

Summary

MRC, CAG and LIO Committee Members in Attendance: Aaron Boyles, Megan Dethier, Jeff Dyer, Kailey Genter, Phil Green, Christina Koons, Erin Licata, Craig Smith, Kim Sundberg,

Ex-officio, County support staff and members of the public: Harriet Booth, Matt Colston, Audrey Coyne, Tyler Davis, Marta Green, Katie Johnson, Makenna Pittman, Frances Robertson, Kendra Smith, Sam Whitridge

11:20 AM **Convene LIO Meeting**

11:21 AM **Approve LIO April Meeting Summary**

Kim moves to approve the summary, Phil seconds. All in favor. Summary approved

11:22 AM **LIO Updates/Business**

• San Juan County Marine Program Staffing Updates

Sam Whitridge

Reintroduce Katie Johnson, she'll be helping a lot with LIO liaison work, attending the meetings etc.

Meet Harriet Booth, new LIO coordinator for work that Sam and other regional LIO's are doing together.

Harriet: thanks for having us, great to virtually meet you. Excited to get to know Sam and Katie more.

11:23 • PSP Updates

Sam Whitridge/Matt Colston

- Jason Lynn has also joined us as an ecosystem recovery coordinator, he was at the ECB meeting

- June 7-8th Leadership council event in Olympia, discuss the ECB meeting local forum

- From the USGS office there's an initiative about how public research and planning can intercept with Tribal knowledge holders and gatherers, Sam will send out the link to the document I sent

- June 23rd – there will be a government-to-government training with the Tribes to discuss the legacy of Tribal governments and salmon resource management

- The SILs had their shellfish implementation strategy open for a month, closed on May 26th, Toxins in fish RFP for stormwater initiative leads focused on wastewater and stormwater, it's funding SJC sponsors may want to look into

- Action Agenda update there have been three vital sign updates for zooplankton indicators. Average zooplankton biomass, season and index so we can follow these trends over time – that's a collaboration with UW, WDFW and NOAA

- Grant opportunity for local entities built off SMP pilot program, application runs from July 5-August 17th, local/city/county planning departments can apply for projects that analyze climate resilience and SMP implementation and local priorities from their Shoreline master plans. That's also in the document Matt sent Sam and Katie

- We have hired a new PSAR manager I'll share their details with Sam. She'll start late June

Katie will attend the government-to-government training on June 23rd (same day as NSWC meeting where Sam will be)

Audrey: SIL related updates? I listen to the priorities discussed in these meetings. For 2021-22 funds, the stormwater SIL reopened a funding opportunity focused on chemical action plans. Shellfish SIL funding just posted.

11:32 AM • May 18th Local Forum Debrief/Next Steps

Sam

Whitridge

Feedback was good about presentations. Thanks to Kim, Marta, and Frankie for doing a great job presenting materials. Thanks also to Lovel who presented as well and to Cindy who gave the introduction. Partnership staff are taking our request to engage with the Transboundary Caucus about the need for an ERTV to serve SJC, Haro strait and boundary pass. We'll continue to work with them to coordinate on this, ensure they have what they need and that they follow up

Marta: can we find out the schedule for meetings for the Transboundary Caucus? Who participates from Canada?

Kim: another action from that meeting was to contact Islands Trust that represent the Canadian gulf islands.

Marta: we coordinated and jointly submitted 2022 letter, we have a contact there. I gave them a link to ECB meeting. They have a particular concern with affected anchorages. I can ask what they'd like to do moving forward.

11:40 AM • Update on Creosote Assessment Project- Frances Robertson

We contracted to conduct county-wide assessment, waiting on the contract then we'll move that project forward.

Marta: what's the schedule for the field work?

Frankie: surveys shouldn't take long. Hope to have a kick off meeting third week of June

Craig: is the survey just for standing structures?

Frankie: yes. IF there are logs or debris on the beaches, please report through the Mycoast app. That goes to DNR who does the county-wide removal. There will be mitigation calculations run on the county structures so we have an idea of how much creosote is being removed and what the conservation value is to figure out mitigation

Kailey: is the County still working on a PR blurb about this?

Frankie: there will be a press release about the pilings removal at Jackson, probably August

Kailey: I'm available to help if needed

Craig: a lot of creosote around FH marina

Kim: and what about Shipyard cove?

Jeff and Christina mention marinas on Lopez and Orcas

Marta: last staffing update, I'm retiring at the end of June, this will be my last meeting in an advisory role but I'll still attend when I can as a regular member of the public. Party at Mikes in the garden area on June 29th at 5pm

Craig: question about rural ports potential funding? Could that be used for removal of creosote pilings? And we have all these opaque docks shading the bottom, could that be considered?

Sam: I can look into that a little more, see what projects are eligible for that funding

Matt: want to thank Marta for all her work for SJC, congratulations on a wonderful career and have a happy retirement

Marta: it's been a great run, thanks!

Cindy: thanks, Marta, for your service

11:49 PM **Adjourn LIO Meeting**