

**Northwest Straits Commission Science Advisory Committee
Training Series:
Understanding & Engaging Communities Using Social Sciences
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We live in complex social-ecological systems. This [Science Advisory Committee](#) seminar was created to provide an introduction to the social sciences and how they are applicable to informing, supporting, and evaluating the work of Marine Resources Committees. Recordings and resources from this training series seminar are available in the links below.



(Diagram from Lischka et al. 2018)

Training Series Links:

- Recording of Seminar ([link](#))
- Power Point Slides ([link](#))

Additional Resources:

To get you started:

- 7 Top Tips for the Effective Use of Social Science in your Work ([link](#))
- A Flexible Framework for Evaluating Community Conservation, by the Land Trust Alliance ([link](#))

- Introduction: Fostering Sustainable Behavior, by Doug McKenzie-Mohr ([link](#)) to access and download PDF requires creating a sign-in at no cost. Go to link above and scroll down to 'Learn the Steps'.

Guidance on social science methods:

- Guidance on Social Science Research Methods ([link](#))
- Social Science Survey Recommendations ([link](#))

For a deeper dive:

- The Conservation Social Sciences: What?, How? And Why? ([link](#))
- Conservation social science: Understanding and integrating human dimensions to improve conservation ([link](#))
- Mainstreaming the social sciences in conservation ([link](#))
- Social Science for the Salish Sea ([link](#))
- Enhancing the Human Wellbeing Vital Signs through Inclusive Engagement: A Report for Empowering People in Communities ([link](#))
- Engaging the Environmental Humanities for Ecosystem Recovery ([link](#))
- Protocol for the Integration of Human Dimensions into Implementation Strategy Starter Packages ([link](#))
- Examining coastal sense of place through community geography in Island County, Washington ([link](#))
- Historical Patterns and Drivers of Spatial Changes in Recreational Fishing Activity in Puget Sound, Washington ([link](#))
- Sense of Place Index for Puget Sound, Part of the Puget Sound Partnership Human Wellbeing Vital Signs ([link](#))
- Making Sense of Human Ecology Mapping: An Overview of Approaches to Integrating Socio-Spatial Data into Environmental Planning ([link](#))

Please reach out to Dana Oster (oster@nwstraits.org) if you would like to contact the Science Advisory Committee with general questions.