



As a collaborative network, we work toward a healthy and resilient ecosystem that sustains all life and human wellbeing on the North Olympic Peninsula and along the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

April 2024 Quarterly Meeting Notes & Next Steps

Friday, April 19, 2024 - 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Red Cedar Hall, Blyn WA

All meeting materials, including agenda, zoom link and documents can be found here:

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Topic	Notes	Resources & Next Steps
<p>Welcome & introductions around the room and zoom</p>	<p>Over 30+ partners from around the Straits region and beyond attend via in person and zoom</p>	
<p>Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Lead (CR2SL) partnership between Ecology, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, and the State Conservation Commission</p> <p><i>Colin Hume, Puget Sound Recovery Lead, WA Department of Ecology</i></p>	<p>The Climate Resilient Riparian Systems Lead (CR2SL) partnership with Ecology, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, and the State Conservation Commission is a new \$30 million, 5-year program investment by EPA that is modeled off of the SILs and will largely be pass-through funding for innovative approaches to get more riparian buffers planted. The funding comes through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.</p> <p>They are building out their partner engagement plan and one early component they are trying to get rolling are some engagement workshops where local implementation partners can provide feedback about barriers, challenges, funding gaps, and just general needs within the riparian space. The Sno-Still LIO hosted such a workshop in the fall along with the Lead Entity and other partners, and it was really beneficial.</p> <p>Stay tuned for a possible Strait ERN and Hood Canal LIO co-hosted workshop</p>	<p>State and EPA ready grants to restore salmon habitat, improve water quality near Puget Sound - Washington State Department of Ecology</p> <p>Link to the Mural board to add further thoughts/ideas/questions following our discussion today</p>

	sometime in early June 2024.	
<p>PSP Ecosystem Coordination Board Local Forum</p> <p><i>Kara Cardinal, Strait ERN Coordinator</i></p>	<p>The Strait ERN is hosting the May 9, 2024 ECB Local forum to share our unique perspectives and experiences with Puget Sound recovery practitioners on topics related to the challenges to restoration and conservation within rural communities and the importance of collaboration to move the needle forward for Puget Sound recovery.</p> <p>Topic 1: Building a Climate Resilient Peninsula through Local Conservation</p> <p>Objective: Highlight and share successful collaborations across our region around climate resiliency</p> <p>Topic 2: Highlighting Rural Communities – Challenges and Importance of Collaboration</p> <p>A Panel Discussion and Q&A around rural compared to urban restoration and protection priorities, challenges and barriers.</p> <p>Objective: Discussion and brainstorming ideas of how to address these challenges within our current funding and policy systems</p>	<p>Agenda for May 9 ECB meeting</p> <p>Strait ERN’s Topic Agenda for ECB</p> <p>Climate Resiliency Presentation Briefing Memo</p> <p>Rural Communities Panel Briefing Memo</p>
<p>Strait ERN Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council Update ● Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) nominations 	<p>Russell Hepfer, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Vice Chairman thanked everyone for all their hard work and time and dedication to our environment and Strait of Juan de Fuca. He noted that the fish are coming back to the Elwha River, and that everyone in the room and within the Strait ERN played a part in making that happen. Speaking for the salmon, we are all after the same thing. He is really proud of this LIO, and honored to hold the seat on the Leadership Council, as Billy Frank Junior held that seat since the Partnership’s inception. Vice Chairman</p>	<p>Puget Sound Partnership - Leadership Council Members (wa.gov)</p> <p>Puget Sound Partnership - Ecosystem Coordination Board Members (wa.gov)</p>

	<p>Hepfer expressed that it's important for the Strait ERN to bring any issues to him and he will help bring those forward to the Leadership Council. 6PPD-Quinone is a big topic of concern that he is focused on currently.</p> <p>He again thanked everyone for all their hard work, and emphasized how critical it is to the health of our region and to our salmon.</p> <p>ECB nominations will take place starting in June 2024.</p>	
<p>Presentation & discussion: Marine Carbon Removal Technologies</p> <p><i>Sara Nawaz, Institute for Responsible Carbon Removal, American University</i></p>	<p>Sara Nawaz is a social scientist and the Director of Research at American University's Institute for Responsible Carbon Removal. She is leading a research study that aims to explore community views on a new set of technologies called marine carbon dioxide removal, which are increasingly being explored for possible future deployment in the Salish Sea.</p> <p>She reached out to the Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network hoping to conduct a research workshop in the Sequim and Port Angeles area. Most people don't know about these technologies now, and the goal of this work is to begin discussing the possibilities of this potential future sector with local affected communities before a specific agenda gets set for the sector. This research project does not have any ties to existing groups that are looking to deploy these technologies—our goal with this work is to explore whether or not there might be support for further research or deployment of them and any conditions that might need to be met for further exploration of these technologies to potentially be viewed as appropriate in the region.</p>	<p>National Academies of Science report (downloadable here)</p> <p>Some video resources here</p> <p>A blog post here</p> <p>Marine Carbon Ocean-based Technologies workshop - June 5 & 6 in Sequim - reach out to Sara at snawaz@american.edu for more info</p> <p>EBB Carbon Project SEPA: https://portofpa.com/about-us/environmental/sepa/</p> <p>William Habel, City of Port Angeles will be doing the shoreline permitting for the EBB carbon project, reach out to him if you have questions or want more info at whabel@cityofpa.us</p>

	<p>Tentatively the workshop is set for Wednesday June 5 and another on Thursday June 6, both at Seven Cedars (270756 Highway 101, Sequim, WA) and they are able to offer some compensation for those who can attend.</p> <p>Also discussion around the proposal from Ebb Carbon to pilot this type of project in Port Angeles Bay.</p>	
<p>Habitat & Stormwater SIL Funding</p> <p><i>Bree Turner, Marine Vegetation Lead, Habitat Strategic Initiative, WA Department of Natural Resources -</i> Bree.Turner@dnr.wa.gov</p> <p><i>Kara Cardinal, Strait ERN Coordinator</i></p>	<p><u>Habitat SIL Funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding will increase capacity and workforce development to meet Puget Sound habitat recovery goal • Funding will support new science, synthesis, and analysis for improved protection and restoration of kelp and eelgrass in Puget Sound. • Open Now - closes May 22, 2024 <p><u>Stormwater SIL Funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Best Management Practice Installations in Toxic Hotspots and Transportation Areas (Open Now - closes May 22, 2024) • Assisting Local Governments Protect and Improve Water Quality and Salmon Recovery through Smart Growth Planning (Opens April 8, 2024) 	<p>Follow up meeting to be scheduled for those interested in the Habitat SIL Capacity Funding</p>

Proposed future meeting dates:

- **Friday September 20, 2024**

This meeting will be recorded only for the purpose of drafting Notes and Next Steps.
Times/speakers subject to change depending on schedule & availability.