



Hood Canal Coordinating Council

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

Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee:

LIO Direct Allocation of NEP Funds for 2016 Near Term Actions

September 12, 2017, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
at HCCC office, 17791 Fjord Drive NE, Suite 124, Poulsbo, WA

Meeting Summary

HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan Steering Committee Members/Attendance:

- Dave Herrera (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Kate Dean (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Paul McCollum (HCCC Board Member): Present
- Terri M. Drexler (HCCC Board Member): Not Present
- Teri King: Not Present
- Erin Ryan-Penuela: Not Present

Others Present:

- Haley Harguth, HCCC Watershed Planning & Policy Coordinator
- Scott Brewer, HCCC Executive Director

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda and Past Meeting Summaries

Jefferson County Commissioner Kate Dean called the meeting to order. Paul McCollum made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Herrera seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Meeting Notes:

Meeting objectives:

- Review status of 2016 NTAs
- Make recommendation to fund a 2016 Near Term Action with \$100,000 National Estuary Program direct funding for LIOs

The new funding guidance was presented. \$100,000 EPA NEP direct funds for LIOs must be applied to a 2016 NTA in the Action Agenda, and can only be applied to one NTA, with the following exception: in the case of \$30,000 or more leftover (of the \$100,000) after funding the single NTA. The remainder may be allocated to another NTA if it is already under contract with a Strategic Initiative Lead from a previous funding allocation (including recent 2017 investments).

Status updates for the 2016 NTAs were presented, summarized in the handout [linked here](#).

Considerations were raised by committee members about a perceived conflict of interest for HCCC-owned NTAs, wanting to continue progress on projects underway with the potential for multiple benefits, maintaining a focus on summer chum recovery, balancing getting work done on the ground as well as good planning efforts that will benefit future work, and other potential funding sources that projects might pursue. Questions were raised around the effectiveness of rain garden installations for non-point pollution versus focusing on point-source pollution problems.

The IWP Steering Committee asked for a HCCC staff-recommended short list for how best to allocate the \$100,000. Based on the projects' original ratings, current status, and remaining funding needs. Staff proposed the following NTAs as good recipients for funds.

HCCC staff recommended short-list:

- IWP Adaptive Management & Monitoring (HCCC) - \$60,000+
- County-wide Planning Policies Assessment (HCCC) - \$90,000
- Stormwater Retrofits – Jefferson County (Jeff. MRC) - \$70,000
- Shoreline Outreach & Technical Assistance (WSU Ext.) ??

After discussing the potential benefits of each NTA proposed, the IWP Steering Committee agreed on a recommendation to split the allocation to the following two NTAs:

- \$60,000 to IWP Adaptive Management & Monitoring
- \$40,000 to County-wide Planning Policies Assessment (already under contract with SI Lead)

The IWP Steering Committee elected to put funding towards the IWP adaptive management regional planning effort that will contribute to many Integrated Watershed Plan goals and its products benefit multiple programs and partners. Members of the committee emphasized a continued interest in the County-wide Planning Policies Assessment, recognizing that working with local jurisdictions will take a long and sustained effort, and the sooner we have an assessment tool to work with, the sooner it may be considered in the county planning cycles.

Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting.

Recommendation to the Board of Directors:

Recommendation to allocate the \$100,000 NEP LIO funds to the following 2016 NTAs:

- \$60,000 to IWP Adaptive Management & Monitoring
- \$40,000 to County-wide Planning Policies Assessment

Documents distributed: [2016 Hood Canal NTA Status Updates](#)