



Focus Sheet: 2007 Legislative Session Invests \$238 million for a Healthy Puget Sound

Governor Gregoire proposed \$220 million of targeted investments in Puget Sound. The state legislature added another \$18 million for a total of \$238 million.

Based on the priorities of the Puget Sound Partnership, the proposal strengthens policies and targets investments in the following:

- **Cleans up & prevents toxic pollution.** Cleans up over 60 contaminated sites within a half-mile of Puget Sound. Phases out use of toxic flame retardants, which are contaminating sediments and finding their way into fish and people. \$52.9 million
- **Restores damaged shorelines.** Restores salmon habitat and shorelines to more natural conditions, removes creosote logs and abandoned vessels. \$45 million
- **Reduces stormwater runoff.** Helps cities and counties meet new standards to improve stormwater management, retrofit old stormwater systems and pilot low-impact development techniques that reduce the amount of toxic stormwater runoff after heavy rains. \$29 million
- **Cleans up septic pollution.** Invests in a public-private partnership to help homeowners upgrade failing septic systems and help local governments improve septic system programs. Wastewater treatment will be improved, along with water reuse projects. Ensures shellfish protection plans are implemented and reopens shellfish beds that have been closed due to failing septic. \$53.8 million
- **Protects essential habitat.** Protects riparian areas, floodplains, forested habitats and marine shorelines and begins a pilot to improve enforcement of state and local habitat protection laws. \$47.5 million
- **Promotes citizen partnership.** Works with local community organizations to promote environmental activities, outreach and education. \$6.2 million



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