

# Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization Meeting DRAFT Notes (LIO and TAC Combined)

August 29, 2019

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## Welcome & Intro – Allan Warren, LIO/TAC Chair

- Our task is to develop an Ecosystem Recovery Plan which will assist future projects and take a holistic approach to Puget Sound recovery. We are trying to create a fresh model that will address ecosystem goals.

## Ecosystem Recovery Plan Development Approach – Elizabeth McManus – Ross Strategic

- LIOs organize the work, help Puget Sound Partnership with their work and serve as coordinators with various organizations.
- LIOs morphed to develop their own plans. Ours is the 10<sup>th</sup> and newest LIO. We will coordinate with the other nine LIOs.
- The Ecosystem Recovery Plans is simply a plan. It is used to organize your group: What you care about (Vital Signs, Focus Areas, etc). Where do you want things to be in the future? Where are they now? What's causing things to get better or worse? It sets priorities for the next three to five years and advises what we are going to do.
- The plan helps people work together, helps organizations explain the work to others, and shows grant makers and funders the work and lets them know you are prepared.
- South Sound, South Central and West Sound LIO plans can be used as examples of what plans look like. South Sound has a good plan to view on the web. South Sound mapped priority areas by customizing existing data in the watershed and shared it on their website. This shows the areas in the LIO focus areas. We can use seven or eight highest areas of concerns.
- LIOs fit into the WRIs and salmon recovery may share geographical areas with other LIOs. Although we are integrated with them and allow their data to inform what we are doing, our planning area is the focus for our priorities. The plan will incorporate the other plans to bring the information into one place.
- Question: When communicating our work to the public, how do we measure overall what we are doing regionally, not just in the LIO?  
Answer: We haven't, but you could. You could separate it into salt water and fresh water. It's hard to communicate to the general public because some things are getting worse and some are getting better. Storytelling is a good way to get traction locally. The *State of the Puget Sound* is a good document to review (will be sent out).
- Putting an ecosystem recovery plan together:
  - Assumptions and Approach – we are focused on compiling information from existing plans and documents from different documents - not on new data collection and analysis.
  - Planning is a social process – it's a way to own together what you do together.
  - Phase 1 - Narrative plan speaks on what we think are the issues and what we think will make them better. Knowledge gaps will be filled by reaching out to any organization that has data sets we are interested in and take core strategies from this information. This phase will be funded by Pierce County, primarily.
  - Phase 2 - Spatial analysis – get help with funding agencies by showing maps of project areas and that your project is located within the area. Some funds for this phase are in Pierce County's budget but hasn't been approved yet. There is funding through PSP and other sources, as well.

- Vital Signs – What do we care about, what are the things we want to focus on and how do we measure how we are doing? Vital signs help with understanding how things work together. There can be pressures and stressors, but strategies will help determine how the vital signs are organized and their priorities. Sometimes we don't get the outcome we have as a goal, but we need to achieve the task goals. If the final outcome isn't where we want it to be, we can reach out and adjust our strategies and ideas.
- If our final outcomes don't accomplish what we set out to do, we can say we did everything we set out to do and although we didn't make the impact we set as a goal, these factors contributed caused us to not meet our goal.
- Our Ecosystem Recovery Plan should make it easier for EPA to do their job.
- Allan's goal is to put together a chapter per month.

### **LIO Coordination and outreach updates – Krystal Kyer**

#### Stakeholder Outreach Update

- Contact list is increasing in number. If you know of contacts who might be interested send the information to [Krystal](#).
- Several presentations are going to take place for various organizations, including Puyallup Tribe fisheries. If you know of an organization that would benefit from a presentation, please contact [Krystal](#).

#### LIO Coordination with Lead Entity

- PSP is encouraging all LIOs to coordinate with salmon recovery.
- Do we want to incorporate salmon recovery priorities or create something new?
- What are the 4-6 vital signs, based on the LE work products?
  - Chinook
  - Floodplains
  - Estuaries
  - Freshwater Quality
  - Land Cover and Development
    - Suggestion: Get involved with major construction companies as part of outreach.
    - Suggestion: Could add human quality of life.
- Immediate coordination ideas will be presented to the Lead Entity. Lead Entity members may attend our meetings. Many members are on the email distribution, so they are aware of meeting agendas, etc.
- Longer Term Coordination - will invite to LE members to review habitat projects that are submitted as NTA proposals (future)

ACTION: Next Meeting – determine 4-5 vital signs, then determine within those vital signs what our goals are by Sept 30.

### **LIO Governance – Allan Warren**

#### ACTION: Approve Draft 4/30 PWR-LIO Meeting Notes

- Approval of the meeting notes was moved, seconded. All were in favor. Meeting notes were approved.

## Vital Signs

- We need a minimum of four vital signs – we can pick more, but the more we have the greater the challenge will be trying to do the back side of the process – tracking etc.
- We can learn from the LE what their highest priorities are so we can see how that fits with our vital signs and goals.
- What about Climate change? Climate change could have its own chapter with a problem statement, then include a climate change segment in each of the Vital Signs chapters.
- Recommendations –
  - Listing human health/quality of life as one of the vital signs should be one of the components. Being salmon-centric is what most LIOs are about. People are a part of ecosystems and should be included. (This will be part of the discussion at the next meeting.)
  - Vital signs must be measurable – we need to show progress not only on what we have done, but what the outcomes are. Equity can be within the document.
- Do we use the recommendations of preliminary selection of vital signs?

## Draft LIO Charter

- A decision will be made through voting. PRWC has the approval authority.
- The PRWC approved the draft charter for the LIO when the proposal was submitted. The intent of the draft is so that the current committee members can review it and revise it to suit the interests of participants. The final charter, which includes decision making process should be approved before decisions on recommended Vital Signs are made.
- A copy was shared. Please review and plan to discuss at the September 27 LIO meeting.

## Roundtable/Announcements - All

1. October 11 DEADLINE - Allan Warren announced the Green Partnership Grant round is open. Contact program area staff members while he is out of the office for more information.  
<https://pierced.org/179/Green-Partnership-Fund>
2. October 19 – Orca Recovery Day will be taking place all along the west coast. Many events will bring awareness to the issue and bring people to action. There will be a partner events web page – a template for your event will be sent for your use if you want to be included on the list.  
<https://www.betterground.org/about/puget-sound-orca-recovery-day/>
3. December 11 – Annual Puyallup Watershed Symposium – Accepting abstracts. Typically, 100 + attendance. Abstracts due 9/27:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fdbdcc802c6549439bd19832729b266f>

## Action items –

- Add a regular section on the agenda for members of the LIO to talk about what they are doing.
- Review charter and Vital Signs.
- Come prepared to have a deep conversation about what we want to approve for our Vital Signs.
- If things go well, we can come out with our focus areas that will be worked on over the next year.

Next meeting – Friday, September 27, 2019 at 9am. Same location.

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