



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

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Islanders Bank, 225 Blair Avenue, Friday Harbor, WA**

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan Review	All
Incorporate final comments, obtain AOC approval and submit EPRP by 6/30	Marta

Welcome and Introductions

Jamie Stephens, chair of the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC), convened the meeting at 11:03am. The Implementation Committee (IC), the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC) members, and guests provided brief introductions. Kendra Smith, the new Environmental Resources Manager for San Juan County, was introduced to the group as the newest IC member.

Meeting Agenda and Summary

The meeting agenda was approved with the following changes: *the order of the agenda was switched, with the review of the local action on SRKW protection happening before the review of the San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan review.* The April 5, 2017 IC Draft Meeting Summary was approved with changes to the attendee list: Alan Chapman was not in attendance. The March 30, 2017 AOC Draft Meeting Summary was also approved with changes to the attendee list: Stephanie Solien was not in attendance for that meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Overview of Local Actions on Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) Protection

Jamie Stephens gave an update on SRKW protection actions. New regulatory measures to protect SRKW were proposed in 2010, with some measures implemented. There was pushback on some measures. The new proposed regulations are still being considered by NOAA. The San Juan MRC held a public meeting and took public comments on the issue. They compiled comments and advised the County Council. The Council sent a letter to NOAA stating that they feel that San Juan County do not support the petition for a whale protection zone but feel that the County can act locally to protect the SRKW. Barbara Bentley will be putting a white paper together to address issues. There will be a meeting in the fall with stakeholders to see what can be done locally. San Juan County will look at education and outreach efforts that should already be happening and take actions to fill in gaps. Stephanie Buffum noted that there are grant proposals with funds to leverage SRKW recovery. Improving land use, increasing bulk head removal, and managing stormwater runoff will all help efforts to recover salmon and therefore recover SRKW.



San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan (EPRP) Review Comments

Marta Green talked about the process the LIO has gone through to develop the EPRP, and solicited members' verbal comments as no written comments were received during the 2-week review cycle. The desired outcome of today's discussion to resolve comments is a consensus by members that the Plan is approved by the AOC for submittal. There is a June 30th deadline for final submission for approval by PSP.

IC members went over the EPRP discussed comments and suggested changes to information within each of the four strategy groups.

Shoreline Hardening: Kendra noted that by taking the interim objectives and creating a timeline, cost estimates, and assigning tasks to specific groups, a coordinated response will be created. It was agreed that the cost estimates should be added to the tabulation of near term actions.

Stormwater Management: Linda noted a small typing error on of the interim objectives for correction. Kendra noted that street cleaning and managing surface runoff and catch basins would supplement the interim result related to sweeping of ferry parking areas, especially in "high car habitat" areas.

Freshwater Restoration: Marta explained that this section has a complicated results chain. Kendra noted that managing invasive species is part of the revegetation interim result. She reminded group members that San Juan County has a weed board to help address and align with this. Stephanie Buffum also noted that there is some disagreement among groups in the county of the effectiveness of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and members confirmed that the program will be approved. Kendra suggested inserting an alternative to the Voluntary Stewardship Program 'and/or by landowners in coordination with local implementers.'

Large Oil Spills/Vessel Traffic Impacts: Stan Walsh, representative of the Swinomish Tribe, distributed a statement regarding San Juan Transboundary participation. The statement conveyed the fact that the tribe will work on transboundary vessel traffic issues on a government to government basis. Therefore, the Swinomish Tribe does not support PSP's role in decision making on this issue. There was some discussion among members about this statement that removes the LIO's ability to engage in transboundary issues as an entity. Stan said that the tribes feel that because they are part of the LIO, the LIO, as an entity, cannot engage in transboundary issues. But individual members, representing their individual agencies, could be involved in resolving transboundary vessel traffic issues. He also said that the Swinomish Tribe is supportive of San Juan County being involved in transboundary issues. It was agreed that reference to transboundary processes would be changed to 'transboundary vessel traffic processes'.

Review and resolution of other specific changes to several sections of the document prepared by Swinomish representatives on June 6 will be done outside of this meeting. Therefore, the members will have another opportunity to review all changes before the AOC approves the EPRP via email.

Early Implementation of the Plan – 2016 NTAs

Linda gave updates from the conservation district.



Stephanie Buffum gave updates from Friends of the San Juans. She handed a guide that Friends of the San Juans sent to shoreline property owners entitled “Living with the Shoreline.” She also gave out invitation postcards to the upcoming workshops focusing on the science of sea level rise and adaptation strategies for San Juan County residents.

Friends of the San Juans have completed landowner surveys, and they have some other feasibility studies scheduled for the fall. They also have two new videos about their sea level rise adaptation project. They have also been funded by the San Juan County Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to continue their work with shoreline property owners.

Will, a student from Friday Harbor Labs, introduced himself and reported to group members that he is working on a paper about oil dispersant use in San Juan County. He is also working on a draft dispersant policy for San Juan County and invited input from LIO members.

Marta Green reported for the Salmon Recovery Lead Entity about recovery of selected freshwater salmonid habitat. She said the NTA is contracted and scheduled to start in August. The object will be to further prioritize watersheds habitat recovery projects.

Marta also reported that the retrofit application has gone in for the Friday Harbor waterfront stormwater filtration vault for the county. Linda noted that the county has been having permitting problems with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR.) DNR claims that the filtration vault will take land away from recreational users, and they want a \$1,000/month lease for the stormwater vault.

Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Updates

Suzanna gave PSP updates. She reviewed the ten areas of focus for the 2018 NTA solicitation process. Two of the areas of focus are still unassigned to an SI as the implementation strategies are incomplete, but Suzanna noted that most of the actions for these areas of focus can be placed under other vital signs for now. The 2018 Action Agenda update will be carried out in distinct phases. The Strategic Initiative (SI) leads are doing this work. There will be touchpoints back with the LIOs to ensure that accurate regional priorities and local actions are included.

Suzanna also reported that there is a second round of funding coming in the fall from the EPA to the SI Leads. There will also be additional funding for local priority NTAs in 2018.

The state is in a second special session to sign off on a budget. If you are an NTA owner, don't give up. There will be a budget eventually.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:42 pm



Attachment - Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Barbara Bentley	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Stephanie Buffum	Friends of the San Juans	X
Arnie Klaus	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	
Kendra Smith	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	X
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	X
Linda Lyshall (Chair - IC)	San Juan Islands Conservation District	X
Byron Rot	San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity	
Billie Swalla	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Duncan Wilson	Town of Friday Harbor	
Jamie Stephens (Chair-AOC)	San Juan County Council	X
Terry Williams	Tulalip Tribes	X
Stephanie Solien	Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council	X

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary