



San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Implementation Committee
Meeting Summary
Thursday January 13, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Web Meeting

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report additional comments on the draft 2022-2026 Action Agenda to Marta. 	-Everyone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact WDFW and DNR to prepare contracts for the Jackson Beach creosote removal project. 	-Marta

Welcome and Introductions, Coast Salish Acknowledgement, and Meeting Agenda and Summary

Marta Green convened the meeting at 11:03 am. Marta shared a Coast Salish Acknowledgement with the group. The meeting agenda was approved. The meeting summary for the November 4, 2021 meeting was approved following some discussion on the SJC shoreline armor change regulatory review. Kimbal Sundberg noted that WDFW and HPA Advisory Group are aware of armoring regulation problems and that there is a new enforcement officer that will be looking into the issue.

Public Comment

None.

Action Agenda 2022-2026 Draft Action Agenda Review

Marta reviewed a subset of the list of approved, high-level actions which she had highlighted as the most important locally. She reviewed member comments with the group and asked for everyone’s input about the general scope of the actions, potential gaps, red flags, or what could be improved in the approved actions. Committee members discussed the actions and added comments. Marta noted that she will follow up with Sam Whitridge about additional actions and comments on fish passage barriers. And she will follow up with Lovel Pratt about actions targeting oil spill prevention. Marta asked that any other comments made by committee members be made to the GoogleDocs file by Jan. 17th. After that, she asked that members let her know of comments they leave after Jan. 18th. The comment period for the draft 2022-2026 Action Agenda will be open until Feb. 9th. [All LIOs’ comments are captured in the Google Spreadsheet link here: [LIO AA JanReview HighLevelActions - Google Sheets.](#)]

LIOs will be able to revisit the rankings [update 03-01-22: PSP no longer intends to re-open LIOs’ rankings review] in late March- early April during the public comment period, and the Action Agenda should be approved this fall.

Near Term Action FFY2021 \$100K Direct Funding Options

Marta reviewed the options for the \$100K direct funding options. Option 1a was proposed from Friends of the San Juans for a land acquisition of one of two beach areas that are important habitats for surf



smelt spawning. Both areas are priority protection parcels and known spawning areas. The funds offered here would be helping to provide matching funds from other grant sources. Vickie Edwards from the San Juan Preservation Trust updated the status of the project. The acquisitions process is not moving forward as quickly as they had hoped, and right now they still cannot share locations pending finalizing agreements. SRFB funding may be sought for one of the parcels.

Option 1b is from SJC Public Works with a request for help funding a creosote pilings removal project on Jackson Beach. This beach is also a known surf smelt spawning area. An aquatic survey has already been done and removal should be feasible. Kendra Smith updated the group on the status of the project. The project will generate more than 269 mitigation credits. Only 46 credits are needed to mitigate two county infrastructure projects. The \$100k funds could be applied, be matched with \$75K from the county, and still bank more than 46 credits. She explained that she hopes to get the project in front of county council in February so it can be approved for funding with the intent of completing the project this year.

Option 2 would be to defer FFY2021 and combine with FFY2022 next fall for a total of \$200K.

Marta asked each individual member which project they thought should be supported with the funds. Frances Robertson and Kendra Smith abstained from giving input; Phil Green, Erin Licata, Kimbal Sundberg, and Stan Walsh all supported using the funds for the Jackson Beach creosote removal project. Kimbal emphasized that this project is not eligible for SRFB funds. Marta will get in touch with WDFW and DNR to see what needs to be done to prepare the contracts for the project.

Puget Sound Partnership Updates

Laura gave updates. There is a green infrastructure summit happening virtually March 24th and 25th, “Turning the Tide: Disrupting status quos in infrastructure investment, climate, and the land we occupy.” [Link: Green Infrastructure Summit | 12,000 Rain Gardens \(12000raingardens.org\)](#)

The PSP newsletter for last half of 2021 came out. Highlights include articles about plankton monitoring, restoring native oysters, the Salish Sea School, and Pierce Conservation District’s carbon credit program.

The legislative session started Jan. 10th. There will be a weekly call, and if members would like an invitation to the call they should email Don Gourlie, legislative director, directly. don.gourlie@psp.wa.gov

PSP is hiring an Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator, as Laura is taking a new position as the Ecosystem Recovery Manager. Sam Witridge will be on the interview panel for the Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator position, and will be able to give input for priorities for SJC. Thanks to Laura for her service to the San Juan LIO.

LIO Workplan Initial Scoping

Marta briefly reviewed LIO FFY2022 capacity grant workplan for committee members. The grant’s subtask includes the development of a workplan for the LIO. Scoping options include refining the LIO grant task 5 and contributing to EPRP goals with enabling actions. Marta will gather information on



various planning and funding opportunities for this and send it out to committee members so the group can spend time focusing on this during the next meeting.

Next meeting is March 3, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:01 pm

Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Frances Robertson	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	
Kendra Smith	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	X
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Paul Andersson	SJI Conservation District	X
Sam Whitridge	San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity	
Megan Dethier	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Phil Green	San Juan Marine Resources Committee	X
Jamie Stephens	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group, chair	
Erin Licata	San Juan Stewardship Network	X

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Laura Rivas	Puget Sound Partnership
Tino Villaluz	Swinomish Tribe
Angela Broderick	San Juan County
Vickie Edwards	San Juan Preservation Trust
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary
Laura Arnold	Self
Lovel Pratt	Friends of the San Juans