



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.

Winter 2023 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 10, 2023 - 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

[Red Cedar Hall](#), Blyn WA & [Zoom](#)

FINAL DRAFT MEETING NOTES AND NEXT STEPS

All meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.straitern.org/meetings-events>

Agenda Item	Discussions/Conclusions	Next Steps/Resources
Welcome & introductions around the room and zoom	Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour, Strait ERN Co-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting - both in the room and on zoom - and asked everyone to introduce themselves.	
Action Agenda Explorer: How this can be used as a resource tool to support and enhance our work on the Straits, <i>Kaitlin Harris</i>	Discussion around capacity barriers to apply and compete for the big federal grants coming our way - is there another avenue for pushing this important funding to counties, cities and rural communities?	AA Explorer (wa.gov)
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding Opportunities for Puget Sound Recovery - Fund Tracker, <i>Ahren Stroming PSP</i>	Increased amount of NEP funding, potentially routed through upcoming and new SIL funding. Register for the Puget Sound Day on the Hill ASAP! Link to Ahren’s presentation slides: https://pspwa.box.com/s/yzbs4gqssna5raxzpy93plk47gflmcdk	Microsoft Power BI (powerbigov.us) Federal actions for Puget Sound recovery - Review and Wins Puget Sound Day on the Hill
Roundtable Updates - Opportunity for Strait ERN members to share about current work, project updates, collaborative requests,	Janis Burger, OCA: Guest presentation on net-zero demonstration house and energy efficiency w/in your home. Tom Sanford, NOLT: Conservation Futures advisory funds used in Clallam County for	OCA Events: Events – Olympic Climate Action (olyclimate.org) Clallam Conservation Futures Funds info:

<p>and support/resources needed</p>	<p>Mid-Valley Farm and Dungeness Hub/Nash's Packing shed are now protected. Call for proposals to the Conservation Futures fund (deadline has now past). Partnered with LEKT on Elwha planning efforts. April 21 will be the NOLT Conservation Breakfast - in person! 10 Levee walks near the Dungeness schoolhouse with over 100 community members!</p> <p>Heidi Eisenhour: Jefferson Land Trust Conservation Breakfast (March 2023)</p> <p>Kim William, Clallam CD: Buffers for Salmon - help landowners put in riparian buffers! Clallam CD Election request for engagement (March 2023)</p> <p>Zach Trevino, City of Port Angeles: Public Works and PUD continuing to work on updating combined water and sewer pump stations to assist with point source pollution reduction. Ediz Hook shoreline restoration project, a collaboration between the Navy Engineering systems command and Tribes to restore the interior southern portion of Ediz Hook by removing structures and doing some cleanup.</p> <p>Michael Dawson, Jefferson County Public Health/Water Quality: Water quality monitoring ongoing with live map, showing all monitoring locations.</p> <p>Joel Green, Clallam County/Hansi Hall, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe: Dungeness Floodplain Restoration Project updates.</p> <p>Joe Holtrop, Jefferson CD: Natural Landscaping Courses</p> <p>NRCS large amounts of funding available in the coming year, possibly partnering with Conservation Districts to help spend this money</p> <p>Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin, PA City Council: PA City Council unanimously decided to oppose the Foster Fix in WA water law, which would have removed the requirement for water for water</p>	<p>Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board (CFPAB)</p> <p>NOLT Conservation Breakfast: 2023 Conservation Breakfast by North Olympic Land Trust</p> <p>Buffers for Salmon: Conservation Along the Creek — Clallam Conservation District (clallamcd.org)</p> <p>See Current Projects and Plans Port Angeles, WA - Official Website (cityofpa.us)</p> <p>Water Quality Monitoring Map is now available at https://gisweb.jeffcowa.us/Water_Quality_Monitoring/</p> <p>News & Events Jefferson County Conservation District</p> <p>Programs & Initiatives Natural Resources Conservation Service</p> <p>Provide Your Input on the 2023 Wastewater Comprehensive Plan Port Angeles, WA -</p>
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	<p>mitigation. City of PA published draft Waste Water Comprehensive Plan for comment, open through May 31</p> <p>Water Policy subcommittee - should we find the time/capacity to coordinate this?</p> <p>Bob Simmons, Jefferson WSU: NTA funding Rural stormwater project - still have business cards to share and have received 1000 hits on the website! Stream Stewards & Beach Naturalist classes are currently happening</p> <p>New emergency funding from the Governor's office for Green Crab outreach work, partnering with Sea Grant. Developing an ap for outreach.</p> <p>Janine Reed, Clallam County: Septic 101 classes all filled up! Holding more in the fall.</p> <p>Heidi Eisenhour, Jefferson County: Shoreline Master Program draft plan went to Ecology for review and came back with a bunch of questions. Hiring a consultant to help respond, as the DCD is strapped for capacity. Also received a grant from Ecology for a shoreline user guide. Working on the Trust Land Transfer program with DNR, including Devil's Lake in Jefferson and a project in Kitsap County. 10 projects total on the list from all over the state. Expanding Dabob Natural area - unanimous support. Derelict vessel removal - working on providing more funding for this work. Natural Climate Solutions account - source of funding created in the last biennium - how to get this money in the right direction and focused on our important forests. WSU Extension Director hiring process is going well. Jefferson MRC needs a boat!</p> <p>Karen Affeld, NODC: Marine Renewable Energy project with PNNL. Hired a new Community Planning and Engagement director for NODC. New office space! 711 East Front Street in PA.</p>	<p>Official Website (cityofpa.us)</p> <p><i>Follow Up: Bring together a Water Policy subcommittee</i></p> <p>Rural Stormwater Solutions Washington State University</p> <p>Beach Naturalist & Stream Stewards: Water & Natural Resources</p> <p>European Green Crab – Washington Sea Grant</p> <p>Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review</p> <p>Land Transactions WA - DNR</p> <p>RCW 70A.65.270: Natural climate solutions account. (wa.gov)</p> <p>Projects Jefferson County MRC (jeffersonmrc.org)</p> <p>The North Olympic Development Council (NODC) (noprkd.org)</p>
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<p>Strait ERN Updates and Administration:</p>	<p>Communication & public outreach: Strait Eco Events Calendar and Strait ERN Newsletter - postcards with QR codes coming soon!</p>	<p>Please Submit your event here and SHARE the calendar widely!</p>
<p>Presentation and discussion on SIL/LIO Engagement opportunities, including Stormwater Implementation Strategy work groups centered around, <i>Derek Day & Libby Geir, Stormwater SIL</i></p>	<p>Stormwater SIL RFPs are now open for “Reducing Toxics in Fish in Puget Sound” February 27, 2023 - May 1, 2023 - see website for more info and other upcoming funding opportunities</p> <p>Join a Stormwater SIL “Pod” on specific topics to provide input on strategies and investment priorities - see the Mural board here to add your name to a section of interest: link to Mural Board</p>	<p>Stormwater SIL Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities</p>
<p>Strait ERN Ecosystem Recovery Plan update process and workplan development discussion</p>	<p>Discussion around how to pull together all the old NTAs, where they are at, what’s needed and how we can carry those forward into the current process. Pull together a subcommittee to help determine our path forward and if/how we’d like to update our Strait Ecosystem Recovery Plan and goals.</p> <p>Multiple members volunteered to form a subcommittee - thank you!</p>	<p>Kara will pull together a subcommittee and set an initial meeting.</p>
<p>Closing thoughts/announcements /events/ Field trip ideas for 2023/discuss future meeting dates</p>	<p>Funding coffee hours to come in April - keep an eye out for calendar invites!</p> <p>Potentially use some of the Strait ERN sub-contract funding for ERP update and storymap</p> <p>Field trip idea: Full Dungeness River watershed tour! Kara will check into this.</p>	<p>Funding opportunities on Strait ERN website: Funding Opportunities – Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network (straitern.org)</p>

Proposed future meeting dates:

- **Friday, June 2, 2023 (confirmed)**
- **Friday, September 15, 2023 (TBD)**
- **Friday, December 8, 2023 (TBD)**