



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

**March 2, 2016, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Key Bank, 95 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

Approved 04-06-2016

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Reschedule May 4, 2016 Implementation Committee Meeting	Marta Green

**Welcome and Introductions**

Linda Lyshall, SJ-LIO Implementation Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 11:35am. The Implementation Committee (IC) members provided brief introductions. It was noted that Arnie Klaus, the new San Juan County Marine Program Coordinator, will be joining the LIO IC. He will be replacing Marta Branch as one of the MRC representatives.

**Meeting Agenda and Summary**

The meeting agenda was approved with no changes. The January 20, 2016 IC Draft Meeting Summary was approved.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Near Term Action Proposals**

Marta Green, San Juan Puget Sound Recovery Coordinator, reported that Near Term Action (NTAs) proposals for the 2016 Action Agenda have been in review by the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Strategic Initiative Transition Teams (SITTs) since they were submitted on February 3, 2016. There are eighteen NTAs from SJ local entities being reviewed. One NTA that focused on citizen science was not resubmitted in final form, and one focusing on drought resiliency did not qualify to be ranked by SITT, though it will be an important topic for San Juan County in the future.

**Ecosystem Recovery Plan Overview**

Marta discussed the outline for the Ecosystem Recovery Plan. The Ecosystem Recovery Plans are to serve PSP's external vision elements, including engendering decision-maker confidence, informing adaptive management of Puget Sound protection and restoration at a regional scale, the possibility that the PSP may use LIO plans to understand implications of agency and partner actions on LIO priorities, bringing support to LIOs to help them succeed, and finding expertise on special issues.

The LIO overview of this 5-year plan will mirror and contribute to Puget Sound Action Agenda updates and explain how LIOs are helping to advance regional progress on the Action Agenda's 22 Vital Signs. Elements for this will include a vision, map, goal statements, prioritized Vital Signs, components, pressures, gaps/barriers/needs, conceptual model, management procedure, and recovery context from each LIO including San Juan County.



The PSP draft Ecosystem Recovery Plan guidance for plan deliverables will provide consistent language, incorporate human wellbeing vital signs, identify core team and lead, include three PSP workshops, and include submission of interim draft deliverables and timeline. Marta clarified that the group needs to be comfortable submitting drafts to PSP in some cases without IC member review. Linda asked that everyone review the guidance material and come to the April meeting with their visions. Another member reminded the group that the LIO must relate SJ LIO actions to the plan, not be bound by someone else's vision of the plan components should be. He added that we need to identify what we are protecting, what is the potential loss, and what is at risk.

Suzanna reminded the group that the only contractual elements are that the SJ LIO produce a draft plan by September 2016. There is a broadening of Vital Signs in scope to capture everyone's (all LIOs) needs. This plan is meant to be true to the needs of the San Juan community.

### **Schedule**

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The Ecosystem Recovery Plan will be developed March – September 2016, with the final draft due to PSP on September 30, 2016 [Correction: draft Plan s due Sept. 11 and Work Plan is due Sept. 30].

LIO IC upcoming meeting dates: March 2nd, April 6th (joint IC and AOC meeting), May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7, 2016. The Salmon Recovery Coordinator noted that a field trip May 4<sup>th</sup> will present a conflict for several members of the IC to meet that day. It was agreed that IC meeting would be rescheduled.

LIO AOC upcoming meeting dates: April 6th (joint IC and AOC meeting), June and September dates TBD. Upcoming PSP Ecosystem Recovery Plan Workshop meeting dates: March 3rd, April 26th, June workshop meeting TBD.

Upcoming PSP Deliverable deadline dates: core team, draft vision, geographic scope due March 3rd; draft plan sections – goal statements and prioritized vital signs, components, and pressures due April 15th; draft plan sections – conceptual model, goal statements, gaps/barriers/needs, and adaptive management procedure due July 15th ; draft plan due September 11th ; draft work plan to complete plan due September 30th.

### **Core Team Approach**

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The SJ LIO will have three or more IC members participate in a core team to review and provide input and feedback on products and deliverables for the Ecosystem Recovery Plan. Right now the core team from San Juan consists of Marta Green, Linda Lyshall, and Megan Johnson from Triangle Associates. Marta will serve as the core team lead, attend PSP planning workshops, and coordinate LIO meetings. Megan Johnson, consultant, will participate in the core team, attend PSP planning workshops, lead product and deliverables development, and assist with LIO planning and coordination tasks.

There was some discussion among group members about the term “recovery” being used in this plan. Members feel like protection is the more pressing issue and it was noted that the Salmon Recovery's plan includes in the title ‘Protection and Recovery’ . Everyone agreed that communication between the core team and the rest of the group will be very important.



Barbara Bentley volunteered to become a core team member, and Stan Walsh agreed to help with document review. The core team will especially need help in the next few weeks in the form of feedback to see where the LIO wants to diverge from the early elements of the plan.

**LIO Feedback to PSP on Plan Template and Guidance**

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Marta reviewed the feedback that the LIO provided to the PSP on the Plan Template and Guidance:

- The five year planning timeframe is acceptable.
- There should be clarity on the level of support/ assistance to be provided.
- A comprehensive adaptive management process doesn't seem to be feasible.
- Template and Guidance need to provide flexibility for LIOs to address additional elements.
- Our LIO members have not yet had time to review Guidance.

Suzanna shared feedback received from other LIOs:

- Simplified name change to "LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan."
- Added optional Funding Strategy section.
- Highlighted connections to salmon recovery planning.
- Clarity on the Adaptive Management section.
- Improved Appendix 1.

**Vision Statement Development**

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Marta led the group in the development of a draft vision statement which will be presented at the first PSP workshop on March 3rd. Small groups discussed what should be included, key concepts, and draft vision statements. The draft statement group agreed on is:

*"Community stewardship sustains healthy and productive ecosystems."*

**Next Steps**

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<u>Ecosystem Recovery Plan</u>	<u>2016 Action Agenda</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 3<sup>rd</sup> – workshop #1 in Edmonds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 11<sup>th</sup> – Receive NTA rankings</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 18<sup>th</sup> – LIO/ECO Net meeting at Padilla Bay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 15<sup>th</sup> – Puget Sound LIO/EPA/PSP Leadership Meeting in Seattle</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 6<sup>th</sup> – Joint AOC- IC meeting in Friday Harbor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 30<sup>th</sup> – Any letters of petition due to PSP</li> </ul>

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm**



**Attachment - Meeting Participants**

**Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Barbara Bentley	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Arnie Klaus	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Alan Chapman	Lummi Natural Resources Department	X
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	
Sam Gibboney	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Noreene Ignelzi	San Juan Stewardship Network/EcoNet Representative	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	
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Duncan Wilson	Town of Friday Harbor	

**Staff and Guests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Laura Arnold	Marine Resources Committee, Stewardship Network
Phil Green	Marine Resources Committee
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Megan Johnston	LIO Coordination Team – Triangle Associates
Suzanna Stoike	Puget Sound Partnership
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary