



**San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Implementation Committee (IC) Meeting
DRAFT Meeting Summary
September 2, 2015, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Heritage Bank Community Room, Friday Harbor, WA**

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Develop first installment of 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan	LIO Coordination Team
Re-distribute the draft NTA process and criteria	LIO Coordination Team

Welcome and Introductions

Betsy Daniels, LIO Coordinator Lead and Facilitator, opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. The Implementation Committee (IC or Committee) reviewed the agenda and agreed to accept the August 5, 2015 meeting summary. A Committee member suggested including a list Committee members not present at each meeting in the meeting summaries. Another member noted that evidence for the pressures-stressors identified during the August 5 IC meeting could be enhanced.

Public Comment

Several members of the public introduced themselves and shared comments (summarized below):

- A member of the public shared an update regarding the Derelict Vessel Program in San Juan County. They noted that the program has been very effective; however, grant funding for this program has recently ended. They are looking for funding to continue the program (program is approximately \$23,000 per year to maintain). Several Committee members expressed interest in supporting this program as a Near-Term Action going forward (it currently is included in the San Juan LIO’s 2014 Near-Term Actions).
- A member of the public suggested looking into mitigation as an approach for organizations in San Juan County to help protect the environment.
- A member of the public asked if the volume of shipping and carrying capacity of vessel traffic in local waterways as they relate to oil spills pressure will be addressed. The Committee would like to make sure the connection between increased vessel traffic and increased risk of oil spills is captured in the Ecosystem Recovery Plan (reference Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment, 2010).

Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) Update

The Committee discussed the recent efforts of the SITTs. The SITTs are currently focused on developing the solicitation and criteria for Near-Term Actions (NTAs), and are also working on regional prioritization (looking at Vital Signs, pressures, and sub-strategies). It was noted that the initial concept from EPA and the new funding model is to prioritize regional recovery and protection actions, and to connect local priorities to regional priorities. The Committee discussed how best to fit into the regional process, while not losing sight of local priorities. A Committee member suggested the LIO should clearly state its goals and strategies and then fit those goals and strategies within the regional framework. The Committee also discussed focusing the LIO’s work on protection as opposed to restoration.

LIO Timeline and Key Deliverables for September

The Committee reviewed the SJ-LIO timeline and deliverables for Tasks 1-5. The IC reviewed and discussed the requirements and deadlines for recent and upcoming deliverables, and the process for completing those deliverables:



1. Preliminary list of prioritized ecosystem pressures—due July 31, draft submitted to the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), to be reviewed by the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC).
2. NTA annual financial data—due August 12, completed by the NTA reporters.
3. Confirm 4-6 Vital Signs—due September 30th
4. First Installment of 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan—due September 30th

It was noted that Jennifer Thomas has been hired by Triangle through a competitive process to assist with developing the deliverables for Task 5.

San Juan LIO Vital Signs and Sub-Strategies

Betsy Daniels reviewed the process the IC went through to prioritize pressures, and the preliminary list of pressure-stressors identified during the August 5 IC meeting. Based on the list of pressures, Linda Lyshall, the LIO Coordination Team, and the Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator mapped the priority pressure-stressors to sub-strategies and Vital Signs (these connections have already been established by the Puget Sound Partnership). Based on this analysis, 16 Vital Signs were identified. Linda Lyshall suggested narrowing those to 9 Vital Signs for the purposes of identifying relevant sub-strategies. The results of this process were compiled and shared as handouts during the September 2nd meeting.

The IC reviewed and discussed each of the 16 Vital Signs associated with the priority pressure-stressors (see table below). Based on its discussion, the Committee identified a preliminary list of Vital Signs for the SJ-LIO to focus on. When the group could not unanimously agree on whether or not a Vital Sign was a priority for the area, group members were polled as to whether the Vital Sign was a high, medium, or low priority. Only those deemed as a high priority by the majority of the group were moved forward. The Committee agreed to move forward with the 7 Vital Signs in bold in the table below.

Vital Sign	Include in 2-Year Plan	Include in 5-Year Plan/Comments
Chinook	Yes	Near-shore habitat included
Marine Water Quality	Yes	
Floodplains	Yes	The Committee discussed marine shoreline as floodplain, and encouraged PSP to redefine this Vital Sign. Consider regulatory rules, compliance with FEMA biop. Make sure that marine shorelines are included.
Shoreline Armoring	Yes	Shoreline health, this could be a pressure under other Vital Signs
Eelgrass	Yes	
Orcas	Yes	
Forage Fish (Pacific Herring)	Yes	
Shellfish Beds	No	Yes
Freshwater Quality (includes insects)	No	Some suggested this is a high priority due to development pressures.



Swimming Beaches	No	
Toxics in Fish	No	
Marine Sediment Quality	No	Some suggested this is a high priority. Others suggested this can be captured under oil spills and monitoring.
Summer Stream Flow	No	Group vote—High: 2; Med: 5, Low: 3
Land Development and Cover	No	Tentative no. Need to make sure to capture marine riparian, population and pressure issues (development in the broader sense).
Estuaries	No	
On-site Sewage Systems	No	

The LIO Coordination Team will work on putting the pressures and Vital Signs into results chains and schematics. The Committee also reviewed and discussed a list of sub-strategies to potentially utilize for 2016 NTA development. Based on its discussion, below is an initial list of sub-strategies the San Juan LIO would like to consider for 2016 NTA development.

Initial Priority Sub-Strategies	
<i>Note: sub-strategies highlighted in red are sub-strategies currently utilized for 2014 San Juan LIO NTAs</i>	
A1.3	A1.3 Improve, strengthen, streamline implementation & enforcement
B1.2	B1.2 Local plans, regs, policies protect nearshore & estuaries
B1.3	B1.3 Improve, strengthen, streamline nearshore & marine impl. & enforcement
B2.1	B2.1 Protect priority intact nearshore physical & ecological processes & habitat
B2.2	B2.2 Implement prioritized nearshore and estuary restoration projects and accelerate projects on public lands
C2.4	C2.4 Control sources of pollutants
C1.1	C1.1 Implement and strengthen authorities and programs to prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound environment
C1.6	C1.6 Increase compliance with and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and permits (ADD MARINE)
A5.3	A5.3 Protect & maintain intact & functional floodplains
A5.4	A5.4 Implement & maintain priority floodplain restoration projects (ADD MARINE)
B5.3	B5.3 Prevent, rapidly respond to invasives' introduction & spread
C8.1	C8.1 Prevent and reduce the risk of oil spills
C8.3	C8.3 Respond to spills and seek restoration using the best available science and technology
A2.2	A2.2 Implement and maintain priority freshwater and terrestrial restoration projects
A6.1	A6.1 High priority projects in 3yr work plans
C2.5	C2.5 Provide stormwater-related education and training



B3.1	B3.1 Protect intact marine ecosystems
A1.2	A1.2 Local plans, regs & policies consistent with Puget Sound recovery
C2.2	C2.2 Prevent problems from new development
C9.4	C9.4 Develop and implement Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) programs
B2.3	B2.3 Remove armoring, use soft armoring replacement or landward setbacks
A4.2	A4.2 Infrastructure & incentives within UGAs accommodate new & re-development
C9.1	C9.1 Complete TMDL studies and other necessary water cleanup plans
A1.1	A1.1 Identify & prioritize areas for protection, restoration or development
A7.1	A7.1 Update instream flow rules to encourage conservation
B5.2	B5.2 More integrated approach to protect, enhance biodiversity
C2.3	C2.3 Fix problems caused by existing development

Updates and Announcements

The IC reviewed and discussed several updates and announcements:

- Duncan Wilson is putting together a Department of Ecology grant proposal to install a stormwater vault at the end of Spring Street and would like a letter of support from the LIO. This request will be shared with the AOC.
- The advertisement for the San Juan LIO Coordinator has been sent out and five applications have been received so far. Sam Gibboney, Linda Lyshall, Kyle Dodd, and Jamie Stephens will serve as the interview team. The position is open until filled, and the hiring date depends on the candidate selected (funding is available for this position beginning October 1).
- The Committee briefly discussed that new NTAs (to be discussed in October-November) need to be “shovel ready,” two-year projects, and cannot be “lumped” together. The LIO Coordination team will re-distribute the draft NTA process and criteria discussed during the August 5th IC meeting.
- The next IC meeting will take place on October 7th from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm, likely in the Key Bank meeting space in Friday Harbor.

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	
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	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	
Betsy Daniels	LIO Coordinator Lead – Triangle Associates	X
Megan Johnston	LIO Coordinator Point of Contact – Triangle Associates	X

Guests

Name
Laura Arnold
Mark Forlenza
Shaun Hubbard
Cheryl Kumar
Lovel Pratt
Jennifer Thomas
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