

Tide Gate Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Summary
Monday, April 16, 2018

The Tide Gate Steering Committee added commissioners representing coastal and lower Columbia counties and representatives from the network of Oregon. The committee reviewed proposed Inventory criteria and discussed the timeline for completion of the inventory, which they hope to accelerate. The inventory will also be the main agenda item for the Tide Gate Partnership meeting.

The Steering Committee also received an update of the Regulatory Group meeting, as well as a report on Opti Pass, a decision support tool, which holds promise as a way to deal with not only fish habitat, but also economic factors. A small group was formed to further develop that, and a Tide Gate website was introduced to the group. County Solutions was directed to conduct interviews with engineering firms working on tide gates in Washington and California, to see why they are not working in Oregon. Finally, a funding workgroup was formed to begin identifying funding needs and availability.