



San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Implementation Committee
Meeting Summary
Thursday March 3, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Web Meeting

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compile a list of gaps in EPRP accomplishments for planning purposes, and send out to committee members for review.	-Marta

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

Marta Green convened the meeting at 11:00 am. Marta shared a Coast Salish Acknowledgement with the group. The meeting agenda was approved. The meeting summary for the January 13, 2022 meeting was approved.

Public Comment

Marta Green announced she is transitioning to retirement and will be reducing hours to half-time through June. After June she would like to stay engaged with the county’s derelict vessel program. Kendra reported that with Marta retiring the county will be streamlining the LIO, MRC, and salmon recovery duties.

Oil Spill Prevention

Marta reported that on Jan. 25, 2022 she presented a letter to county council that requested the Canadian government reposition an emergency towing vessel (ETV) to Sidney, B.C. The letter was officially sent out by county council and the Islands Trust the next day. There has been no response to the letter by the Canadian government. There is broad transboundary recognition of the vulnerability of inland waters having an oil spill. Tugs of opportunity are in the area about 30% of the time but may not have trained crew available when needed. An ETV stationed in Sidney could respond before a disabled vessel runs aground in about 80% of cases modeled and in a wide range of sea and weather conditions. An ETV presence in Sidney would not necessarily sacrifice safety on the coast, based on other modeling studies. Marta heard back from Senator Cantwell’s office asking what they can do to help this move forward—she suggested Senator Cantwell’s office could reach out to the USCG to get their reaction, and relay that back. She asked committee members for input on how to get leverage to move this forward. The letter is posted on the San Juan County website.

Near Term Action FFY2021 \$100K Direct Funding Options – Creosote Removal Project

Kendra reported that there are now major restrictions on doing any marine projects. The approach for the creosote removal project at Jackson Beach will be revised to a county-wide creosote piling removal assessment, facilitating future piling removals. This plan will also retain valuable mitigation credits (issued by NOAA) in the county. Paul motioned to approve the amended approach to using the \$100k this year; Kimbal seconded the motion. Motion was approved by present committee members, and Kendra and Frances abstained.



Puget Sound Partnership Updates

Laura gave updates. There is a new Ecosystems Recovery Coordinator at PSP. Matt Colston, who previously worked with Island County Surface Water Quality Team, has been hired to fill the position.

PSP has decided that there should be a forum to clarify how PSP and the LIOs, SILs, and EPA will all work together, move forward, and prioritize work. The first meeting of the forum will be March 16th, and there may be quarterly meetings. Laura sees this forum as a good opportunity for LIOs and SILs to come together better.

Ecosystems Protection and Recovery Plan

Marta informed the group that discussion is continuing on a multi-year work plan for the \$400K NEP capacity funding. Many of the details for the plan are still being developed by the EPA and the federal government. In the meantime, it's a good time to reflect on accomplishments. Marta reviewed the list, and committee members discussed priorities. There are still some gaps, and Marta suggested that there will probably need to be sub-groups to develop the multi-year work plan. Marta will put a list of the gaps that are focused on marine waters together and send it out to committee members to review.

Next meeting is May 5, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:32 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	X
Megan Dethier	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	X
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	
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
Christina Koons	San Juan County Marine Resources Committee
Adam Parrott	San Juan County Marine Resources Committee
Laura Jo Severson	San Juan County Marine Resources Committee
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary
Lovel Pratt	Friends of the San Juans