



**San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC) Meeting**

Meeting Summary

March 6, 2019 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Skagit River System Cooperative

11426 Moorage Way, La Conner, WA

Final 08-22-19

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm with Earth Economics that the oil spill consequences assessment considers sea oiling extending into Roche Harbor. • Find reference to fishing valuation prepared by previous salmon recovery lead entity. • Schedule 2019 AOC meetings. 	Marta
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact NOAA NW Fisheries Science Center regarding hydrophone. 	Laura

Welcome and Introductions

Jamie Stephens, chair of the Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC), convened the meeting. No members of the public were in attendance.

Meeting Agenda and Summary

The meeting agenda and October 24, 2018 meeting summary were approved with no changes.

Public Comment

None.

Puget Sound Partnership Updates

Laura Ferguson informed the group that Laura Blackmore has applied to the PSP Director opening. There are additional vacancies at PSP including an ERC. PSEMP is recruiting for multiple seats. Jamie Stephens and Stephanie Solien are planning to attend Puget Sound on the Hill. PSP is conducting a Mobilizing Funding project looking at the funding landscape including foundations, scheduled to be complete in September. The LIO Summit currently is scheduled for May 7, 2019.

San Juan County Oil Spill Risk Consequences Assessment and Emergency Response Towing Vessel Cost Evaluation

Marta provided the latest Factsheet on the spill consequences assessment and summarized the results, that the cost of the ERTV is about \$5 million annually compared to the estimated consequence just to San Juan County of \$84 - \$510 million. Jamie confirmed that he spoke with Representative Lekanoff about the studies relevance to her HB 1578. He also noted that the map of sea oiling does not appear to include Roche Harbor and questioned whether the fishing valuation included a past study by the former



salmon recovery lead entity. The Drift Card Study conducted several years ago indicated that a spill trajectory would cover much of the county.

Hydrophone for San Juan Island

Marta described efforts to seek NEP funding for a hydrophone at Eagle Point on the south end of San Juan Island, including a letter to Peter Murchie request use of LIO returned funds. Peter had informed Jamie that he didn't believe the capacity funds could be used for the equipment installation. Jamie relayed that at the last ECB meeting Angela Adams questioned whether actions related to the Endangered Species Act are a priority for the estuary. Stephanie suggested that private donors or federal funding may be sought. Laura offered to contact NOAA NW Fisheries Science Center. Next steps are to highlight to EPA that the lack of orca-related NTAs (due to recent addition of orca as a focus area vital sign) represents a significant gap in the Action Agenda that should be addressed with funding decisions. Stan expressed concern if this equipment would interfere with drift fishing nets at Salmon Bank.

Public Comments on Strategic Initiative Lead NTA Funding Recommendations

Marta presented a summary of NTA funding recommendations for 2016-2019 and drafted comments. The comments identify the disparity between funding actions in urban areas to that for rural areas, that ecosystem protection does not seem to be a priority, and the significant gap to be addressed for NTAs that could help recover the South Resident killer whale. Stan and Jamie provided input and approved submittal of the comments with minor changes.

Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Lisa Watson (acting)	Lummi Natural Resources Department	
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Jamie Stephens	San Juan County Council	X
Terry Williams	Tulalip Tribes	
Stephanie Solien	Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council	X (via phone)

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Laura Ferguson	Puget Sound Partnership