



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

Meeting Summary

Wednesday April 5, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Islanders Bank, Friday Harbor, WA

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Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Review San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan when issued in May	All
Offer to present an overview of the Plan to interested organizations/parties	Marta

Record of Decisions	Person(s) Responsible
None.	

Welcome and Introductions

Linda Lyshall, chair of the Implementation Committee (IC), convened the meeting.

Meeting Agenda and Summary

The meeting agenda was approved. The February 1, 2017 meeting summary was approved with one change to the PSP update regarding the federal funding outlook.

Public Comment

None.

Puget Sound Partnership Updates

- Suzanna Stoike provided updates. She reported that the March 3 PSP Summit was well attended. The ‘synthesis’ of LIOs’ Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plans (EPRP) was presented at the Summit showing that the San Juan EPRP aligns well with other LIOs’ plans.
- Funds are appropriated but not allocated for continued PSP and LIO capacity funding for the next FFY. It was noted that continuing resolution may be affecting.
- Rick Berman is the (interim) CFO at PSP and Laura Blackmore is now the Deputy Director.
- Suzanna presented slides on the 2018 Action Agenda update process. Strategic Initiative Leads are in charge of the solicitation coming out in the fall for 2018 NTA proposals. The LIO will not have to, but may, vet NTA proposals. The process will include new regional priorities with geographic specificity. The regional priorities will reflect ‘local context’ allowing LIOs to frame proponents approach to local concerns.
- Most of the process steps will be performed by SI Leads and PSP staff. Byron Rot noted that the process is not a bottoms up process like the Salmon Recovery Program. It appears that scoring will be based on the regional level programs/efforts and priorities. He expressed concern that we may be losing sight of local interests. Linda noted that the scoring basis needs to be improved from the last NTA prioritization.



San Juan Environmental Protection and Recovery Plan

Marta summarized the goals, strategies, objectives and near term actions for each of the four EPRP strategy groups. Members did not voice concerns with the fundamentals of the Plan.

- Shoreline Hardening comments: It was noted that the Friends of the San Juans has funds for shoreline and riparian projects. The Pulling It All Together 2 study—available end of June--will prioritize bulkheads that Salmon Recovery wants to work on. Friends is working with Preservation Trust to conduct outreach and then will pursue neighborhood easements.
- Freshwater Restoration comments: A phrasing of a barrier was clarified, noting that the issue is not lack of incentives for stream buffers; rather, it is a requirement of CAO and VSP and the issue is with the cost of buffers. Another barrier is the perception by locals and WDFW that there are no salmonid streams in SJI and therefore the streams are not important. There also is competition for limited water supply, and the current condition is the norm due to the time that has passed since agriculture took over.
- The plan will be issued to members for review mid-May. It was suggested that the EPRP be presents to interested boards, MRC, SJI Conservation District, and Council before being finalized.

Next meeting is June 7, 2017 at Islanders' Bank

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm

Attachment - Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Barbara Bentley	SJC Marine Resources Committee	
Arnie Klaus	SJC Marine Resources Committee	
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	X
Mark Herrenkohl	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	X
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	X
Billie Swalla	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	X
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership