



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

Meeting Summary

October 7, 2015, 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Key Bank, 95 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Revise and distribute SJ-LIO Near Term Action solicitation	LIO Coordination Team
Send information about the October 26th SITTs presentation to the Implementation Committee	LIO Coordination Team
Plan November 5 th public meeting to review Near Term Actions	LIO Coordination Team

Welcome and Introductions

Betsy Daniels, LIO Coordinator Lead and Facilitator, opened the meeting. The Implementation Committee (IC or Committee) reviewed the agenda and agreed to accept the September 2, 2015 meeting summary.

Public Comment

No public comments were provided.

Regional Report-Out

Suzanna Stoike, Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator, provided updates on regional guidance and processes. The Committee’s discussion regarding this is summarized below:

- PSP has released the Near Term Action (NTA) solicitation and guidance for NTA development. The solicitation has detailed information about eligibility requirements and criteria. There is no cap on the number of NTAs that can be submitted by each LIO. New NTAs are due to PSP by December 31, 2015, and will be finalized in February 2016. The LIO’s call for NTAs should be built around the PSP NTA solicitation.
- It is uncertain what funding is available for NTAs at this point.
- Additional guidance on Vital Signs will be coming out shortly.
- On October 26, 2015 the San Juan LIO will give a presentation to the Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) on the early elements of the 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan (narrative, schematics, and results chains—to be submitted to PSP on October 8, 2015).
 - LIOs will receive feedback from the SITTs by November 10, 2015.
- There is one SITT for each of the Strategic Initiatives. The SITTs will review NTAs by Strategic Initiative, will rank projects by each area, and will put together a final regional list.
 - Projects will be ranked with other NTAs on their ability to address regional priorities (outlined in the NTA solicitation). This list will feed into the funding process.
 - NTAs included in the Action Agenda will be eligible for funding.

The group discussed the SITTs’ process for developing a ranked list of projects. A committee member noted that the final funding mechanisms with EPA have not been determined, and there likely will be some policy discussions around that. Another member noted that the new process is focused on how local actions address regional issues, and that it’s important to identify how each project makes an impact on a regional scale. It was clarified that sub-strategies are linked to Vital Signs, and therefore actions that fall under a sub-strategy can be linked directly to a Vital Sign. Several members noted the importance of highlighting the need for protection in addition to restoration.



LIO Timeline and Key Deliverables for September

The Committee reviewed the SJ-LIO timeline and deliverables for Task 5. The IC reviewed and discussed the requirements and deadlines for upcoming deliverables, and the process for completing those deliverables.

1. Early Elements of 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan—due October 8, 2015.
 - The LIO will give a presentation on these deliverables to the SITTs on October 26, 2015.
 - The SITTs will provide feedback to the LIO by November 10, 2015.
2. Updated NTAs/2-Year Implementation Plan—due December 31, 2015.
 - Proposed local NTA development process:
 - NTA proponents complete screening form by October 23, 2015.
 - Implementation Committee reviews potential NTAs on November 4, 2015.
 - Public meeting to review potential NTAs on November 5, 2015.
 - IC and Accountability Oversight Committee review and approve refined list of NTAs in December 2015.
 - Final list of NTAs submitted to PSP by December 31, 2015.
 - Refine NTAs based on regional technical review in January and February 2016.
 - During technical review NTAs will be flagged in one of the following ways: 1) NTAs that would benefit from minor changes/revision; 2) NTAs that need more substantial revisions; and 3) NTAs that have serious concerns.
 - Feedback will be provided to NTA owners by January 18, 2015. Any updated NTAs must be submitted by February 1, 2015. By February 29, 2015, the ranked list of projects to be included in the Action Agenda will be identified.

Report-Out from September 23, 2015 Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC) Meeting

Linda Lyshall, IC Chair, provided an overview of the September 23, 2015 AOC meeting. She noted that the AOC would like to have a fairly robust public outreach component for NTA development. The SJ-LIO will plan a public outreach event (likely on November 5, 2015), and will publish an article in the newspaper about the event. The AOC also suggested that NTAs should address climate impacts (particularly sea level rise), include language about adapting to new science, and address issues of water conservation and securing water resources.

The AOC also discussed partnering with other LIOs on important regional issues. Several IC members noted that they have been communicating with the Straits LIO about vessel traffic risks in the region and how best to develop coordinated regional action around this issue. There is interest in developing parallel NTAs with the Straits LIO to address this. There was some discussion around aligning with the Northwest Straits Commission on this as well, and it was suggested that the Northwest Straits Commission may be an NTA proponent.

Review the Deliverables

Betsy Daniels provided an overview of the draft SJ-LIO Early Elements of the 5-year Ecosystem Recovery Plan, which includes a narrative, results chains for each of the Strategic Initiatives, and schematics for each priority Vital Sign. It was noted that this is a draft and additional details of the SJ-LIO story will be added. In some cases, additional information sources are needed for pressures. The Committee



discussed components of these deliverables where additional information is needed. The Committee suggested the following:

- Harmful algal blooms are a result of water quality issues, and additional information may be found at www.AAHB.com (regional group dealing with harmful algal bacteria). This pressure connects to marine water quality, pacific herring, Chinook salmon, and orcas.
- Sea-level rise doesn't cause issues with the Vital Signs specifically. An increase in storming events due to climate change does impact shoreline armoring.
- Sub-strategies C8.1 and C8.3 should be linked to marine water quality.
- Changing ocean conditions/ocean acidification impacts all Vital Signs except for shoreline armoring.
- All Vital Signs will be included in the 2-Year Implementation Plan at this point (this may be revisited during NTA development).
- Pressures will continue to be "under consideration" until NTAs are developed in November.
- Language should focus on protection in addition to reduction.
- Single-family exemptions, and exemptions to repair and replace armoring/bulkheads should be addressed in the habitat results chains.

IC members were encouraged to send feedback on the deliverables to the LIO Coordination Team. The LIO Coordination Team is also available to review the materials in more detail with anyone who is interested in doing so.

Priority Sub-Strategies

The Committee reviewed a list of priority sub-strategies identified during the September 2, 2015 IC meeting, and how those sub-strategies align with the priority Vital Signs. See Appendix A for the list of priority sub-strategies. Sub-strategies in red are current SJ-LIO sub-strategies, and therefore are already mapped in the SJ-LIO results chains. Sub-strategies in black are new sub-strategies identified by the IC. The results chains will be updated once NTAs are identified and sub-strategies are confirmed.

NTA Development

Betsy Daniels presented a draft SJ-LIO NTA solicitation, which is based on solicitations from other LIOs and PSP. It was noted that the SJ-LIO solicitation and review needs to tie into PSP criteria. The draft SJ-LIO NTA solicitation includes a multi-phase process where: 1) each NTA proponent completes a screening form (tentatively due October 23), 2) the LIO reviews the screening forms and identifies projects to move forward; 3) full NTA proposals will be submitted to the SJ-LIO; and 4) final NTAs are confirmed by the IC and AOC. In addition, there will be a public meeting to present and review proposed NTAs.

The Committee reviewed the draft SJ-LIO NTA solicitation and provided feedback and comments on how to structure the solicitation and content to include. The Committee agreed that all NTA proponents need to complete the screening form, noting that this is for preliminary review, and more fleshed out proposals will be developed. The expectation is that members of the SJ-LIO will help to distribute the NTA solicitation. People with questions about habitat NTAs should contact Byron Rot, and people with questions about shellfish/water quality NTAs should contact Linda Lyshall. It was clarified that there are some regional NTAs that are going forward that are not going through the LIOs. It was also noted that NTAs cannot be "ongoing programs." However, an NTA could be to develop a "sustainable funding strategy" for an ongoing program.



A Marine Resources Committee representative provided an overview of two NTAs they will propose: 1) a Marine Managers Workshop to discuss the impacts of increased vessel traffic and come up with bi-national rules and regulations regarding vessel traffic and reduce the risk of oil spills; and 2) collecting baseline data samples that are legally defensible and may be used for a damage assessment if there is an oil spill. The Committee discussed these projects and provided some initial feedback.

Next Steps

- The next Implementation Committee meeting will take place on November 4, 2015 at Key Bank in Friday Harbor.
- A public meeting to review preliminary NTAs will be held on November 5, 2015 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- Quarter 3 NTA updates are due, and the LIO Coordination Team will be reaching out to NTA owners for status updates.

Meeting Adjourned



Attachment A- Meeting Participants
Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Barbara Bentley	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Marta Branch	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Stephanie Buffum	San Juan Stewardship Network/ECONet Representative	X
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	X
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	X
Sam Gibboney	San Juan County Community Development & Planning	X
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Phil Green	SJC Marine Resources Committee	
Ed Hale	San Juan County Dept. of Public Works	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	
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership	X
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Duncan Wilson	Town of Friday Harbor	
Betsy Daniels	LIO Coordinator Lead – Triangle Associates	X
Megan Johnston	LIO Coordinator Point of Contact – Triangle Associates	X

Guests

Name
Laura Arnold
Susan Key
Jennifer Thomas



Appendix A. Priority Sub-Strategies

# of Times Listed	Sub-Strategies	Sub-Strategy Title	Associated Vital Signs (Chinook, Marine Water Quality, Orcas, Forage Fish, Shoreline Armoring, Eelgrass)	Comment
12	B2.1	B2.1 Protect priority intact nearshore physical & ecological processes & habitat	Chinook, Eelgrass, Armoring	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
12	C2.4	C2.4 Control sources of pollutants	Chinook, Marine Water Quality	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
9	C1.1	C1.1 Implement and strengthen authorities and programs to prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound environment	Chinook, Orcas, Marine Water Quality	
6	C1.6	C1.6 Increase compliance with and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and permits	Chinook, Orcas	
4	B1.2	B1.2 Local plans, regs, policies protect nearshore & estuaries	Armoring	
4	B1.3	B1.3 Improve, strengthen, streamline nearshore & marine impl. & enforcement	Armoring	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
4	A1.3	A1.3 Improve, strengthen, streamline implementation & enforcement	Armoring	Similar to B1.3
4	B2.2	B2.2 Implement prioritized nearshore and estuary restoration projects and accelerate projects on public lands	Armoring	
4	A5.4	A5.4 Implement & maintain priority floodplain restoration projects	Chinook	
4	C8.1	C8.1 Prevent and reduce the risk of oil spills	Chinook, Herring, Orcas	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
4	C8.3	C8.3 Respond to spills and seek restoration using the best available science and technology	Chinook, Eelgrass, Herring, Orcas	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
4	A6.1	A6.1 High priority projects in 3yr work plans	Chinook, Armoring	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
4	C2.1	C2.1 Manage urban runoff at the basin and watershed scale	Marine Water Quality	Not considered yet by IC, added based on new VS
4	C2.3	C2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development	Marine Water Quality	Question about whether to include or not
4	C2.5	C2.5 Provide stormwater-related education and training	Marine Water Quality	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
4	C2.2	C2.2 Prevent problems from new development	Chinook, Marine Water Quality	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
2	A2.2	A2.2 Implement and maintain priority freshwater and terrestrial restoration projects	Armoring	
2	B3.1	B3.1 Protect intact marine ecosystems	Chinook, Herring	
1	B2.3	B2.3 Remove armoring, use soft armoring replacement or landward setbacks	Armoring	Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs
The sub-strategies below were selected by the IC on 9/2, but are only associated with Vital Signs that were NOT chosen as priorities by the IC				
	A5.3	A5.3 Protect & maintain intact & functional floodplains	Floodplains, Estuaries, Land Dev/Cover	
	B5.3	B5.3 Prevent, rapidly respond to invasives' introduction & spread	Estuaries, Shellfish	
	A1.2	A1.2 Local plans, regs & policies consistent with Puget Sound recovery	Floodplains, Summer Stream Flow, Land Development/Cover	
	C9.4	C9.4 Develop and implement Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) programs	Shellfish, Swimming, and OSS	

Red= Sub-strategy for SJ-LIO 2012/14 NTAs