



**San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)**  
**Implementation Committee (IC) Meeting**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**August 5, 2015, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Contact Heather Ballash with the Department of Commerce regarding technical assistance to LIOs	LIO Coordination Team
Email the Puget Sound Pressures Assessment to the Implementation Committee	LIO Coordination Team
Complete Q2 NTA status updates and annual NTA financial reporting	LIO NTA Reporters

**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 June 10, 2015 meeting summary (no edits or suggestions were made).

**Public Comment**

The IC discussed their preferences for receiving information via email from the public. The Committee agreed that the LIO Coordination Team will forward emails they receive from the public with information for the SJ-LIO directly to the IC. The Committee reviewed materials regarding a commenting opportunity related to the Tesoro refinery's application to manufacture xylene for export. The LIO Coordination Team also read a public comment received via email urging the SJ-LIO to keep the risk of major oil spills as a top priority, and encouraged more emphasis on "prevention" than "preparedness."

The Committee also discussed that the Department of Commerce Growth Management Services Unit is currently offering technical assistance to LIOs in support of the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda. The Committee discussed how this could potentially be a good fit for San Juan County, particularly with the current Comprehensive Plan Update process and integrating climate resiliency into the Plan. The LIO Coordination Team will reach out to Heather Ballash at the Department of Commerce for more information about this opportunity and will report back to the Committee during the September IC meeting.

**Updates from the Accountability and Oversight Committee (AOC)**

Linda Lyshall shared that the AOC approved the use of the LIO Supplemental Grant funds and moving forward with contracting over email in July. The Committee reviewed the purpose of the Supplemental Grant Funds and how the SJ-LIO intends to use them. It was noted that San Juan County's current LIO Coordination Grant is for Tasks 1-4. LIOs have since been offered an additional \$170,000 grant to complete an additional Task 5 (includes a series of subtasks for the development of a 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan and 2-Year Implementation Plan). Work completed in Tasks 1-4 are foundational pieces to Task 5. The Scope of Work for Task 5 outlines that Triangle Associates will work on certain components of Task 5, primarily assisting the SJ-LIO with completing a series of deliverables. Some Task 5 funding will also go towards the SJ-LIO Coordinator to assist with coordination of various subtasks, as well as a local technical subconsultant to assist with developing deliverables. Work on Task 5 will primarily take place from August 2015 through February 2016.



## **LIO Timeline and Key Deliverables for August and September**

The Committee reviewed the SJ-LIO timeline and deliverables for Tasks 1-5. It was noted that San Juan County, as the fiscal agent for the SJ-LIO, has contractual obligations to meet the deliverables outlined in the LIO Coordination Grant and Supplemental Grant Funds. The IC reviewed and discussed the requirements and deadlines for recent and upcoming deliverables, and the process for completing those deliverables:

1. Q2 NTA status updates—due July 24
2. Preliminary local criteria and process to prioritize and sequence NTAs—due July 24
3. Preliminary list of prioritized ecosystem pressures—due July 31
4. NTA annual financial data—due August 12

## **Pressure Ranking Outcomes and Preliminary SJ-LIO Pressures**

Linda Lyshall provided an overview of the pressure ranking process. She noted that a recent regional assessment (the Puget Sound Pressures Assessment or PSPA) characterized the primary pressures-stressors relevant to the San Juan Islands area; however, some of those pressures-stressors did not seem to resonate based on local knowledge of the key pressures for the San Juan Islands. In order to assess the current priority pressures-stressors for the San Juan Islands from the local perspective, IC members ranked a complete list of PSP pressures-stressors based on scope, severity, and irreversibility prior to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The results of this ranking process were compiled and shared as handouts during the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The IC reviewed and discussed the outcomes of the pressures-stressors ranking process and reordered the list as deemed necessary. Based on its discussion, the Committee identified a preliminary list of priority pressures-stressors for the SJ-LIO to focus on, as well as evidence for why the pressures-stressors should be priorities. This list of pressures-stressors will be submitted as draft to PSP (SJ-LIO deliverable), and will continue to be discussed and refined moving forward. This list is outlined below.

<b>Pressure-Stressor</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
Large oil spills	PSPA
Changing ocean condition	Ocean acidification, temperature—Friday Harbor Labs, Taylor Shellfish
Sea level rise	Friends of the San Juans
Shoreline hardening	PSPA
Species disturbance - marine	PSPA
Altered low flows from land cover change	Stormwater Basin Plans
Conversion of land cover for residential, commercial, and industrial use	PSPA
Altered peak flows from land cover change	PSPA
Non-point source conventional water pollutants	PSPA
Altered low flows from withdrawals	DOH, False Bay Watershed Assessment (WA Water Trust), CD
Non-point source, persistent toxic chemicals in aquatic systems	PSPA- small (less than large) oil spills captured here, boat based oil spills, derelict boats
Harmful algal blooms	DOH, Friday Harbor Labs, Shannon Point



Non-point source, non-persistent toxic chemicals in aquatic systems	To address orca and salmon health (orcas, salmon, shellfish)
Culverts and other fish passage barriers	San Juan Salmon Recovery Plan WRIA 2, Wild Fish Conservancy
Point source, persistent toxic chemicals in aquatic systems	To address orca and salmon health
Displacement by non-natives	County Weed Board, WDFW, NPS, San Juan Preservation Trust, Land Bank
Spread of disease and parasites to native species	Seastar wasting disease, eelgrass wasting, giardia from canines to seals

The IC also identified that following pressure-stressors to consider with the 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan.

Pressure-Stressor	Evidence
Altered low flows from climate change	Current drought conditions, lower flows than normal, still assessing
Changing precipitation amounts and patterns	
Altered peak flows from climate change	
Shading of shallow water habitat	Friends of the San Juans (shoreline modification plan), impact but not as significant
Changing air temperature	Tracking this
Terrestrial and freshwater species disturbance in human dominated areas	NPS, USFWS, WDFW, BLM
Terrestrial habitat fragmentation	
Terrestrial and freshwater species disturbance in natural landscapes	Ongoing management issue

### **Existing NTAs, Preliminary Process and Criteria for New Near-Term Actions (NTAs)**

The IC reviewed and discussed a proposed preliminary process and criteria for determining new NTAs. This information was outlined in a NTA process and criteria handout distributed prior to the meeting. The purpose of this is to help identify a filtering mechanism for selecting NTAs that ensures NTAs meet local and regional criteria. The proposed process is similar to what the SJ-LIO and other LIOs have done in the past. The process includes dividing into sub-groups based on the Strategic Initiatives to identify potential NTAs, and then conducting two stages of review based on a set of criteria (see handout for details).

The group discussed the “stage 1 and 2” criteria and agreed to keep the “stage 1” criteria as they are currently written, and to revise the “stage 2” criteria to include “impact and feasibility” with rating scale



in order to identify a ranked list of NTAs. A revised preliminary process and criteria for determining new NTAs document will be submitted as draft to PSP (SJ-LIO deliverable).

The Committee discussed different aspects of new NTA development. It was clarified that the amount of direct implementation funding for NTAs is uncertain at this time, and that actions related to prevention can be linked to the Vital Signs. During the September meeting the IC will discuss the next step for implementing the NTA development process. From October-November 2015, the SJ-LIO will focus on developing the list of new NTAs. The IC discussed that new NTAs need to be specific, “shovel ready” projects, or discrete actions leading towards “shovel ready” projects.

### **SJ-LIO Coordinator Hiring Process**

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The IC discussed the process for hiring a new SJ-LIO Coordinator. Triangle Associates’ LIO coordination contract is complete at the end of September. Triangle will help to facilitate SJ-LIO meetings as part of its Task 5 contract through the end of 2015, while the new LIO Coordinator will manage LIO administration beginning in October. San Juan County has a job description for the LIO Coordination position ready to be posted. The position will be 0.75 FTE. Jamie Stephens, Sam Gibboney, Linda Lyshall, and Kyle Dodd will serve on the hiring committee to screen applicants and make recommendations on a candidate for the position. Interviews will likely take place the second week in September. Several members expressed interest in seeing the criteria and questions used in the hiring process.

### **Meeting Adjourned**



**Attachment A- Meeting Participants**  
**Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Marta Branch	SJC Marine Resources Committee
Stephanie Buffum	San Juan Stewardship Network/EcoNet Representative
Sam Gibboney	San Juan County Community Development & Planning
Ed Hale	San Juan County Dept. of Public Works
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health and Community Services
Linda Lyshall (Chair)	San Juan Islands Conservation District
Byron Rot	San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee
Billie Swalla	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative
Betsy Daniels	LIO Coordinator Lead – Triangle Associates, Inc.
Megan Johnston	LIO Coordinator Point of Contact – Triangle Associates, Inc.

**Guests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Laura Arnold	SJC Marine Resources Committee
Jennifer Thomas	