

Hood Canal Coordinating Council

JEFFERSON, KITSAP & MASON COUNTIES
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM & SKOKOMISH TRIBES
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Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee: Review of the Draft 2016 LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan/IWP Update

November 29, 2016, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
at HCCC, 17791 Fjord Drive, NE, Suite 124, Poulsbo, WA
and via WebEx

Summary

HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee Members/Attendance:

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

Others present:

- Haley Harguth, HCCC Watershed Planning & Policy Coordinator
- Scott Brewer, HCCC Executive Director
- Robert Warren, Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Summaries

Paul McCollum chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order. Mason County Commissioner Terri Jeffreys made a motion to approve the agenda. Paul McCollum seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

This was a meeting of the HCCC IWP Steering Committee to review draft elements of the Hood Canal LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan and provide recommendations for revisions before adoption of the current draft by the HCCC Board of Directors.

Meeting Notes

The LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan results chains were presented one-by-one, including the previous feedback provided by the IWP Technical Workgroup participants, who reviewed the same materials. Specific feedback was provided for each results chain:

1.1: Remove/Soften/Prevent Shoreline Armoring

- Economic wellbeing needs to address more than tourism, to include more commercial development (w/in UGA). May require more development and shoreline armoring to bring more commerce, i.e. restaurants, hospitality, etc. Need to include tradeoff.
- More emphasis is needed for incentives to property owners (i.e. open space public service tax break; demonstrate savings/benefits of soft armoring, etc.

- More active-style outreach to permit applicants
- Clarify: Development occurring outside of UGA
- Could look at other LIO's results chains for examples of shoreline armoring strategies

1.2: Restore and protect priority estuarine salmonid habitat

- Add Skokomish estuary

2.1: Prevent pollution sources from entering Hood Canal marine and fresh waters

- Clarify: “no new drainfields outside UGA,” or remove
- Are we trying to be more restrictive than the GMA?
- Emphasize new technical outreach/incentives for OSS
- Add: Identify barriers to implementation of new technologies (i.e. restrictions on type/# of systems)
- More emphasis on funding for water quality programs. Current too we have is the septic fee. Need to fund state mandate for O&M programs. Counties have local taxing authority to initiate fee but Mason Co. couldn't link upland septic owners to water quality issues downstream. It's a local political will issue, for septic fees.

3.1: Hood Canal forests and open space strategy

- Need to call out working forests protections. Two different tracts to take for working forests vs. natural forests

4.0: Hood Canal Shellfish Initiative

- Need to also emphasize supporting commercial & tribal harvest
- Need to call out need for housing – tradeoffs with development impacts
- Add support for expansion of value-added shellfish industry
- Need to stay focused on positive aspects of shellfish industry

5.0: Proactively prepare for climate change impacts across Hood Canal

- Need to focus on projections, use current track of impacts, which is the most extreme projection
- How will climate work influence adaptive management of other aspects of plan, salmon recovery plans?

Recommendation to the Board of Directors: Approve the Hood Canal LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan draft for submission after incorporating the revisions discussed above.

Materials distributed: The IWP Update/LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan Review Packet distributed to the IWP Steering Committee and IWP Technical Workgroup is linked [here](#).