

# *Hood Canal Coordinating Council*

JEFFERSON, KITSAP & MASON COUNTIES  
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM & SKOKOMISH TRIBES  
STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES

## **Work Session of the**

### **HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan (IWP) Steering Committee**

November 5, 2015, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

HCCC office, 17791 Fjord Drive, NE, Suite 124, Poulsbo, WA and via  
WebEx teleconference

## **SUMMARY**

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### **HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee Members/Attendance:**

- Dave Herrera (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Phil Johnson (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Paul McCollum (HCCC Board Member): Not present
- Terri Jeffreys (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Teri King: Present
- Stacy Vynne: Present

### **Others Present:**

- Thom Johnson (Point No Point Treaty Council)
- Evan Bauder (Mason Conservation District)
- Scott Brewer (HCCC Exec. Dir.)
- Haley Harguth (HCCC Watershed Planning & Policy Coordinator)

### **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Summaries**

Mason County Commissioner Terri Jeffreys, Hood Canal Coordinating Council Board Member, called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved.

This is a work session of the HCCC IWP Steering Committee to review the Hood Canal Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Near Term Actions (NTA) proposals:

1. HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Adaptive Management & Monitoring
2. Hood Canal Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program
3. HCCC Climate Change Adaptation Planning
4. Assess Hood Canal Bridge Impacts

NTAs 1-4 are existing HCCC NTAs and will be carried over to 2016/7, with updates. To be reviewed at the next IWP Steering Committee meeting.

5. County-wide Planning Policies
  - Recommended, with revisions to scope to expand assessment of county-wide planning policies to include wastewater management policies, enforcement & funding opportunities. Will incorporate NTAs 16, 17, 18 below.

6. Explore Connection Between Human Wellbeing and Natural Resources
  - Recommended, with revisions to SOW to focus economic analysis on tourism/recreation industries, and gather new data from existing reports (Sea Grant aquaculture assessment in HC, DNR Forestry industry reports, etc.).
  - Feasibility rating downgraded from 5 to 3 to account for difficulty in accessing industry data.
7. Nearshore Monitoring Plan
  - Recommended
8. HC Steelhead Recovery Plan
  - Recommended
9. Mid-Hood Canal Chinook Recovery Planning
  - Recommended
10. Hood Canal Ambient Stream Water Quality Monitoring
  - Recommended, but to be incorporated into PIC NTA (#2)
11. Native Oyster Restoration
  - Concern around HCCC's prioritization of actions, we need to be setting the priorities; but in current 2016 time crunch, we need to make sure that short term actions do not automatically become long term priorities.
  - Concern that project owners have not consulted with Treaty Tribes.
  - Concerns around timing of implementation; this project may be too soon, to account for salmon recovery project to remove levy in Quilcene Bay which would bury oyster seed.
  - Concern around site selection and methods, not following WDFW recommendations closely enough.
  - Projects have not drawn strong connection to climate change resiliency, or Blue Ribbon on Panel recommendations on Ocean Acidification. DNR is conducting a long-term shellfish resiliency study in Quilcene Bay soon.
12. Stormwater Contaminants Reduction
  - Recommended
  - Hood Canal-wide benefits rating downgraded from 4 to 3
  - Feasibility rating downgraded from 5 to 4
13. Beach Program
  - Steering Committee recommends that this should be submitted by Dept. of Ecology as a Regional NTA.
  - HCCC will send a letter of support, draw connections to our IWP strategic priorities

14. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan Implementation
  - Will be reviewed at next IWP Steering Committee meeting
15. Seepage pits & Cesspools Elimination
  - Already being addressed by PIC, not recommended to move forward as a new NTA
16. Hood Canal On-site Septic Management Plan
  - Recommended to be incorporated into NTA 5
17. On-site Septic Mandatory Operation & Maintenance
  - Recommended to be incorporated into NTA 5
  - Concern that in order for the legislature to consider a tax (like the OSS funding proposal that was not successful last session) there needs to be a law requiring the action being taxed
18. Prohibit Wastewater Outfalls
  - Recommended to incorporate into NTA 5
19. Surface & Groundwater Monitoring
  - Not recommended to move forward (redundant of NTA 10)
20. Permit Large On-Site Septic Systems
  - Not recommended to move forward
21. Inspect Outfalls
  - Not recommended to move forward
22. Tarboo Watershed Program
  - Will be evaluated at next IWP Steering Committee meeting
23. Shore Stewards Outreach and Education
  - Check with WSU Ext. – Jeff. Co if this is in addition to regional NTA being submitted for Shore Stewards program
  - If this is a unique proposal for Hood Canal, incorporate into (PIC NTA 2)
  - Concern that project objectives need to tie closely to PIC outreach objectives

NTAs 24 – 27 will be evaluated at the next IWP Steering Committee meeting.

24. Strategic Hood Canal Water Type Assessment
25. Strategic Hood Canal Environmental DNA (eDNA) Assessment
26. Restore Naturally Functioning Freshwater & Saltwater Shorelines in HC
27. Hood Canal Floodplains

**Documents distributed:**

- All NTA review materials are available in the [box folder](#), including:
  - All NTA proposals
  - NTA Evaluation Ratings Table
  - HCCC Staff preliminary NTA ratings
- The powerpoint presentation presented at the meeting is [linked here](#)

**Next steps/Recommendations to the HCCC Board of Directors:**

- The recently received NTA proposals will be distributed to committee members next week, with HCCC staff preliminary ratings
- The IWP Steering Committee will resume reviewing NTAs at its next meeting
- PSP's guidance for integration of salmon recovery projects with NTAs in the Action Agenda is expected very soon – this information will guide how HCCC's incorporates and evaluates salmon related NTAs
- The IWP Committee meeting on Nov. 20, 2015, 1 – 4 pm, has been rescheduled to Nov. 25, 2015, 11 – 2 pm