

Governor's Vision

"To ensure that the Puget Sound forever will be a thriving natural system, with clean marine and freshwaters, health and abundant native species, natural shorelines and places for public enjoyment and a vibrant economy that prospers in productive harmony with a healthy Sound."



Puget Sound Initiative

- Some highlights of Ecology's PSI work
 - Initiated clean up in seven bays (e.g., Pt. Gamble) and accelerated existing efforts in four others (e.g., Lower Duwamish) using, in part, \$15M capital funds
 - Provided \$27M in grants to help address stormwater impacts
 - Providing more than \$7.5M to help fix failing septic systems.
 - Delivered oil spill response equipment and trained first responders at 40 places around Puget Sound.

TCP's 7 Priority Bays



Legislative Support

■ 2006 Session

- \$51.75 million investment
- Improved septic system management
- Increased oversight of oil transfers

■ 2007 Session

- Significant step forward for Puget Sound recovery
- \$238 million of targeted funding
- Numerous laws to enhance protection and restoration of the Sound

Puget Sound Partnership

- New state agency comprised of:
 - Leadership Council
 - Executive Director and Staff
 - Ecosystem Coordination Board
 - Science Panel

2020 Action Agenda

- Action Agenda must
 - Be science based
 - Lead to recovery of Puget Sound by 2020
 - Have specific goals; measurable outcomes; measure progress for each goal
 - Include near-term and long-term benchmarks
 - Identify and prioritize strategies
 - Identify a responsible entity for each task

Puget Sound Partnership

■ Puget Sound Science Panel

- 9 members selected from list of 15 provided to Council by the WA Academy of Sciences
- Provide independent nonrepresentational scientific advice to the Council
- Assist the Council in developing and revising the Action Agenda
- Develop environmental indicators and benchmarks by July 31, 2008

PSP Science Panel

- Members serve two – four year terms:
 - Chair: Joel Baker, UW Tacoma
 - Vice-chair: Jan Newton, UW
 - Guy Gelfenbaum, USGS
 - Robert Johnston, U.S. Navy
 - Timothy Quinn, WDFW
 - Frank Shipley, USGS
 - John Stark, WSU
 - Usha Varanasi, NOAA
 - Katharine Wellman, Northern Economics, Inc.

PSP Science-Related Documents

- Strategic Science Plan

<http://www.psp.wa.gov/downloads/SP2008/041508/!!PSPStrategicSciencePlan31a.pdf>

- Action Agenda

- Monitoring Plan

- Biennial Science Plan

PSP: Differences from Past Efforts

- Does not have regulatory authority itself, but has accountability tools for all levels of government
- Expanded scope of work (e.g., salmon, water)
- Explicit need for new revenue stated in statute
- Explicit objective to educate/engage citizens
- Has a firm deadline to recover Sound by 2020

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