



San Juan County Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery



## Marine Advisory Committees San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group/LJO Meeting Summary June 2, 2022

**MRC Committee Members in Attendance:** Matt Arata, Carl Davis, Jeff Dyer, Kailey Genter, Phil Green, Christina Koons, Adam Parrott, Lovel Pratt, Ivan Reiff, Karin Roemers-Kleven, Laura Jo Severson, Beth Tate, Kendra Smith

**LJO Committee Members in Attendance:** Kendra Smith, Phil Green, Kimbal Sundberg, Sam Whitridge, Frances Robertson, Paul Andersson, Jamie Stephens

**Ex-officio, PSP staff, County support staff and members of the public:** Matt Colston, Marta Green, Lucas Hart, Sasha Horst, Dana Oster, Frances Robertson, Austin Rose, Sam Whitridge

*9:00 – 10:59 meeting focused on MRC and CAG business and project updates*

### Local Integrating Organization

11:05 AM LJO Projects

*Marta Green*

Interested in everyone’s feedback today. Finalizing the Action agenda. Updates on projects:

- County-wide Creosote Assessment, a \$100K Near Term Action. Contract with DNR. Assessing mitigation ‘credits’ for the removal, then a roadmap for permitting, engineering, and cost analysis. For Jackson Beach, Frances will be project manager and will work with a contractor.
  - More discussion of mitigation credits and how they work.
- PSP LJO Collective Policy Project: Building Commitment to Priority Shoreline, Permitting Solutions in Puget Sound.

The project consulted with Tina Whitman. Looking at unpermitted/under-permitted shorelines, analysis of solutions. Marta reviews recommended actions: strengthen enforcement actions, increase monitoring (with aerial), expand Shore-friendly with better education on permitting process, increase in-person site visits throughout project construction.

11:26 AM **2023-2025 Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds work planning**

*Marta Green*

The next major ask of LIO is how to use the \$400K, target for contract is October 1. Different from geographic funds that can be used for projects. Money from the Partnership can only be used for planning/policy work. It can't be used for science, research, monitoring, or capital projects. Marta will be passing this off to Sam.

Jamie: Council approved the idea of managed retreat but need to develop a policy of what that means so it can guide what we do as a county with infrastructure (gives some examples). Everything can't be a one-off, need a county-wide policy. Should earmark a substantial amount of those funds to work on that policy.

Paul: should we meet as the LIO subcommittee to look at these funds? All the context for this seems to be missing.

Kendra: we're opening this up not just to LIO but to MRC, what should be priorities in county to invest this money?

Marta: we're essentially going from \$75K a year to \$225K going forward. It's a big lift

Paul: need more details/context to make these decisions. E.g., how much would a managed retreat policy cost?

Kendra: having Marta's replacement on board and more information about how this would be managed will help.

ACTION ITEM: We'll return with more detail and go from there.

11:40 AM **Puget Sound Action Agenda update**

*Matt Colston*

Shows timeline for the Action Agenda, now we're following the March-April public review phase and soon during the meeting for Puget Sound Partnership leadership June 9<sup>th</sup> it will be up for approval [https://psp.wa.gov/board\\_meetings.php](https://psp.wa.gov/board_meetings.php)

After Leadership approves agenda, it will be presented to EPA. Then fully implemented. Strategic Initiative Leads will produce investment plans, meeting will be in July. That'll lead to a date in fall to start putting out RFP's

ACTION ITEM: once that invite is out Matt will send that invitation out via Marta or Sam

11:49 AM **Approve March 3 LIO meeting summary**

*Marta Green*

In March meeting, discussed the oil spill prevention letter in which we provided Canadian government evidence that an ERTV here would prevent 80% of disabled vessels from grounding. Senator Cantwell's office wanted to help, we suggested they send out a common message – Marta still needs to follow up on that. Discussed the redirecting of \$100K funding to the creosote assessment. Introduced Matt Colson as PSP Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator.

MOTION: Paul proposes to approve the March meeting summary, Kendra seconds. Summary approved

11:54 AM **Puget Sound Partnership Update**

*Matt Colston*

PSP Action Agenda Vital Signs were updated and brought out, Matt shares what they look like. Executive meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by Snohomish County. Then Island County hosts next Leadership Council meeting in September. August meeting will approve the Action Agenda and July meeting for the SI Leads, <https://vitalsigns.pugetsoundinfo.wa.gov/> When Matt has more information about SILs approach to RFP he'll forward to Marta and then proceed to work on contract with Sam.

11:58 AM Level: Let's be sure to have agenda time for MRC-LIO Member news at the next meeting. Could we include that earlier in the agenda? Thank you all!

11:59 AM **Wrap up and Adjourn meeting**

*Marta Green*