



San Juan County Action Agenda Oversight Group/San Juan Local Integrating Organization (SJ-LIO)
Implementation Committee
Meeting Summary
Thursday February 4, 2021, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible
Incorporate Member Input to Desired Outcomes for the 2022-2026 Action Agenda and submit to PSP.	Marta

Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Agenda and Summary

Marta Green convened the meeting at 11:06 am. The meeting agenda was approved. The meeting summary for the November 5th, 2020 meeting was also approved.

Public Comment

None.

Grant Task 5: Funding for Creosote Mitigation Planning

Kendra reported. There are 117 derelict creosote pilings off of Jackson Beach. Public works has been monitoring the condition of those pilings. Jen-Jay Consultants will be doing the aquatic survey before the removal of the pilings. Then, a removal strategy will be researched depending on the findings of the aquatic survey, including the removal method, potential contractors, number of mitigation credits available, a cost analysis, and a project report by September. Kim noted that the pilings may provide habitat and Megan expressed concern of possible release of creosote during piling removal. Phil acknowledged the BMPs applied by the Stillaguamish for this work. The county has talked with the state about creating a mitigation bank for the project, but there is also a need county-wide as well. The county may utilize roads funds for the project.

San Juan Stewardship Network Objectives

Frances gave a background report on and an update for the San Juan Stewardship Network. The SJ Stewardship Network has been a long running network of public and private entities in San Juan County. The network works collaboratively on scientific initiatives. The network is now meeting once a month to work on issues. Current projects include activities for Earth Month in April, the Nation Maritime Heritage Area proposal, looking at ways to increase diversity of visitors to the islands, and nominations for the Good Stewards Awards.

2022 – 2026 Action Agenda Planning: Comments on Draft Desired Outcomes

Marta gave an update of the action agenda. The review process is at the end of Phase 2. Comments on desired outcomes are due February 4, 2021. San Juan County's input will frame those desired outcomes. Member reviewed the list of outcomes and provided comments and suggestions. Marta will incorporate comments and submit comments before the end of the day.



NTA Update – Vessel Draft and ERTV Response Analysis

Marta introduced Tim Roberson with Nuka Research in Anchorage, AK. San Juan County contracted with Nuka to do the ERTV Ship Drift and Response Analysis. Tim reviewed the project. The response analysis looked to answer questions surrounding possible issues with an emergency response vessel operating in the Salish Sea. Two main questions were the focus of the research:

- For any given location, how much time would be available for an ERTV to arrive at a disabled ship before it may drift aground when considering wind and currents?
- Considering four focus areas around San Juan County, what is the probability that a tug could arrive before a disabled ship on a typical route might drift aground?

Tim reviewed the limitations to modeling, explained the process that was used for modeling, and reviewed the results. In summary, the results conclude that the constricted waters around Haro Strait and Boundary Pass represent the greatest challenge to executing a successful emergency tow. In the worst cases a disabled ship traveling on the typical route would have under an hour before grounding after losing momentum. An ERTV located in Roche Harbor or Sydney would have the best chance of a successful rescue in these areas, arriving in time to rescue over 80% of the cases studied. For anyone with questions, contact Tim Robertson at timrobertson@nukaresearch.com

Marta will send out an invitation for the April 2021 Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:03 pm



Meeting Participants

Members

Name	Affiliation	In Attendance
Frances Robertson	SJC Marine Resources Committee	X
Kyle Dodd	San Juan County Health & Community Services	
Kendra Smith	San Juan County Environmental Resources Division	X
Patti Gobin	Tulalip Tribes	
Vacant	SJI Conservation District	
Sam Whitridge	San Juan County/WRIA 2 Lead Entity	X
Megan Dethier	University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories	X
Kimbal Sundberg	Water Resources Management Committee	X
Stan Walsh	Swinomish Tribe, Skagit River System Cooperative	X
Phil Green	San Juan Marine Resources Committee	X
Jamie Stephens	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group, chair	

Staff and Guests

Name	Affiliation
Marta Green	San Juan Action Agenda Oversight Group
Laura Rivas	Puget Sound Partnership
Chandler Colahan	Recording Secretary
Tim Roberson	Nuka Research
Alan Chapman	Self
Lovel Pratt	Friends of the San Juans