



San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Implementation Committee (IC) Meeting
Meeting Summary
November 4, 2015, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm
 Key Bank, 95 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

| Action Items | Person(s) Responsible |
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| A sub-group of the Implementation Committee will meet to discuss strategies/actions related to single family exemption for marine bulkheads and marine shoreline issues. | Stephanie Buffum |
| NTA proponents will submit full proposals to the San Juan LIO by November 30 th . | NTA proponents |

Welcome and Introductions

Betsy Daniels, LIO Facilitator, opened the meeting and introduced the new SJ-LIO Coordinator, Marta Green. The Implementation Committee (IC or Committee) members provided brief introductions and reviewed the agenda. They discussed the Near Term Action (NTA) submittal process and timeline (both for the SJ-LIO and region), as well as the following updates:

- The San Juan County Natural Resources Programs will move to the San Juan County Public Works Department starting sometime in December.
- In 2014 there was a process to review/update the LIO profiles for the Action Agenda. It is uncertain if/how this will occur for the 2016 Action Agenda update.
- Once NTAs are submitted to the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) at the end of December, the narrative for the San Juan LIO 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan Early Elements will be updated.
- San Juan LIO NTA proposals are due to the SJ-LIO by November 30th. They will be technically reviewed by the IC on December 2nd, and will be reviewed and approved by the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC) on December 9th.
- For the NTA submittals to PSP (due December 31st), either NTA owners may submit their proposals or the LIO Coordinator may submit the NTA on behalf of the NTA owner.

Report-Out on SJ-LIO Presentation to the Strategic Initiative Transition Teams

Linda Lyshall shared a summary of the recent SJ-LIO presentation to the Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) regarding the SJ-LIO 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan Early Elements (which took place in Tacoma on October 26, 2015). After the presentation the SITTs members asked some clarifying questions and offered some suggestions. Linda noted that the SITTs provided some helpful feedback and considered the SJ-LIO’s concerns, such as risk of oil spills, increased vessel traffic, and drought and water shortage issues. There were some questions and discussion about the focus on protection in the San Juan Islands as opposed to restoration. The SITTs members provided the following suggestions:

- Consider a local NTA related to the Friday Harbor Labs Ocean Acidification Research Center, which could be used as a resource for different areas in the region.
- Consider adding water quality concerns to the 5-Year Plan Ecosystem Recovery Plan.
- Potentially re-consider land development and cover as a Vital Sign (currently it is a pressure, but not a Vital Sign).
- The LIO can offer a variation on some of the Vital Signs (and provide justification for this), if a Vital Sign is not an “exact fit” for the LIO.
- Consider actions around reclaiming water, particularly to address issues around water supply and availability.



- Coordinate with the Straits LIO on an oil spill NTA.
- Make sure the NTAs link to the regional objectives. Include indicators and intermediary results and how the action links to regional recovery.
- Consider terrestrial, freshwater part of the San Juan Islands environment/ecosystem.

An IC member noted the importance of clarifying objectives, developing a strategy to meet those objectives, and pursuing actions to implement that strategy. The IC also discussed issues around single family exemption for marine bulkheads and potential strategies or actions related to this. A small sub-group of the IC will meet to discuss a strategy and potential NTA to address marine shoreline issues. Stephanie Buffum will organize this sub-group, and Linda Lyshall, Kimbal Sundberg, Byron Rot, Billie Swalla, Sam Gibboney, and Patti Gobin are interested in participating.

Regional Updates

Suzanna Stoike provided several regional updates. The IC discussed questions related to the new funding model and NTA regional ranking process. Once NTAs are submitted to PSP, they will be put on one list with all other NTAs and will be evaluated and ranked by the SITTs. The ranked NTA list will be used for regional funding allocation (however, the rankings will not be noted in the 2016 Action Agenda). There is also potential for getting some local funding. The purpose of the new funding model and structure is to better identify projects that are regionally significant to help move the dial on recovery targets.

The IC discussed ranking projects locally. It was suggested to not produce a ranked list of local NTAs, since the SITTs will be developing their own ranked list. At this point, the IC discussed developing a “yes/no” list for NTAs to move forward for submittal to PSP, and once there is a better understanding of funding, to do further prioritization of local projects, if necessary.

It is likely that LIO capacity funding will continue (\$75,000 base grant) and some additional funds may be available for planning or implementation of high priority NTAs. PSP has met with EPA regarding the funding model multiple times and they are still working out the specifics of the funding model. The SJ-LIO was encouraged to reach out to EPA representatives directly with any questions or concerns regarding the funding model. The IC discussed that the AOC should make any policy-level comments to EPA or PSP; however, the IC may recommendations to the AOC regarding this. The funding model topic was discussed at September 23rd AOC meeting. It was suggested to share the meeting summary from that meeting with an EPA representative.

NTA Preproposal Review

The SJ-LIO received 22 NTA preproposals. The purpose of the initial preproposal process is to make sure that SJ-LIO NTAs meet new local and regional NTA criteria, and to help ensure NTA proponents are successful in the regional NTA review process. During the preproposal review, the LIO provided questions and feedback to NTA proponents to help refine and/or strengthen their proposals. The IC reviewed and briefly discussed each of the proposals and considered if they met the following PSP NTA eligibility requirements (yes/no):

1. There is a clear NTA owner;
2. The NTA implements a sub-strategy associated with the Strategic Initiatives;
3. The NTA is ready to begin in the next two years and reach a significant milestone in two years;
4. The NTA is consistent with the LIO’s prioritized Vital Signs, pressures, and key approaches.

Based on this, the IC made one of the following recommendations for each of the NTAs proposed:



1. Ready for a full proposal and public meeting;
2. Needs more information; or
3. Not a fit.

Most NTAs proposed were identified as ready for a full proposal and public meeting (public meeting to review NTA preproposals would take place on November 5th). Several were marked as needing some additional information or clarification for the full proposal. See attachment B- Summary Table of NTA Preproposals for more details. During the meeting, the IC also reviewed the NTA timeline, which is summarized below.

- Public meeting to review NTA preproposals on November 5, 2015 at Brickworks in Friday Harbor.
- Final NTA proposals due to the SJ-LIO by November 30, 2015.
- SJ-LIO IC reviews final NTA proposals and develops a recommended list of NTAs on December 2, 2015 (*technical review*).
- SJ-LIO AOC confirms and approves NTAs on December 9, 2015.
- Final NTA proposals submitted online to PSP via the online by 10:00 a.m. on December 31, 2015 (*note that these may be submitted either by the SJ-LIO Coordination Team or individual NTA owners—process to be confirmed*).

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 | X |
| 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 | X |
| Suzanna Stoike | Puget Sound Partnership | X |
| Kimbal Sundberg | Water Resources Management Committee | X |
| Stan Walsh | Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative | X |
| Duncan Wilson | Town of Friday Harbor | |
| Marta Green | San Juan County Puget Sound Recovery Coordinator | X |
| Betsy Daniels | LIO Coordination Team/Facilitator – Triangle Associates | X |
| Megan Johnston | LIO Coordination Team – Triangle Associates | X |

Guests

| Name | Affiliation |
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| Laura Arnold | Stewardship Network Coordinator, MRC member |
| Jack Bell | Friday Harbor Labs |
| Phil Green | |
| Lovel Pratt | Mulvo Cove Consulting |
| Jennifer Thomas | Subconsultant to Triangle Associates |
| Ryan Vincent | Resident Director, San Juan County Public Works |
| Tina Whitman | Science Director, FRIENDS of the San Juans |



Attachment B- Summary Table of NTA Preproposals

| NTA Owner | Project Title | Ready for Full Submittal | Needs More Information | Comments |
|--|--|--------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Marine Resources Committee | 2017 Marine Managers Workshop | x | | Vessel traffic and oil spills. Could connect to other projects (such as STEM student discovery). Some questions about setting a baseline with this action. |
| Marine Resources Committee | Citizen Science Workshops to Establish “No Net Loss” of Environmental Quality of the Nearshore Waters of San Juan County | x | | Connects with marine water quality, orcas, aligns with sub-strategies. Work starting in 2016. |
| UW Friday Harbor Labs | Friday Harbor Labs-STEM Student Discovery and Monitoring of Emerging Endocrine Disruptors in the San Juan Islands | x | | Look at connecting with the San Juan Nature Institute, also oil spill connection with MRC. |
| San Juan County Public Works | Ditch Retrofit Program | x | | Need to identify exact sub-strategies, pressures, Vital Signs. Possible connection with mycomediation project proposal. |
| San Juan County Public Works | Pond Retrofit Program | x | | Need to identify exact sub-strategies, pressures, Vital Signs. Similar to ditch retrofit, more public outreach required. Focus is on water quality issues, improving infrastructure between ponds and ditches. Includes an initial survey. |
| San Juan Islands Conservation District | Stormwater Sampling | x | | Need to identify exact sub-strategies, pressures, Vital Signs. Next phase of stormwater sampling program. Know there are high bacteria; this will help identify sources, and then take action to address those sources. Enhancement to continuing program. Need to highlight significant changes with action. |



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| San Juan County Public Works | Stormwater Treatment Retrofit | | | Need to demonstrate significant program change. Need to identify exact sub-strategies, pressures, Vital Signs. Look at collaboration with mycomediation project. |
| San Juan County Public Works | Mycomediation and Mycofiltration Project | x | | Integrates with other stormwater proposals. |
| FRIENDS of the San Juans | Salish Sea Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) Designation Phase 2: A Report and Nomination to the International Maritime Organization | x | | |
| Wild Fish Conservancy | Watershed Recovery Assessment Project | | x | This project and project below (Anadromous Fish Prioritization) have similarities. Need to follow-up with both of these projects about efficiencies, working together, and best way to propose this type of effort. |
| San Juan Islands Conservation District | Anadromous Fish Habitat Prioritization | | x | See comments above |
| UW Friday Harbor Labs | Policy on Dispersant Use in the Waters Surrounding San Juan County Phase 1: Concise Literature Review and Draft Policy Statement | x | | It would make sense to have a multiple phase project, involvement with MRC. Clarification on the cost estimate for this project: \$8,750 for this phase of the project (both literature reviews) |
| UW Friday Harbor Labs | Analysis of Impacts to Vital Signs from Victoria BC Sewage, Phase 1: Concise Literature Review and Draft Policy Statement | x | | Consider partnerships with this with North Puget Sound Tribes. Consider connections with Straits LIO and regional NTA with this, as well as Kitsap partnerships. Clarification on the cost estimate for this project: \$8,750 for this phase of the project (both literature reviews) |



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| San Juan Islands Conservation District | Improving Soil Health to Reduce Runoff and Conserve Water | x | | Need to identify exact pressures. New program, multiple requests from local landowners. |
| FRIENDS of the San Juans | Shoreline Protection/Stewardship | x | | Expands outreach for easements at a neighborhood level. Nearshore habitat protection. |
| FRIENDS of the San Juans | Advancing Sea Level Rise Adaptation in San Juan County | x | | Addresses impacts of climate change. Nearshore protection is the focus. |
| FRIENDS of the San Juans | Shoreline Restoration | x | | Expand program into new areas. Focus on restoration projects (already identified list). Need more specific project details. Reference list of landowners (selecting most feasible projects). No project bundling. |
| San Juan Islands Conservation District | Livestock Best Management Practice Implementation | x | | Need to identify exact pressures. This is an ongoing program, but is being enhanced. Need to demonstrate previous results leading in the new direction (using data from previous work to inform new). |
| San Juan Nature Institute/ECONet | Ridge to Reef—Taking STEM into the Field | | x | Need to identify exact sub-strategies, pressures, Vital Signs. Need to confirm the owner for this. Look at cross-cutting sub-strategies. Clarify how the approach is a critical component to getting to desired outcomes. Potential connections with stormwater project, salmon recovery, or Friday Harbor Labs STEM proposal. |
| San Juan Islands Conservation District | Drought Resiliency in Island Communities | x | | Connects with current Vital Signs, and several others to consider. Also ties into climate resiliency. Make sure this ties to sub-strategies under the Strategic Initiatives. Need to identify exact pressures. |



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| San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery | Phase 2 of Monitoring and Adaptive Management (MAM) section for San Juan Chapter of Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan | | x | Byron will follow-up with PSP regarding this. |
| San Juan County Environmental Resources | Feasibility Study for the Creation of a Regional Citizen Advisory Council for the Salish Sea | | x | Need to do some more work to clarify this. Suggestion to see if there could be connections to the ECB. There may be some connections with UW School of Marine & Env. Affairs, and an Elected Officials Conference. Consider partnerships with Tribes, and contact Terry Williams regarding this. |