

Summary

**MRC, CAG and LIO Committee Members in Attendance:** Jeff Dyer, Matt Arata, Paul Andersson, Aaron Boyles, Kailey Genter, Marta Green, Christina Koons, Lovel Pratt, Karin Roemers-Kleven, Craig Smith, Sandy Wyllie-Echeverria

**Ex-officio, County support staff and members of the public:** Dave Checkley, Audrey Coyne, Tyler Davis, Frances Robertson, Sam Whitridge, Cindy Wolf

10:50 AM **Convene LIO Meeting**

Kim S., Adam P., and Kendra are unavailable today so no quorum, we'll approve March meeting summary next meeting

10:51 AM **LIO Updates/Business**

- Matt isn't here today for PSP Updates

10:52 AM • Introduce SIL Liaison to San Juan LIO

*Audrey Coyne*

I'm the NEP lead at the DoH, shellfish selected for the San Juans as SIL habitat. I'm here to listen and attend LIO meetings and help the SIL's understand the challenges you're discussing, I'll bring the lens to all three programs (not just shellfish also stormwater and habitat), facilitate collaboration and communication, pay attention to agenda topics

Sam: I'm excited about this opportunity to interact with you and SIL's as a whole.

10:56 AM • May 18<sup>th</sup> San Juan local Forum Planning

*Sam Whitridge*

Sam: reminder that the ECB rotates meetings around the region, it'll be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the grange. We as the local entity get to have 2 hours on the agenda to bring an issue to the forefront and include any ask. We have a subcommittee mapping out agenda. I met with ECB a couple weeks ago to give an informal overview: vessel impacts, the small oil spill issue, the request for an ERTV. I need to draft our memos to the ECB by next week. I've asked Frankie to present on recreational vessel impacts and then on the broader oils spill topic. Marta can present on the research done and on how response time could be improved with an ERTV at RH or Sidney. And we discussed having Kim Sundberg present on the ecology of an oil spill, the dramatic impact it would have if we had a large oil spill in SJC.

Lovel: it would be helpful for ECB to be reminded about the role SJC has played in identifying PSP's priorities, we were strong advocates for making sure oil spills get addressed. Continue to play an important role in reminding State about significant risk of oils pill, low probability but very high consequence. Some broader context or baseline for that issue would be helpful and a good opportunity for the ECB to hear that and a good reminder for the PSP if it's appropriate, I'd love to speak to the group and provide a presentation, even though I'm not on the LIO

Sam: I think that would be great. Also in terms of the recreational vessel impact side of things, I think it's a great opportunity to highlight some of the issues we're having here. I had a good discussion with the ECB executive committee around the boating topic and they seemed very interested in what we're seeing locally and the concept of developing some kind of vessel management plan that could be applicable elsewhere in the Sound

Marta: can you share the high points of the debrief as to why that grant application wasn't successful? perhaps they didn't understand the magnitude of the problem?

Frankie: it wasn't entirely clear, they were pretty cagey, they commented that it was an ambitious proposal, other challenge is there were two proposals coming out of SJC with eelgrass as driving force. So they funded the restoration project, but we're going to need to do this work to establish where the prime sites for restoration to happen.

There were a number of things they said around it being scalable. And we pointed out that it was a pilot and this is a problem that's going to spread further beyond San Juans as people move north to escape climes down south. But this is an important priority and we'll figure out how to get the work done, Seadoc but also applying elsewhere Adam from WDFW has some ideas so we'll share proposal with him. We'll use MRC funds to move this along. We have successfully tested the aerial photo method for buoys and can use an intern to analyze that data. We'll keep building

Marta: if the perception is that the impact from recreational boating isn't a serious threat, but habitat is degraded, then this is a new problem is a concern for me. Rather than suggesting to the ECB that we can chip away at it, I want them to know we're in crisis and we need them to work on our behalf. Don't tell them we can take it on ourselves.

Frankie: good point, we'll make it in our presentation. I'll work with you on the presentation

Christina: Can we see copies of the proposals? So we understand what was presented and what they responded to

Craig: that would be useful, could entrain some new MRC members in messaging. One classic thing in these types of proposals is to focus on biodiversity hotspots that are relatively pristine. That's a good reason to do a novel study of boating impacts. May not be as important in south Puget sound

Sandy: I agree and would like to take a look at what was written

ACTION ITEM: Frankie will send around that proposal, Sam will also the ECB preliminary materials

Sam: I'll schedule an ECB subcommittee meeting in next couple of weeks, we'll get Lovel involved too. If anyone else is interested in participating in subcommittee to plan local forum let me know, we'll probably have one more meeting

Frankie: And I'd add that it would be good to have a bit of coordination on who is applying for what for some of these things. Tina and I have begun to do this so that we can be more strategic.

Christina: will that meeting be recorded for those of us who can't attend?

Sam: yes and live streamed like all state meetings on TVW. Looking forward to this meeting in just a month and a half

11:16 AM • Update on Creosote Assessment Project

*Frances R*

The RFQ has gone out week before last, should be receiving proposals from the three companies it was sent out to. We'll select one to kick off the project. I had a great meeting with Tina from Friends to talk about the inventory completed in 2009 so when we repeat it we can see how much has been removed since last one. That assessment should be undertaken this summer, and next winter mitigation calculations for the public facilities.

Sandy: I mentioned this at the MMW, nearly 20 years ago John Shannon organized a workshop at FHL to discuss climate change issues. I invited two speakers from the climate impacts group at UW, held at the Commons and it was video-taped. Many attended. I MRC may be interested in seeing it to compare with this past week's MMW. It's a CD

Lovel: yes thank you I'd love to see that.

ACTION ITEM: Sandy will give that to Sam to distribute

11:20 PM **Adjourn LIO Meeting**