



WEST SOUND
WATERSHEDS COUNCIL
Agenda

West Sound Watersheds Council (WSWC)
August 15, 2012 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Suquamish Tribe Council Chambers, 18490 Suquamish Way

- 9:00 Introductions, review agenda
- 9:15 Update on the Local Integrating Organization
Claire Turpel
Tristan Peter-Contesse
- 9:45 Update from Dept. of Ecology
Sally Lawrence
- 10:00 Update from Puget Sound Partnership
Tristan Peter-Contesse
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 PSAR projects for the 2013-2015 legislature
All
- 11:00 Round the table announcements and information sharing
- 12:00 Adjourn

Future meeting dates (9-noon) to hold:
September 12 (Port Orchard)
October no meeting (watershed conference Oct.10-12)
November 14 (location?)

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Becky Erickson

**West Sound Watersheds Council Meeting
August 15, 2012, 9am
Suquamish Tribal Admin Bldg**

Attendees:

Kathy Peters
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Mindy Fohn
Joy Davison
Joleen Palmer
Sally Lawrence
Brenda Padgham
Tom Ostrom
Tristan Peter-Contesse
Linda Berry-Maraist
Claire Turpel
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Becky Erickson

Pre-meeting chit chat

The video about the LIO recognition conversation between the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council and our local representatives may be watched on tvw.org.

http://www.tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2012080031A

(Beginning at the 25:30 point in the August 8th video)

The LIO name for the area, West Central Action Area and Local Integrating Organization, has been adopted. This name combines the Action Area's formal name of "North Central" with our identification with the "West Sound".

More of these sessions can be found by searching Puget Sound Partnership in the archive

http://www.tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwsearch&keywords=puget+sound+partnership

On another note, Tony Wright is the new Executive Director for the partnership and his background was discussed.

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?pressRelease=1937&newsType=1>

Kathy thanked Linda Owens, Legislative Assistant to Christine Rolfes, for attending and Christine for maintaining the engagement of the legislators.

Claire Turpel and Tristan Peter-Contesse briefing on the LIO.

Claire is with us on behalf of Triangle Associates, a consultant firm.

Triangle Associates was hired to do organizational development for the LIO, and to work with the 9 jurisdictions involved.

The first meeting of elected officials and staff was on July 10. The meeting summary is attached. Claire passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in being on an email cc list.

Linda Berry-Maraist added that the LIO has received this funding to move us forward as a group. The stress was on the need for funding, so essential in a time when all local governments are as strapped as they are. We showed willingness to move forward.

Next step is to work on organization. The plan is to go for a stronger executive committee and continue to use the caucus model. There is a concern about the LIO becoming just another layer of bureaucracy. There was also a concern about the boundaries and how they will be drawn; by cities, counties or watershed. Environmental concerns dictate that effective planning is done by watershed, but cities and counties have concerns with this approach.

Tom added that Millie Judge has been critical of the progress made. We do need additional support so that as we add things to the actions needed for the recovery of salmon and of the sound that other things will not succumb to the tendency to drop off.

Tristan- There was a comment, at the Leadership Council, about how good the conversation was and how well prepared the people at the table were.

Linda Berry Maraist- The conversation at the policy level is tremendously important to address a major gap in the understanding of the science.

Brenda- asked about funding for the LIO. Linda answered that \$75 K is funded, annually, from the National Estuary Program.

Brenda was also curious about the question concerning a merger of West Sound and Hood Canal. Linda answered that we will be coordinating with them, but the action areas are very different. Hood Canal has no cities while West Sound is more urban. Tom clarified further about why the merger question was raised. SRFB suggested that Puget Sound has too many Lead Entities (15 of 27, state-wide) and suggested that there may be mergers. The funding grant for LE's has remained the same since 1999. No cuts but no increases to keep up with cost of living. Josh Brown spoke to Kathy about potential efficiencies, but the things we can assist each other across watersheds usually do not include money.

Becky Erickson, Mayor of Poulsbo, entered the meeting.

Brenda- As the LIO gets going, does it copy or mirror WSWC? Linda Berry Maraist answered it will integrate but not do the same work. This will be an integration of all the people working in the West Sound to improve the health of Puget Sound and the work they do. Brenda...is this an umbrella org? Tom answered that this is a good way to conceptualize it.

Jolene- One of the difficulties of working with many organizations is dealing with higher levels of complexity. It is assumed that the background has been done when it may not have been. The LIO needs to be aware of this, to find ways to seed the compartments where needed, and to actually communicate, integrate in order to push through and make progress.

Becky Erickson spoke to levels of tolerance. We often do not have all of the knowledge needed to move forward, but need to make decisions all the same. It's natural that mistakes will be made but we will move forward.

Linda Berry Maraist added that all the LIO's are taking baby steps and some were easier to organize than others. We have a complex mosaic of interests in our area.

Kathy added that the federal entities are requesting these goals and reports on how we are doing and salmon recovery does stall out when we work on coordinating, updating goals, and reports, drafting plans and the action agenda. It is a relief to turn over the task of coordination and get back to the task of species recovery and pushing issues that have slipped through the cracks. WSWC will work on salmon-focused action and goals, while the LIO will keep all these in sight.

Kathy asked whether Claire anticipate more participants than just elected officials. The answer is...it will depend on many things...we'll see.

Sally Lawrence who updating us on the TMDL work and news.

The purpose of Ecology's water quality work is to restore beneficial uses for shell fish and other uses. This is a general update.

EPA approved the [Sinclair and Dyes Inlets Fecal Coliform TMDL and Water Quality Implementation Plan](#).

By getting this TMDL plan approved in July, it was in time to be included in the current permits.

The approval is also in time for the 2014 grant cycle, September 1 – The first Friday in November. This Water Quality financial assistance is intended to assist public entities, including local governments, conservation districts, tribes and entities such as nonprofits and colleges/universities implement the work to identify and improve water quality problems.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/cycles/fcmain.html>

In such bays as Dyes there have been some creeks identified as problematic. The Stewards Grant is there to help these communities.

Call Sally about a potential applications.

Liberty Bay is the 4th project. Poulsbo and Kitsap have phase 2 permits. This fall there will be inspections. There are no waste water plant outfalls in Liberty Bay. The US Navy has a federal TMDL permit.

Mid to late September a preliminary policy draft will be released to the City of Poulsbo, listing the work done, evaluating the effectiveness of the current project and the recommendations on which best management practices are appropriate as well as suggestions for better BMP's to bring into play. In October a draft will be released for public input, after which the next draft will be released. Mindy commented that there was a

preliminary technical report released. Sally answered the September release there will be the original report, with revisions.

Linda Berry Maraist asked whether a private citizen can be required to repair a failing septic. Mindy answered that under the current regulations requirement is enforceable and a property owner can be fined for non-compliance, adding that there is stormwater funding that looks for these problems and works with property owners. Linda Berry Maraist- Isn't that only within a certain distance of water bodies like Liberty Bay? Mindy- Yes, but there is a process in Kitsap to be more effective for screening at the water-body and working up the stream feeding that body. The funding is 25% from SSWM and 75% from Ecology. Sally added that we need to look at the other creeks feeding into Liberty Bay, other than Dog Fish.

Jolene is there a pipe shed available? How do we get this information?

Go to kitsap.gov, public works, pipe maps/plumbing maps

Becky-Poulsbo has one too but not online.

Becky- Poulsbo would benefit from microbial source tracking methodology. It is believed that the vast majority of fecal coliform (FC) is animal based and the impervious area causes more flushing of waste into the water. Sally- there is controversy about the methods used for microbial tracking. There was some discussion between Becky and Sally on the credibility of these methods, and the application of the data.

Becky added that the city is taking responsibility for managing FC, the point being that the methods are different for dealing with septic (human) and animal waste, respectively. Determining which source that stuff is will allow the city to utilize the most appropriate ways to treat the problem. We need to look at integrated systems including rain gardens.

Sally- While managing the project in Samish Bay microbial source tracking was prone to error and was inaccurate to an unacceptable degree, in lab analysis. The study was done for free by the lab. The results made the findings contentious. The methods may improve in future, but it is not something we can use now.

Becky- I just want to know whether it human or animal. It would target the money in a more efficient way Tom- FC is an indicator, which does not determine whether it's pathogenic or the specific source, but as long as we used that parameter to certify shell fish beds, then this is how we proceed.

Linda Berry Maraist- The topic of Bremerton's sewer overflow project came up and the rate of effectiveness returned for the money spent. The first \$15-20 million made the most difference, the next \$10 million made much less difference and the last \$10 million made no diff at all, so that's the question of where to spend the money for the greatest benefit, while operating with imperfect science.

Mindy- Liberty Bay meets the standard and is clean. It's the tributaries that come in that have the high counts. The 2nd thing about this is that the standards for Liberty Bay are twice as strict as Dyes, using a standard for rural areas. Becky- The standard is less for Port Gamble. Do we want to address standards in each bay or do we want to address and look for better more precise methodology and testing to apply to each of the bays and help the entities target their methods of cleanup. We looking to Sally and Ecology to help.

Sally- Our scientists are not ready to fund microbial source tracking while it's unreliable. This has been reviewed by scientists all over the country and as soon as it is certifiable, we will adopt it. In the meantime, we have methods for treatments that are working now.

Linda Berry Maraist posed the question of whether adhering to a rural standard is achievable in an urban area and was followed by a discussion about whether that higher standard is part of the reason Liberty Bay is so clean.

Kathy- We need to move on. This is interesting. The watershed-TMDL issue is so critical to every aspect of species recovery. Please keep participating with us.

Jolene- Suggested that we put this on a future agenda.

5 minute break

Tristan-Puget Sound Partnership update

Martha Neuman's position has been filled by Jim Bolger. Jim's resume includes Executive Director at Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking (POST) Program - Vancouver Aquarium, Assistant Director at Kitsap County Department of Community Development and Sr. Marine Resource Specialist at Washington Sea Grant His role will be similar to Martha's; Action Agenda Implementation Planning

The leadership adopted the action agenda, August 9th, which is the roadmap for recovery by 2020. There are 3 regional priorities:

- Preventing pollution runoff
- Preserving and restoring salmon habitat
- Safe shellfish.

Swimable-fishable-digable.

There are some major changes:

Climate adaptation and fish consumption

Setting regional recovery targets

The first is in creating performance measures to track progress create accountability and assigning people to enforce these.

http://www.psp.wa.gov/action_agenda_2011_update_home.php

PSP is committed to finding funding, preparing and submitting a steelhead recovery plan to NOAA by 2014. Steelhead are different than Chinook, which use larger stream/river systems. Steelhead are on the verge of extinction and use small streams. They stay in fresh water longer. They use the landscape differently and there need to be different actions for recovery.

Mindy expressed interest in seeing the performance measures and input to those performance levels.

Some are things we already monitor such as BIBI, Water Quality Index, interim milestones and targets.

Linda Berry Maraist added that we want to know whether all our work is being used, Alana at the PSP is the person to talk to about performance management. alana.knaster@psp.wa.gov

Tom-steelhead the notice for the NOAA deal, was last years information.

The Water Conference

The conference, scheduled October 10-12, was requested by the policy body of the Leadership Council.

The 3day conference is an opportunity for each watershed in the Chinook recovery plan to help develop a work plan and to push the barriers. And West Sound should be represented, by some or someone from this council.

Kathy- Is this by watershed chapter? It's limited to the Salmon Recovery Council and a few representatives. Rob Purser is technically our watershed representative.

Adaptive Management Models

There is some EPA funding for working with watersheds over the next 2 yrs on monitoring adaptive management plans. These plans were written long ago and need to be reevaluated. The main thrust is to use open standards framework to evaluate watershed plans on an as you go basis. A small amount of this funding will go to each watershed to move this work forward. This is good opportunity for be clear on which pieces are most important for salmon recovery with limited funds.

PSP will be working over next 2 years to figure out how to proceed. PSP will be hiring project manager and some people, to coordinate and is requesting this committee's input. Where should we start?

Tom- it would be good to know what expectations are.

Tristan- To further explain, Open Standards is done by Miradi software. It's a framework to lay out the assumption and actions for a goal such as Chinook recovery, and to test the actions, step by step to determine whether these steps will actually accomplish the goal.

<https://miradi.org/>

Mindy- I attended open standards training and am skeptical for a number of reasons. It looks good on paper, but it is a major amount of work.

Jolene- Google the term "logic train"

Kathy -I share some skepticism, but it may help to make the connections between all the actions and the goal. It will be interesting.

Peg- How well and when will human factors be addressed in this equation? Do we have a time line?

Tristan- That may be the weak point in the process framework. Hood Canal is doing a pilot which began last month.

Linda Berry Maraist- Tony Wright, the new head of PSP, has set the time line for swift adoption for interim milestones, for the 19 targets/recovery by 2020. Interim milestones will be set this fall and voted on by mid October.

It would be nice to know

- 1- that our work is useful and
- 2- that these goals are reachable

Tristan- Tony Wright has been on board for 2-3 weeks at this point. He's a doer. He has connections in the Army Corps of Engineers and is politically moderate, which may be strategic. Interim milestones are the points between now and 2020 and are to keep recovery on track. The Leadership Council will set some of them in October and then more in December.

Linda Berry Maraist- There is a concern that he may be passionate about goals, which are not realistic- not financially or physically possible, especially in the cities. Will these be considered by jurisdiction, as with stormwater permits? The real concern is that there will be things that must be complied with without the ability to achieve this compliance.

There is also a concern whether there will be time for feedback, in order to make sure these are goals we all can support. We are hoping for draft, soon, so there is time to review and respond. How do we give feedback?

Tristan- This will come up at the ECB, before the goals are set.

Tony's point was in line with Linda Berry Maraist's concern. What do we need to know by 2014 to know if we are going in the right direction for 2020? This will determine whether the goals are achievable.

PSAR 2013-15 Requests

This year the request is \$80 million in 2 bins, \$30 million to be allocated in the usual way (allocation formula) and \$50 million for large capital projects.

PSAR funds are more flexible. They can be shared and can be used for things that don't fit SRFB. This Friday is the deadline to submit for the kinds of projects PSAR could fund in the \$30M bin. Kathy- these should be things that will resonate with our legislators.

Asking for approval for 3 potential projects for this Friday's list of potential projects that could be funded if the legislature appropriates \$30M. This Lead Entity would get approx.. \$1M. These projects are distributed amongst the 3 leg. districts in the West Sound.

- Harper Estuary (26th district)
- Dickerson Creek culverts (35th district)
- Kitsap Forest and Bay-Groves Creek (23rd district)

These are representative projects, will have to go through the normal SRFB process.

As for the \$50 million, each watershed gets a maximum of 3 projects submitted.

Kathy- No one has come forward propose projects yet and we need them by August 31. You should have seen the prerequisites for the RFP that were sent with the meeting agenda. They should be non controversial and have as the only impediment, money. These must have been vetted through the Lead Entity. No match is required, but more points are awarded for a 15% match.

The projects that are proposed for the West Sound lead entity:

- West Bainbridge Island shoreline acquisition, which had feasibility funded by the SRFB.
- Milwaukee dock eelgrass restoration. There's a large group working on this, including NOAA and the Corps. There was only enough money to do phase one, so we would propose completing phase two.
- Golf Club Hill road; the Chico road bridge. There is been a great deal of work already done by the county and so forth.

The list is submitted, then ranked.

Linda Berry Maraist- Sometimes there is confusion about how critical and what protection is available through land use. Sometimes they think that the land is adequately protected, when in fact it is not. This is the case with the area next to Liberty Bay Auto that was submitted for SRFB funding this grant round.

Kathy- This project scored lower because it was next door to an industrial area and on fill with no intact habitat. The project scoring ranks potential habitat protection, but also for what kind of process function protection, such as sediment transport and there wasn't enough intact area much function to be protected.

Mindy brought up the Clear Creek flood plain as a possible project.

Kathy- We must get ALL projects in HWS to keep them visible. I would love to get the Backyard Habitat Projects in to the HWS map. It shows the relationship between all these efforts.

Becky- This is really geared for Chinook and there is not a lot of Chinook, here, but there is a lot of steelhead. Will there be a shift in priorities? Tristan- the Chinook recovery plan has never been fully funding, so we are not looking to cut the funding for Chinook, but looking for additional funding for Steelhead. Maybe in next biennium, there will be emphasis on Steelhead recovery plans.

Brenda- What is the timeline in regards to turn-around for the big capital projects list?

Tristan- The recovery council will consider a ranked list of large capital projects, September 27.

Brenda- Strategically, what we asking vs. what we can expect to get? Tristan- That will depend. We need to do outreach to the legislature until the finding is granted.

ESRP Notice of Intent

<http://www.westsoundwatersheds.org/pdfs/NOTICE%20OF%20INTENT%20ESRP%20012-13.pdf>

Preproposals are due September 21. Invitation for full proposals will be October 15 and full proposals are due November 28. Workshops are scheduled in September, as listed above.

http://www.pugetsoundnearshore.org/esrp/files/2012_pre-proposal_RFP.pdf

There is a webinar coming as well.

Brenda- It would be good to have a work group between this table and parks to identify restoration projects, to gear this up, to be ready. Kathy- I sent the ESRP announcement to all the parks districts I could think of and offered help. I have had not replies. Becky- The parks are overwhelmed. Linda Berry Maraist- The match is a real issue.

Kathy- All these projects need to be started in HWS. Having ALL projects in HWS...would keep them visible and available for consideration. HWS is a mandatory way to list and track projects, so that when a funding opportunity comes up we can prioritize, pull eligible projects and push forward.

Brenda- is there any monitoring projects that are eligible? Kathy-is pushing Stillwaters to put forth their monitoring plan for grant funding.

Information Sharing

Brenda shared information about the BI Land Trust acquisition project and passed out a handout. It's ready to go. Now they need the money.

Linda Berry Maraist- is RCO involved?

Brenda - a WWRP (<http://wildliferecreation.org/our-campaigns/wwrp-projects>) application was submitted but the project doesn't quite match.

K- These are the things we're talking about, to show all the work being done and align projects with the most appropriate funding opportunities. For example, Purdy Creek, which empties in Burley Lagoon, and was restricted by some culverts on private land...opened passage for steelhead with assistance from the Family Forest and Fish Passage Program (FFFPP).

FFFPP has a lot of money, so if you know of private property owners with forest and streams with culverts, FFFPP will come in for free to design and fix the culverts, regardless of whether the property owner is engaged in timber harvest.

Kathy asked for opinions and ideas for projects lists. Mindy suggested that attention might be turned to the mouth of Clear Creek.

Breaking ground on Powell, August 27, to pull out the armoring. The pre-project monitoring has been done, coordinated by Jeff Adams. Will do an update on the Bainbridge Island Land Trust website.

<http://bi-landtrust.org/default.asp?ID=66>

Peg- The Name of our Science Symposium, "Water Courses," has been changed to "Sound Living Expo."

She passed around the brochure

<http://county.wsu.edu/kitsap/nrs/water/Pages/2012SoundLivingExpoConnectingWestSound.aspx>

The expo will be October 20, 2012 9:30a.m.-4:30p.m. at the Norm Dicks Government Center, Bremerton
Peg invited those who would like to have an educational display, at the expo, to contact her.

Sally- Sept 15 doing low tide clean up at Sinclair Inlet cleanup. Come on out

Chance Berthiaume chance.berthiaume@ci.bremerton.wa.us is the City of Bremerton CSO Reduction

person. This is a long term effort by John Dennis, who coordinates south side of Sinclair. It's a twice a year cleanup, which also utilizes divers. It's been a great service to the community. The event is looking for volunteers.

Jolene- The Econet summit will be 24 August, at the College of the Environment. Email Jolene for the web site for the summit. This summit is geared toward social marketing and behavior change.

There is some outreach, in the form of a video trailer in movie theatres June through September, Gig Harbor, throughout Kitsap and Port Angeles.

Becky- Spent time with the people who are working on the Elwah

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/elwha/damremoval.html>

It's amazing how quickly it's recovering and the steelhead are returning.

Kathy- They put in an overlook so you can see the old dam.

Carin- A few Backyard habitat projects are moving forward.

Dickerson: Adding large woody debris downstream, removing up-stream debris and one acre of riparian noxious weed. Now there is planting to do.

And a few more projects to share

- Monitoring at Anna Smith (Jeff)
- Bulkhead removal at Penrose
- Chico (Tom is coordinating)
- Becky brought up the area at the end of Fjord, Netshed Park. The beach is pretty pristine.
- Mindy- the culvert removal is moving forward on Wildcat creek and moving toward a decision on the Sunde Road culvert removal.

The controversy at the port of Kingston was discussed with the reasons why the deposition is not a result of the Carpenter Creek restoration and passage.

There was discussion about where to find an intern or assistant for Kathy and how to pay for it. Huxley students and AmeriCorps volunteers were mentioned.

PSAR- We need to get our city and county elected officials to put PSAR on their legislative priority list. Kathy is working on Kitsap Co., but we need the push from tribes and cities to ask legislators to support PSAR.

Linda Owens thanked the table of on behalf of Christine Rolfes.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Summary
for *proposed* "West-Central" LIO
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
8:30am – 9:45am

Bremerton Mayor's Conference Room, 6th floor
Norm Dicks Government Center (345 6th Street, Suite 600, Bremerton)

Attendees:

Bainbridge Island: Councilmember Anne Blair and Melva Hill, Water Resources Engineer

Bremerton: Council Member Greg Wheeler and Bill McKinney, Forestry / Natural Resources Manager

Gig Harbor: Mayor Chuck Hunter; Peter Katich, Senior Planner; and Jeff Langhelm, Senior Engineer

Kitsap County: Commissioner Rob Gelder and Patty Charnas, DCD Environmental Programs Manager

Pierce County: Barbara Ann Smolko, Key Peninsula-Gig Harbor-Islands Watershed Coordinator

Suquamish Tribe: Chairman Leonard Forsman and Tom Ostrom, Salmon Recovery Lead

Port Orchard: Mayor Tim Matthes

Poulsbo: Mayor Becky Erickson and Council Member Linda Berry-Maraist

Resources: Eva Crim (Kitsap County Health District); Tristan Peter-Contesse (Puget Sound Partnership); Kathy Peters (West Sound Watershed Council); Mary McClure (Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council)

LIO Coordination Team: Betsy Daniels and Claire Turpel (Triangle Associates); Jay Watson (Environmental Policy Matters)

Invited but not available: Mayor Patty Lent from City of Bremerton; Chairman Jeromy Sullivan and Roma Call, Environmental Coordinator from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe; and James Weaver, Port Orchard City Development Director

Materials Provided:

- Updated meeting agenda dated 7-2-12
- Map of LIO boundaries compared to West Sound Watershed Council boundaries
- PowerPoint handouts summarizing the interview findings and the initial LIO structure proposal
- An overview of the key themes in the PowerPoint
- A draft resolution for each jurisdiction to consider

Meeting Summary

Facilitator Betsy Daniels of Triangle Associates opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and providing an overview of the purpose of the meeting and the role of the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Coordinator.

- The LIO Coordinator position is funded by a grant from the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership). This federal funding comes to the Partnership by way of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The source of the federal funding for EPA is the National Estuary Program Fund. The fiscal agent for this grant is Kitsap County.
- In May, Triangle Associates was hired to serve as the “LIO Coordinator” for the area currently known as the West Sound/North Central Action Area. A panel of interviewees from Kitsap County, the Suquamish Tribe, Gig Harbor, Poulsbo and the Executive Director of KRCC chose Triangle Associates among several applicants.
- The LIO Coordinator serves as a neutral party and takes direction from the grant work plan and eventually from the LIO’s decision-making body once established.
- The purpose of this meeting is to 1) review the outcomes of the interviews Triangle completed with the nine general purpose governments (the Suquamish and the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribes; the cities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Gig Harbor, Port Orchard, and Poulsbo; and Kitsap and Pierce Counties) as to their interests, questions, and concerns regarding an LIO; 2) hear from each government if they are interested in participating in the development of the LIO; 3) determine the status of agreement on an initial structure for the LIO; and 4) discuss the opportunity to present to the Partnership’s Leadership Council regarding this LIO on the morning of August 8th, 2012.

After each participant introduced themselves, Council Member Linda Berry-Maraist explained that several people in the room and others have been working on a model for the LIO for over a year. Those present included herself, Kathy Peters, Mary McClure, Eva Crim, Tristan Peter-Contesse, Tom Ostrom, Patty Charnas, Barbara Ann Smolko, and Peter Katich.

The LIO Coordinator Betsy Daniels then presented an overview of the findings from the interviews with elected and staff from each of the nine governments. She noted that there were some general themes that emerged from the interviews and these were presented as “puzzle pieces” that need to be considered in the development of the LIO. These include:

- The boundaries of the Action Area and the LIO concept were determined by the Partnership and do not fit any one existing inter-jurisdictional forum
- The current grant funding for LIO Coordination and future funding for priority projects will require a decision-making group as no one of the existing organizations currently provides decision-maker representation from all of the nine jurisdictions¹

¹ Additional note from the LIO Coordinator Team: It is our understanding that for the last several years, there has been discussion of whether the West Sound Watershed Council or the Kitsap Regional Council could serve as the decision making forum for the LIO/Local Action Agenda priorities. As an agreement to use one of these groups

- Local governments are experiencing decreasing budgets and this is expected to continue
- There are a significant number of existing efforts underway and there is concern that this effort will create another “layer of bureaucracy”
- Using the West Sound Watershed Council forum, a group of governmental and non-governmental interests (but not all of the nine governments) have worked on the local Action Agenda chapter to identify priority actions (projects) that if funded are expected to help to address the area’s “threats and pressures”² and therefore contribute to ecosystem recovery
- Additionally, a group of governmental and non-governmental interests (but not all of the nine governments) have been working on a caucus type model for the LIO
- Regular communication between this area and the Partnership up to this point has been through the Partnership’s Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) representative (Council Member Berry-Maraist with Patty Charnas as the alternate) and their role in the LIO is undefined

As a result of the interviews, the LIO Coordinator identified three major principles for an LIO that she heard consistently:

1. No one of the nine governments should determine the way forward
2. How or whether each local government participates in the LIO should be determined by that government’s elected leadership
3. In order to be effective, the LIO for this area needs to utilize and support existing efforts and be inclusive of a broad spectrum of interests and stakeholders

Mayor Erickson asked how the boundaries of the LIO were established. Council Member Berry-Maraist explained that the boundaries were created by the Partnership mainly to be reflective of the watershed boundaries in Puget Sound. Several participants expressed frustration with the boundaries encompassing the LIO and the group discussed the challenges of the LIO/Action Area boundaries including:

- Modification of the LIO boundaries would require a change in statute and there was interest expressed by some of participants in exploring this option
- The majority of other LIOs encompass more than one county and therefore face similar inter-jurisdictional challenges
- The merits of basing boundaries on existing political boundaries versus on watersheds is an ongoing challenge where scientists typically advocate for basing boundaries on watersheds; and jurisdictions advocate for using existing political boundaries because they have established governance structures

could not be reached, a subset of the governments agreed to apply for a Partnership grant to fund contractor services that would assist in establishing a Local Integrating Organization. As noted above Triangle Associates was chosen as that contractor.

² As described in the local chapter of the 2012 Puget Sound Partnership’s Action Agenda.

Based on the information gathered in the interviews, the LIO Coordinator then presented a proposal for an initial structure for the LIO. Key elements of the proposal included (see attached graphic):

- The proposed model builds on the caucus model (created by a small group working over the last year) by identifying a 'Caucus Network' of the existing organizations (i.e., KRCC, Kitsap County Health District) and other potentially new forums as needed to serve as the venues for identifying priority projects
- Representative members of the Caucus Network would work together through a Staff Work Group (initially comprised of staff from each of the nine governments plus additional non-governmental or stakeholder interests) to make recommendations to an Executive Committee of elected officials regarding the 1) work plan for the LIO/LIO Coordinator and 2) updates to the actions in the local chapter of the Action Agenda (i.e., priority projects that need funding to be implemented that have been recommended by the Caucus Network)
- An Executive Committee would be made up of one elected official from each of the jurisdictions that chose to designate an elected official to participate on the Committee
- An LIO Coordinator would provide staff support and coordination as directed by the Executive Committee (to maintain the local chapter of the Action Agenda, maintain communications with the Partnership, convene new forums on specific topics if needed, and coordinate information among existing groups).

The group discussed the proposal including the following topics and comments:

- Some elected officials shared that this will be something that they need to 'sell' to their full Councils before proceeding.
- Others raised concern and frustration regarding the formation of another multi-jurisdictional forum and wanted to focus on actions instead of process.
- Mayor Matthes noted that just the elected officials from each of the jurisdictions need to get together at some point to discuss proceeding with the LIO.
- Commissioner Gelder noted that elected officials for all jurisdictions need to work together in some type of decision-making body because the work of the LIO may have implications for allocating local government resources/staffing and governments cannot cede these decisions to others.
- Chairman Forsman asked for clarification on what is the overall goal of the effort. In response, Commissioner Gelder explained that from his perspective the goal would include identifying local priorities that align with the Puget Sound Partnership's three strategic initiatives (storm water, habitat protection, water quality to support shellfish). This organization's role would be to develop and approve a work plan that supports the local needs under these three strategic initiatives.
- Several were unsure of the role of the LIO with regard to regulatory requirements. It was explained that neither the Partnership nor the LIO have any regulatory authority. The LIO Coordinator explained that through the interviews she heard that the many of the electeds may

be interested in discussions of regulatory consistency and sharing information about compliance.

- The group discussed the possibility of using the KRCC forum for decision making. Potential options included adding Gig Harbor when needed or using that same day and time following the KRCC meeting to allow for an efficient use of travel and scheduling. There was general agreement to use the next KRCC meeting to share information with others about the fact that there are discussions underway. The group did not agree and several objected to using the KRCC meeting as a forum to further discuss or determine an approach for the LIO.
- Others shared that the LIO could serve as a forum to discuss how to integrate science and policy as well as share information regarding upcoming challenges and opportunities.

The group then discussed the scheduled proposal to the Leadership Council:

- Some participants questioned and the group discussed the need to propose at the August 8th Leadership Council meeting. Commissioner Gelder explained that it was an opportunity to tell the Partnership that the governments in this area are interested in continuing to work together and this would provide continued access to LIO coordination grant funds.
- The next Leadership Council meeting at which the group could propose will be in October although there were questions about how this may impact access to grant funding.
- Council Member Blair suggested that the proposal to the Leadership Council could be very simple such as explaining that this is a group of local jurisdictions who have committed to work together, are still developing their approach, and they are asking for approval for more funding to support working together.
- Gig Harbor and Pierce County participants noted that the Puyallup Tribe may have interests in this LIO and that they were committed to maintaining good communications with them. The LIO Coordinator explained that an invitation for this meeting had been sent to Puyallup Tribal Natural Resources staff but she had received no response. Chairman Forsman agreed to follow up with the Puyallup Tribe.

Each jurisdiction then took turns explaining if their government chose to participate in the development of the LIO going forward:

- Commission Gelder from Kitsap County explained that the County will participate and that the focus needs to be on a governance structure and making sure that there's a way to vet and approve a local work plan that supports the strategic initiatives.
- Chairman Forsman of the Suquamish Tribe explained that this is a good initiative and that the Tribe is willing to continue working together with the cities and counties. He explained that each jurisdiction needs to work with the others locally and across LIO boundaries for the overall benefit of the Sound.

- Council Member Blair from Bainbridge Island explained that she had received the Bainbridge City Council’s approval to continue working with this group.
- Mayor Matthes from Port Orchard explained that he will need more information and will need to work with the Port Orchard City Council to determine their participation.
- Council Member Wheeler from Bremerton indicated that he will need to work with the Mayor and City Council to share more information and consider participation.
- Barbara Ann Smolko from Pierce County explained that the County is committed to the other LIOs that they are heavily invested in and they will participate in this network at the staff level. Pierce will coordinate with Gig Harbor. Barbara Ann explained that Pierce County has resources that they use for their work with other LIOs that they would be willing to share with this LIO (i.e., a Low-Impact Development specialist).
- Mayor Hunter explained that Gig Harbor would like to be included and will work to coordinate with Pierce County. He explained that he is concerned about the time commitment as they do not have many resources to devote to this.
- Mayor Erickson of Poulsbo indicated that she wants to make sure that this effort is focused on actions and that they are willing participate to the best of their ability. Council Member Berry-Maraist also supported the City’s participation.
- *[Note from LIO Coordinator: The Port Gamble Tribe indicated following the meeting that although they were unable to attend, Chairman Sullivan will participate with the other electeds as much as he can (noting that they are also involved with the Hood Canal LIO) and that Roma Call will participate at the staff level.]*

The group then discussed the scheduled time on the Leadership Council’s agenda on August 8th. Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder, Suquamish Chairman Leonard Forsman, and Poulsbo City Councilmember Linda Berry-Maraist volunteered to present a short proposal at that meeting. It was noted that all are welcome to participate in the presentation or attend.

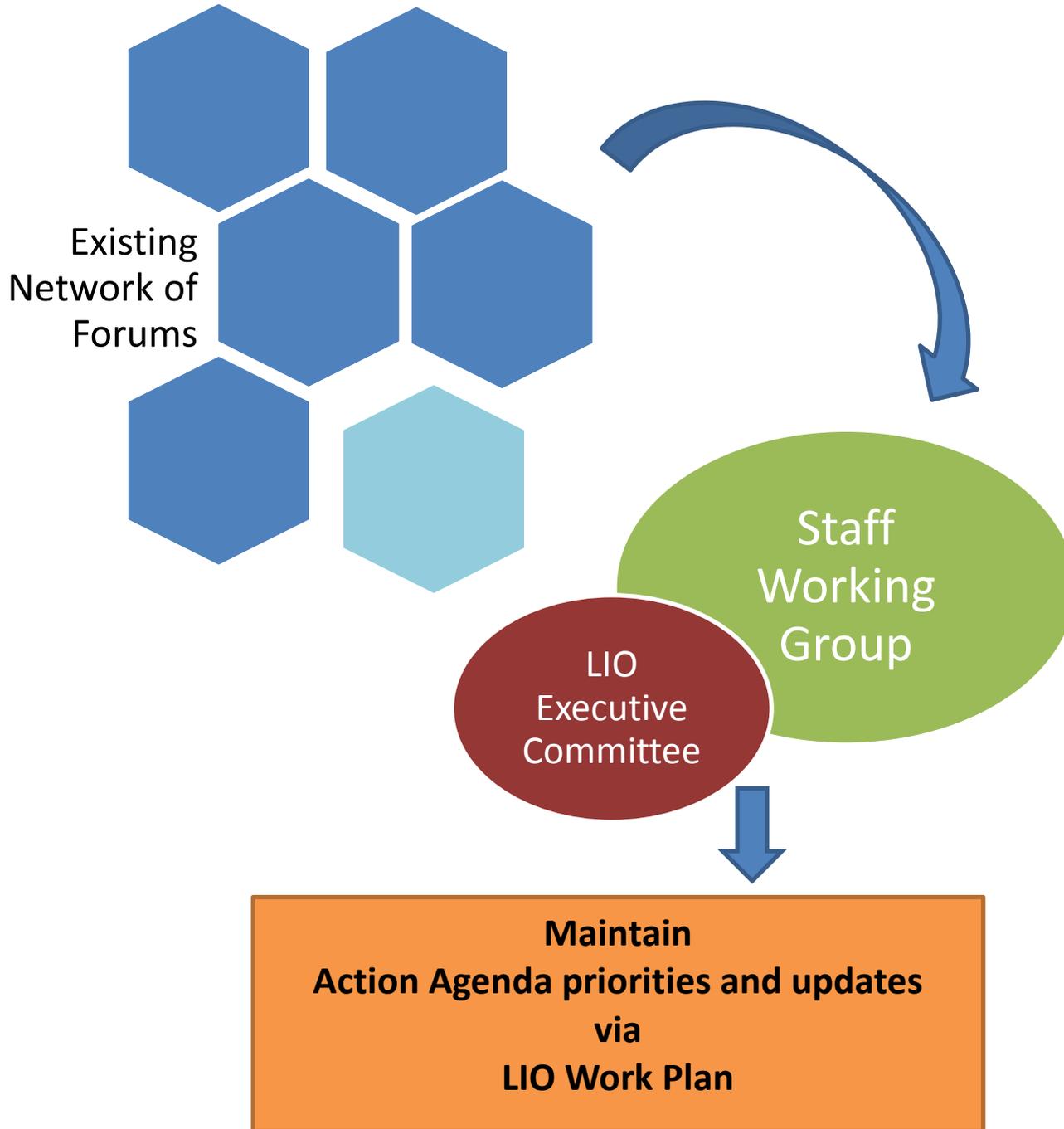
It was noted by several participants that there were many questions left unanswered and that because the group had not reached agreement on an LIO structure or approach, the presentation should focus on a general statement such as:

“We are a group that wants to work together to develop a framework for collaboration in this area. Our areas of focus will be:

- *Public education*
- *Better coordination*
- *Sharing resources*
- *Determining actions*
- *Increased efficiency”*

Next Steps

- The LIO Coordinator will send out a draft meeting summary for review
- The LIO Coordinator will draft a short cover letter for review by the group that will be shared with the Leadership Council along with a graphic depicting the concepts for a proposed initial LIO structure
- When asked, none of the participants felt they needed to meet again as a group before the August 8th Leadership Council meeting
- There was general agreement that the LIO Coordinator should work with staff members to formulate an agenda for a future meeting of this group
- The LIO Coordinator will work with Cities of Bremerton and Port Orchard to present as needed to their City Councils
- Chairman Forsman agreed to follow-up with the Puyallup Tribe to let them know about the status of the group
- The next KRCC meeting agenda for July 24th may include a topic to communicate the status of the LIO, but will not serve as a discussion forum regarding further development of the LIO



LIO Proposal for Discussion:

Existing or new groups serve as a Network of forums to determine recommendations for Action Agenda priorities by topic and to implement projects

Representatives of existing groups meet together as a Staff Working Group to gather information from and share information with Network (caucus representation)

Working Group makes recommendations to Executive Committee

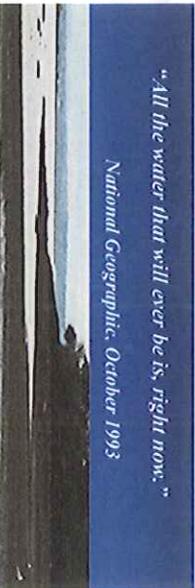
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 2:15-3:15 Pat Pearson (WSU Jefferson) & Peg Tillery (WSU Kitsap) - State of the Sound and Coastal Processes
 3:30-4:30 Jodie Holdcroft, Kitsap Public Health - Safe Practices for Septic Systems and Wells

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11:00-Noon Pete Granger, Washington Sea Grant - Straight Talk About the Fish You Eat
 1:00-2:00 Julia Gladstone, Suquamish Tribe Health & Wellness Coordinator - Pacific Feast - Cooks Guide to Foraging and Cuisine
 2:15-3:15 Michael Adams (WSU) - Shellfish Farming and Harvesting - Clams and Oysters
 3:30-4:30 Jeff Adams, Washington Sea Grant - Sea Veggies - Great Nutrition from Nature's Aquatic Garden

Animals and Critters Track

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 1:00-2:00 John Bassett, Bats Northwest - Bats, Wonderful Bats, Nature's Pollinators and Insect Eaters
 2:15-3:15 Dave Pehling, WSU Snohomish - Living with Pesky Mammals (deer, rats, mice, voles, moles, rabbits and raccoons) - Part I
 3:30-4:30 Dave Pehling, WSU Snohomish - Living with Pesky Mammals (deer, rats, mice, voles, moles, rabbits and raccoons) - Part II

Plants and Landscapes

11:00-Noon Colleen Miko, WSU Kitsap - Rain Barrels of Fun - how to construct and use rainbarrels at home
 1:00-2:00 Dana Coggon, Kitsap Noxious Weed Coordinator - Water Hogs
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