

Puget Sound Monitoring Consortium

January 16, 2009

Update and Recommendations

Our Directive from the Legislature

- **Facilitate the development of an ongoing monitoring consortium in Puget Sound, similar to Chesapeake Bay or San Francisco Bay**

Why the Consortium is Needed

- **The current, collective approach to monitoring and assessment:**
 - **is not efficient**
 - **is not cost-effective**
 - **does not meet the needs**

Our Members

- **Local governments**
- **State agencies**
- **Federal agencies**
- **Tribal representatives**
- **Private businesses**
- **Environmental groups**

Our Accomplishments

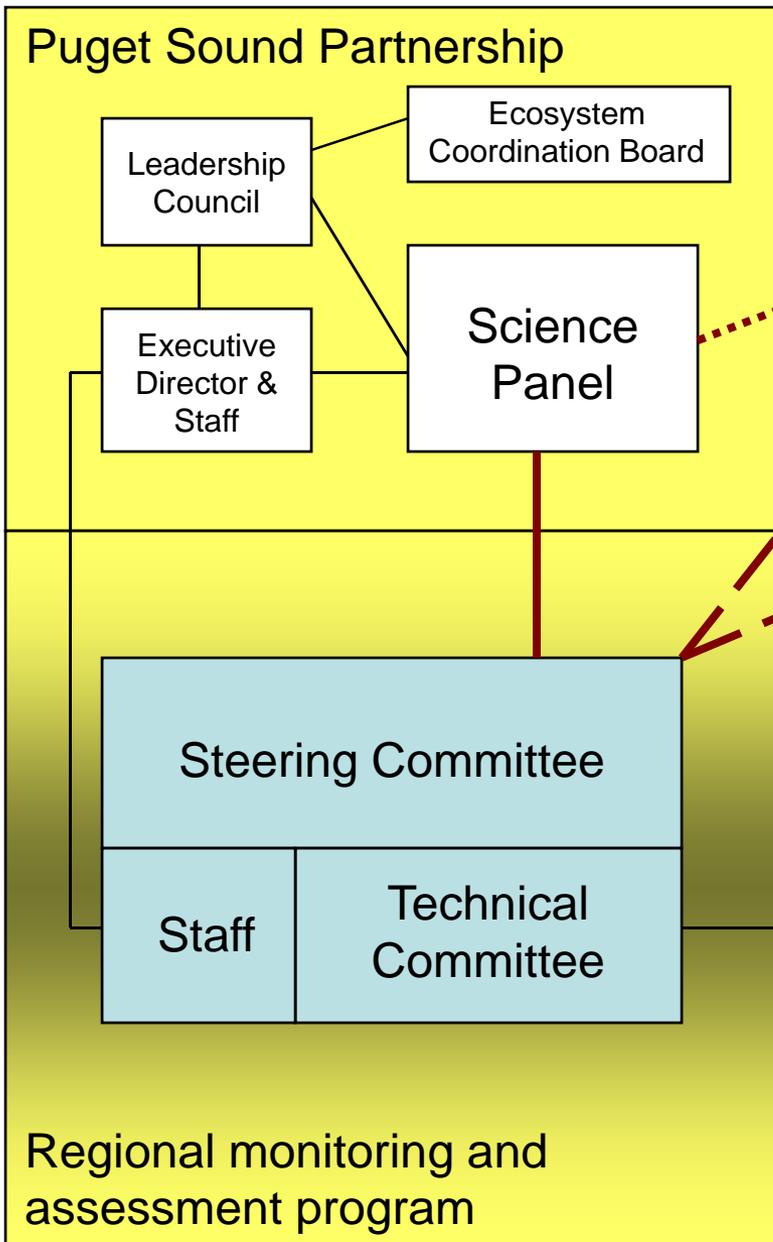
- **Reviewed national programs**
- **Developed two organizational models**
- **Sponsored pilot projects**
- **Established Stormwater Work Group**

Our Recommendations

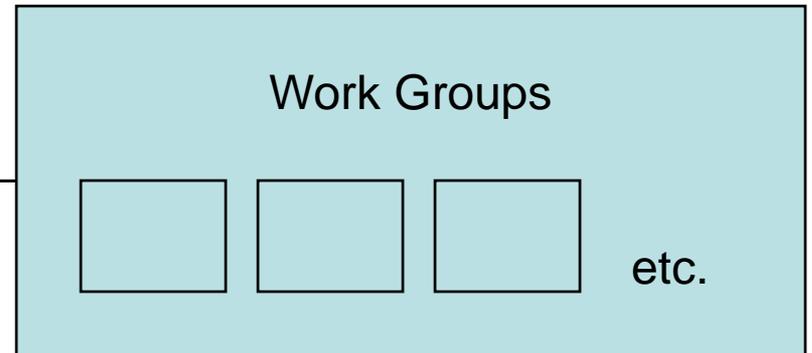
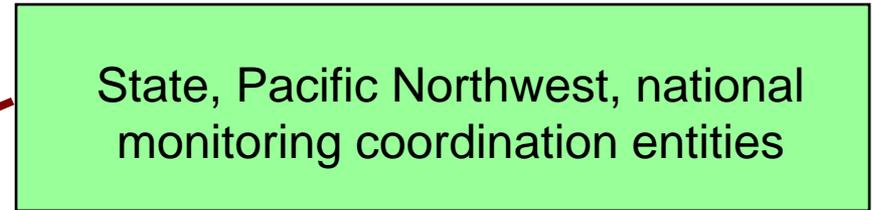
- **Partnership is decision maker**
- **Governance decision:
June 30, 2009**
- **Transition period: 2009-2011**
- **Maintain current funding**

Our Proposed Structure

- **Two options to oversee and manage the program**
 - **A program at the Puget Sound Partnership, or**
 - **An independent private institute**
- **“Work Groups” coordinated under the umbrella structure**

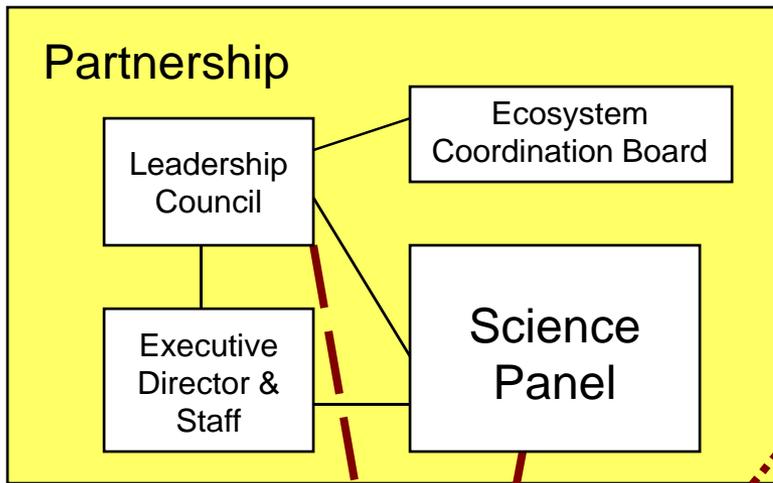


State agency based program housed at the Partnership

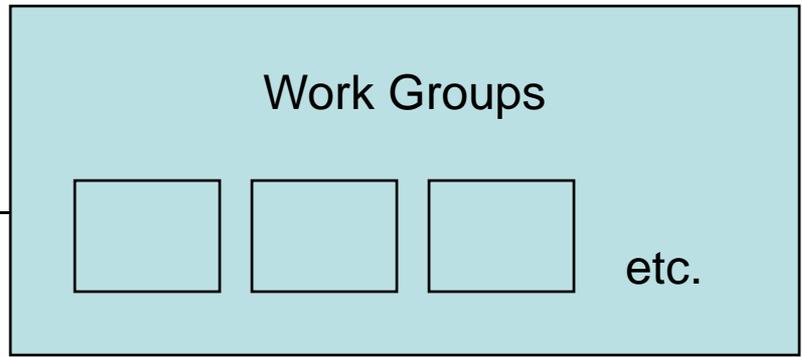
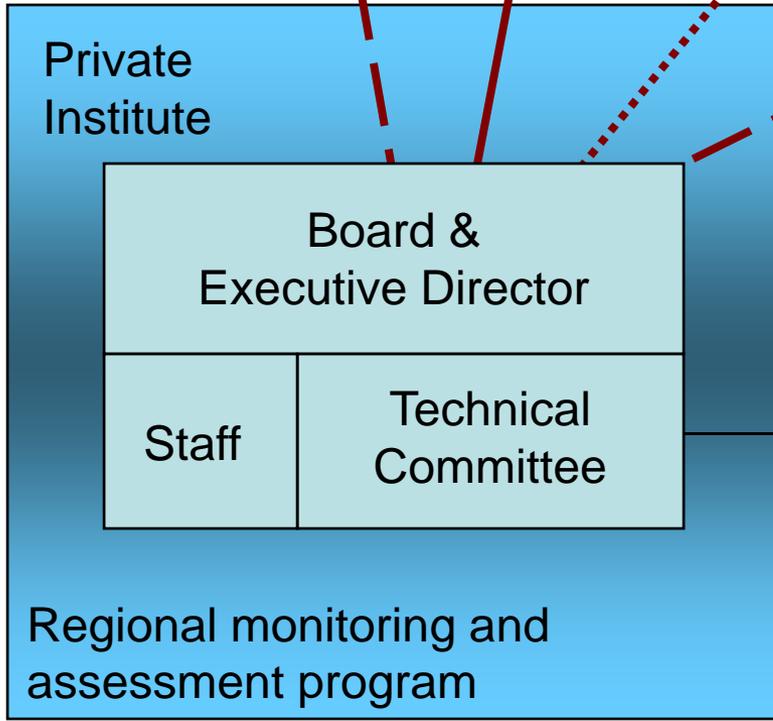
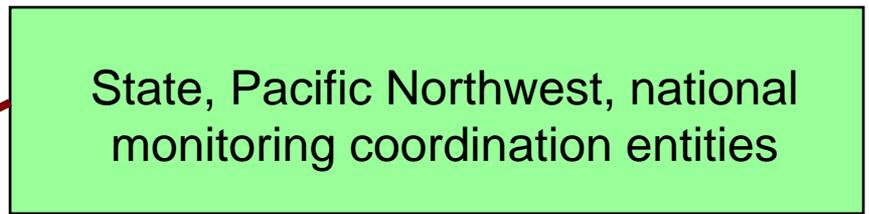


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Independent Private Institute



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Our Recommendations

- **Implement the decision on a governance structure:**
 - **Provide essential staff**
 - **Fund “work groups”**
 - **Initiate cost-sharing arrangements**

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