



Puyallup White River LIO Quarterly Meeting

Bringing partners together to amplify ecosystem recovery efforts in Pierce County

March 4, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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The PWR LIO March quarterly meeting theme is focused on **Floodplains & Estuaries**. Local leaders in this sector have been invited to present projects and programs that enhance floodplain and estuary habitat in Pierce County by advancing education and outreach, funding, planning, and on-the-ground restoration efforts. ***We also have time to share additional projects from all LIO members – please bring your projects, questions, and ideas to the call!***

Time	Topic	Speakers
12:00 PM (5 min.)	Networking and Getting Settled	All
12:05 PM (5 min.)	Welcome, Purpose and Agenda Review	Cindy Haverkamp, PWR LIO Chair
12:10 PM (20 min. Plus Q&A)	City of Puyallup Deer Creek Restoration Project <i>Paul will provide an overview of the City of Puyallup’s newly funded restoration project along Deer Creek, which is currently in the preliminary design phase. The project aims to reconnect the floodplain and enhance environmental resiliency following flood events.</i>	Paul Marrinan, City of Puyallup
12:35PM (10 min. Plus Q&A)	Tacoma Tidelands Restoration through the lens of Photojournalism <i>Robin, a professor in the School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership at the University of Washington, Tacoma (UW Tacoma), will share insights on restoration efforts at the Tacoma Tidelands, drawing from both his research and his students’ photography.</i>	Robin Evans-Agnew, UW Tacoma
12:50 PM (20 min. Plus Q&A)	Lower Wapato Creek Mitigation Site <i>Kristin will inform the PWR LIO of the <u>Lower Wapato Creek Habitat Project</u>, a 20-acre advance mitigation site constructed by the Port of Tacoma in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Historically, Wapato Creek flowed through the Tidelands into Commencement Bay and in the mid-1960s, Wapato Creek was diverted and rerouted along 12th Street and Alexander Avenue. This project has restored Wapato Creek from a ditch to a meandering stream channel surrounded by wetland and forest habitat.</i>	Kristin Evered, Port of Tacoma
1:05 PM (10 min. Plus Q&A)	Floodplains for the Future <i>Kathleen’s presentation will highlight the Floodplains for the Future program, providing intel into the Clear Creek restoration project, and emphasizing the need to shift conversations from what needs to happen to how do we implement the inventory of compiled Pierce County floodplains projects that exist in various lists and plans.</i>	Kathleen Berger, Pierce County
1:30PM	Floodplains and Estuaries Action Plan Scoping	All

(20 min.)	<i>Discuss how Strategies & Actions from the draft 2026-2030 Action Agenda relate to floodplains and estuaries barriers, projects, and opportunities in Pierce County.</i>	
1:50 PM (5 min.)	PWR LIO Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Shoreline Funded Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support PCD environmental education and outreach activities ○ Multi-LIO shoreline assessment to evaluate the magnitude of un/under-permitted shoreline ○ Bluff Recession GIS Analysis for Restoration/Resilience/Relocation (BRGAR) project • Integrated Stormwater & Land Use Project: Pierce County Urban Forestry Management Plan • Capacity Funding Needs 	Kristen Durance, PWR LIO Coordinator
1:55 PM (5 min.)	Round Robin – Bring your Updates!	All
2:00 PM	Adjourn and Enjoy the Day	