

## **Tide Gate Partnership**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

The Tide Gate Partnership meeting began by briefing the group on the agenda. Meta Loftsgaarden then described the Tide Gate Process Map and answered clarification questions around the organization of different groups. It was decided that a process to give feedback from Regulatory group would be developed. Next Jillian McCarthy reported to the Partnership on the recent Inventory group meeting. The Partnership was told that one of the things that the Steering Committee and the Inventory group will be working on defining tide gates. Discussion around the database of information for both publicly and privately-owned tide gates. It was decided that a more nuanced definition of sharing information is required currently, but that the option to develop a database with rolled up information that defines different cells of information. However, those cells may remain blank until the landowner agrees to share their information. Next the Partnership was asked to discuss the issue of land around the tide gate. It was noted that there are two different figures; acres protected by tide gates and acres affected by tide gate. The next subject around the recent Inventory group was around critical elevations. It was agreed that there needs to be area inundated and land elevation, and that a specific data set should be chosen and consistently used to define. Around freshwater and saltwater information it was agreed that estimates were ok. It was agreed by the majority of the Partnership that one year would be too long, and the Inventory group should be able to complete sooner. It was also agreed that they would share the draft of fields that came out of their discussion, prior to the next Partnership session.

Irma Lagomarsino then gave an update from the recent Regulatory meeting. It was reported that Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) would be conducting interviews with current engineering companies that are working on tide gates in other states. Irma also commented that the regulatory groups are exploring the process of removing some of the regulatory steps for the “low hanging fruits”. Next Irma updated the Partnership on the NOAA Programmatic that is in the final stages of finalization, and it includes a section on tide gate replacement, removals, and repairs. Any feedback on the Programmatic can be submitted to Ken Phippen.

Greg Wolf then reported that AOC had developed a communication website, [www.oregontidegates.org](http://www.oregontidegates.org). All meeting summaries, dates, etc. would be posted there. There is also a Partnership Update site where Partnership members are encouraged to post their organization’s updates through submission to [sgamaney@oregoncounties.org](mailto:sgamaney@oregoncounties.org).

Greg and Meta then summarized the meeting’s addressed items, and discussed tide gate next steps including: the Steering Committee meeting, next Partnership agenda items, subgroups in the formation stage and contacting Jillian if you are interested in contributing, and the OWEB literature review lunch session possibility.