

Puyallup White River LIO Quarterly Meeting

Bringing partners together to amplify ecosystem recovery efforts in Pierce County

September 23, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

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The theme of the September quarterly meeting is **More Than Human Kin**, highlighting the interconnected relationships between people, plants, animals, and ecosystems. Local leaders have been invited to share examples of their work with plant and animal species and the ways these efforts contribute to both ecological resilience and human health. Discussions will also examine strategies to support long-term resilience of these species amid climate change and other environmental stressors.

Time	Topic	Speakers
10:00 AM (10 min.)	Networking & Welcome, Purpose, and Agenda Review <i>During this meeting, Cindy will invite participants to challenge the idea that animals and plants are less than or other, rather than part of the human world.</i>	Haley Morris, PWR LIO Assistance Coordinator; Cindy Haverkamp, PWR LIO Chair
10:10 AM (10 min.)	Round Robin – Bring your Updates! <i>Bring your projects, questions, and ideas to the call!</i>	All
10:20 AM (40 min. plus Q&A)	Rooted Together Panel: More-than-Human Partnerships for Resilient Communities <i>The below panelists will share their experiences working with plant and animal species throughout the Puyallup Watershed and the critical role these species play in bettering not only our watershed but the health of communities as a whole.</i> • South Prairie Creek Wildlife Sitings: birds, plants, insects, oh my! - Kyrstin Onaga, Ryan Bird, and Glenn Johnson; Pierce Conservation District • Carbon River Corridor BioBlitz - Cat Mason; Puyallup Watershed Conservation Land Trust • Beavers Building a Better Ecosystem - Mark Heckert; Beaver Creek Environmental Services • Swimming Upstream: The Quest for Clean Water – Elizabeth Mackey; Trout Unlimited	PCD: Kyrstin Onaga, Ryan Bird, & Glenn Johnson; PWCLT: Cat Mason; Beaver Creek Environmental Services: Mark Heckert; Trout Unlimited: Elizabeth Mackey
11:10 AM (15 min.)	PWR LIO Updates • <i>Multi-LIO Shoreline Armoring & Permitting Assessment</i> • <i>PWR Floodplains & Estuaries Action Plan</i> • <i>South Sound Science Symposium Preview</i> • <i>PCD Shoreline-focused Environmental Education</i>	Haley Morris
11:25 AM (5 min.)	Reflections & Next Steps	Haley Morris
11:30 AM	Adjourn and Enjoy the Day	