta will distribute the letter to members.

Tina Whitman from Friends of the San Juans reported that the updated guide to "Living with the Shoreline" is completed. It will be mailed to all shoreline property owners in the county in January. There is also a new interpretive panel that will be right on the waterfront in Friday Harbor.



Ken Carrasco from San Juan County MRC reported that he was recently in Victoria, B.C. and saw a report in the local newspaper entitled “Pipeline Okayed, Washington State Worried.” He is currently writing a letter to the editor, and suggests that the province needs to be pushed on this issue.

Puget Sound Partnership Updates

- Suzanna Stoike gave updates from the PSP. The Habitat SI Lead selected the NTA for recovery of select freshwater salmonid habitat in the San Juan Islands for \$50k funding. Byron Rot, Salmon Recovery Coordinator for San Juan County, is the owner of the NTA.
- A little over half the total funding awarded from the NEP went to local NTAs around Western Washington (the other half to regional agencies’ NTAs). Suzanna will provide links to funding allocation. Suzanna also reported that San Juan County is at the bottom of the rankings for reporting on NTAs.
- Reporting is now every six months and there is talk of combining reporting efforts to make it less time consuming.
- Jay Manning is now the chair of the PSP Leadership Council. Things are being set up to be decided upon before the change of the federal administration happens.
- The Kitsap funding forum is happening December 8th. This is a great pilot model, and the northern LIOs might want to consider the model.
- There are questions about funds for natural resources in the upcoming governor’s budget out next week.

LIO Business

Marta suggested that due to budget constraints and the program status, the LIO IC meet every other month rather than every month. All members agreed to the new schedule.

Prioritizing Local NTAs for FY2016-17 NEP Funds

Linda reviewed scoring and recommendations for local priority NTAs and reported that the AOC approved the IC’s recommendation.

San Juan Environmental Protection and Recovery Plan

Marta reported on the EPRP. There is a five year horizon for the plan. As the plan moves forward, gaps and quantitative objectives need to be identified. Members and other local entities gave updates on accomplishments and what is next. There are four conceptual models and strategy groups:

Stormwater – John Cook from San Juan County Public Works reported that right now public works is implementing the stormwater basin plan report. There are about thirty projects proposed, but there has been a significant loss of funding. Almost all of the stormwater fund is being used on O&M. He has applied for Dept of Ecology funding, and those funds will be available for treatment projects in 2018 if awarded. <P&R on Orcas, box filter next year?> Public works will be going back to readdress priority projects. The Stormwater Advisory Committee also will be working with county council to reassess rates, potentially doubling. <They will be working with county council on rewriting the county code for the stormwater manual as well. Public works is also looking to partner with the Land Bank and Kwiaht on projects to lessen impacts. OR, In 2017 the committee plans to re-write SW Mgmnt Plan for development, updating from 2014, with exemptions for reporting>

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Linda reported that the stormwater monitoring needs protocol to identify sources, which may involve use of optical brighteners (detects laundry products from septic systems). Focus is on five sites in San Juan County. <

Ken Brown reported that there will be continued work with private land owners in Deer Harbor to address land owners' runoff into salt water to improve water quality.

Kyle reported that there were 53 septic upgrade permits granted this year by the San Juan County Health and Community Services Department. 2500 inspections were completed with 18 failures.

Freshwater restoration – Linda reported that Byron's freshwater NTA was funded, and that this action will help guide freshwater restoration work. She also reported that she met with DNR about expanding the Firewise program to other islands. There is a lot of work to be done and the Conservation District is looking for more resources to address this issue.

Jennifer reported that hydrological modeling of the False Bay Creek watershed will be used to recreate historic flows and existing conditions to create baseline data. The project team will also look at flow augmentation and do field work when there is flow in the creeks (probably mid-January.) The work will result in a map of priority areas from Zylstra Lake to the mouth of the creek. This should be ready by March 2017. SFBF has 'flagged' the Salmon Recovery Zylstra lake project, but Linda believes it still may go forward and other funding options are being sought.

Shoreline hardening - Tina reported that Friends of the San Juans had two shoreline armor removal projects in 2015, one on Brown Island and one on Orcas Island. A new outreach video will be out in January. Also, a revised "Living with the Shoreline" guide has been produced and will be mailed out to land owners and managers. There will be a new interpretive panel on the waterfront in Friday Harbor in January as part of a project in partnership with the Port of Friday Harbor. There is work being done on sea level rise resiliency in San Juan County with two workshops planned May-June. There are also infrastructure adaptation projects in the works. The San Juan Preservation Trust project is expanding into a multi-year project. In the fall of 2017, Friends is planning rock hardening removal. <The SMP comments are in from Dept of Ecology.> Another opportunity to review shoreline regulation is in the next update of the Comprehensive Plan – it was noted that the Olympia plan has content that may be of interest.

Billie advised that FHL/Megan has compiled data on the benefits of removing armoring.

Linda discussed a new grant for shoreline stewardship that focuses on prevention. The RFP is forthcoming with scope for continued technical assistance for land owners who want help with removal projects.

Vessel traffic impacts and large oil spills – Marta reported that tribal members asked for more time to work with San Juan LIO for development of draft/final vessel traffic strategies. San Juan and 3 other LIOs held a workshop on September 13th for vessel traffic strategies. There was good participation in the workshop, with 23 participants from four LIOs in five counties, three MRCs, and representatives from

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five tribes. Now it's time to sit down with tribal representatives and start over on crafting strategies. There will be a meeting with the tribes in January.

The Dept. of Ecology's VTRA meeting in October was well attended. There were many representatives from industry and the Coast Guard in attendance. Nine priority risk mitigation measures (RMMs) were identified. Noteworthy to local concerns, there is a proposed additional rescue tug to be stationed in or near Sydney, B.C. Also, there may be new escort tug requirements for certain articulated tug barges. The additional component of having a transboundary advisory committee was championed by the Coast Guard and Environment Canada.

Arnie reported that the MRC is having the 2017 Marine Managers' Workshop in March or April. The workshop will focus on presenting histories, looking at the updated VTRA and tribal partners' risk assessment, and looking at gaps in relation to the needs of San Juan County to figure out how to present information to policy makers.

Stephanie reported that work related to the objectives of the Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) is continuing. The Environmental Priorities Commission is finalizing priorities this week for the bill. Stephanie also suggested that interested parties need to talk about anchorages as Federal rule making continues to be delayed. She anticipates that one bill will be submitted to legislation to address multiple VTRA RMMs and Senator Ranker is involved.

Billie advised that FHL has advertised for staffing the NTA for Policy on Dispersant use.

Marta asked members and participants from other local entities to sign up for core teams to further and develop and finalize the four strategies for the San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan.

Next meeting is February 1, 2017 11:30am – 1:30pm at Islanders' Bank

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm



Attachment - Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Barbara Bentley	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Arnie Klaus	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	X
Mark Herrenkohl	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Stephanie Buffum	San Juan Stewardship Network/EcoNet Representative	X
Linda Lyshall (Chair)	San Juan Islands Conservation District	X
Byron Rot	San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity	
Billie Swalla	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	X
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	
Ken Carrasco	San Juan Marine Resources Committee	X
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership	X
Phil Green	San Juan Marine Resources Committee	X



Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Jennifer Thomas	Triangle Associates
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary
Lovel Pratt	Friends of the Earth
John Cook	San Juan County Public Works
Tina Whitman	Friends of the San Juans
Ken Brown	Stormwater Advisory Group