



Hood Canal Coordinating Council

Jefferson, Kitsap & Mason Counties; Port Gamble S'Klallam & Skokomish Tribes

Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee: 2018 LIO Near Term Action Funding Decision

September 25, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
HCCC office, 17791 Fjord Drive, NE, Suite 124, Poulsbo, WA

Meeting Summary

HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee Members/Attendance:

- Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe (HCCC Board Member)
- Kate Dean, Jefferson County Commissioner (HCCC Board Member)
- Paul McCollum, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (HCCC Board Member)
- Terri M. Drexler, Mason County Commissioner (HCCC Board Member)

Others Present:

- Haley Harguth, HCCC Watershed Planning & Policy Coordinator
- Scott Brewer, HCCC Executive Director
- Alicia Olivas, HCCC Lead Entity Coordinator
- Erin Ryan-Peñuela, Puget Sound Partnership

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Summaries

Kate Dean, Jefferson County Commissioner, called the meeting to order. Terri Drexler raised a motion to approve the agenda, Paul McCollum seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Meeting objective:

- Allocate \$100,000 Local Integrating Organization 2018 Near Term Action funds for local NTA implementation

Meeting Notes:

LIO NTA Funding Guidelines from Strategic Initiative Leads

Overview of funding guidelines ([guidance document linked here](#))

- Options for allocating funds
 - \$100,000 to ONE project
 - \$100,000 to ONE project pooled with another LIO
 - <\$70,000 to one project AND >\$30,000 to already funded project or pooled with another LIO
 - Phased project: \$100,000 to ONE project over each of the next few years
- Discussed need to select more than one project in order to have multiple options for the Strategic Initiative Leads, because we don't yet know how the Strategic Initiative Leads will handle a situation where their Advisory Teams select the same project that the LIO has selected for funding. Steering Committee decided to send a ranked list of three projects.

Outcome: Committee understands options and limitations for allocating 2018 LIO NTA funds

- Hood Canal LIO Criteria:
 - Materials displayed:
 - HC 2018 NTAs sorted by:
 - [LIO and Strategic Initiative Advisory Team final scores](#)
 - [Topical categories and scores](#)
 - [Project budgets and final scores](#)
 - [IWP strategic priorities, project budgets, and final scores](#)
 - Discussion:
 - Focus on LIO ratings of NTAs
 - Project budgets, and potential use and impact of \$100,000, should be significant determining factor
 - Suggestion to emphasize water quality projects, where funding is more limited
 - Suggestion to look at “boots on the ground” vs. planning projects
 - Suggestion to look at geographic reach of projects (site-specific vs. HC-wide)
 - Consider where we are at with Summer Chum salmon recovery, could leverage these funds to further contribute to those efforts; Look to add steelhead recovery in Hood Canal. There’s already been a lot of work on steelhead in HC. The funds would go to develop the recovery plan, but that would lead to future on-the-ground projects for partners to pursue funds
 - HCCC is LIO, LE, and recovery organization for s.chum. It makes sense to focus smaller pots of funds through HCCC, we can better control costs, leverage other funding sources, keep efforts moving forward, which will benefit partners in the future
 - HCCC also looking to include s.chum planning efforts included in our NTA in next RCO scope of work

Outcome: Committee felt comfortable weighing options to compare NTAs for funding selection

NTA Funding Allocation Discussion

- NTA list narrowed down based on following criteria:
 - Projects that leverage other funds and efforts across region and address cross-cutting topics
 - Salmon project components that are difficult to fund through typical salmon funding sources
 - Projects that are difficult to fund elsewhere, such as water quality projects
 - HCCC-owned projects that can be managed by HCCC
- Narrowed down list of projects:
 - NTA 0139 Lower Big Quilcene River Multiple Benefits Restoration and Protection Project
 - NTA 0179 Chimacum Creek Restoration and Protection Plan – Phase 2
 - NTA 0322 Shore Friendly Kitsap – Reduction in Marine Shoreline Armoring
 - NTA 0260 South Fork Skokomish Fish Passage
 - NTA 0384 Hood Canal Steelhead Recovery Plan Development
 - NTA 0386 Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative

- NTA 0641 Improved Landowner Development Decisions to Protect Critical Areas and Manage Stormwater
- Committee members voted on their top three from the narrowed down list of projects:
 - NTA 0179 Chimacum Creek Restoration and Protection Plan – Phase 2
 - NTA 0384 Hood Canal Steelhead Recovery Plan Development
 - NTA 0386 Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative
- Committee members voted for their top project from the list of three, and then their second preferred project. The resulting ranking is as follows:
 1. NTA 0386 Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative
 2. NTA 0384 Hood Canal Steelhead Recovery Plan Development
 3. NTA 0179 Chimacum Creek Restoration and Protection Plan – Phase 2

Paul McCollum raised a motion to approve the recommendation for \$100,000 NTA funding to a single NTA, ranked in the following order: 1) NTA 0386 Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative; 2) NTA 0384 Hood Canal Steelhead Recovery Plan Development, 3) NTA 0179 Chimacum Creek Watershed Restoration, to go before the HCCC Board of Directors for approval. Dave Herrera seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Kate Dean adjourned the meeting.

Recommendation to the Board of Directors:

Recommendation for \$100,000 NTA funding to be allocated to a single NTA, ranked in the following order: 1) NTA 0386 Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative; 2) NTA 0384 Hood Canal Steelhead Recovery Plan Development, 3) NTA 0179 Chimacum Creek Watershed Restoration

Documents distributed:

[Meeting Agenda linked here](#)

See links in document above for more meeting materials.