

**Support Briefing for Presentations  
Going Before the Puget Sound Partnership  
Science Panel**

**ACTION AGENDA**

**Status and development of the 2014-16 Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP)**

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**OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESENTATION:**

*To address three agenda items, summarized as follows:*

1. Updates on development of the 'staff draft' of the 2014-16 BSWP
  - 1.1 Summarize the conference call among SP members about the first draft:
    - consensus that the doc was generally suitable.
    - recommendations were: not to take anything out, but add text about the need for synthesis; ensure the text does not imply that recovery can be engineered; and add to the Executive Summary comments made in Part IV about Adaptive Management.
    - the suggested approach of using 'Implementation Strategies' and 'Parallel Processing' to (ultimately) define research priorities was generally approved, but members agreed that a case for this should be made in the next State of the Sound, rather than this BSWP.
  - 1.2 Report salient details of the meeting at EPA on April 3, 2014.
  - 1.3 Report current status of the 'staff draft'.
    - All comments and feedback to date have been attended to.
    - Forage fish recommendations upgraded to priority research because they were the product of an expert workshop.
    - Sections on 'PSA orphans', Ocean Acidification, forage fish have been completed.
2. Discuss topics that staff and Panel members have identified as issues to resolve in developing the final 2014-16 BSWP:
  - 2.1 The problem of selecting research priorities for 2014-16 from shortlisted 'candidates' in Part III.
  - 2.2 While members endorsed the suggested approach of using separate 'Recovery Groups' to develop 'Implementation Strategies' for each target, members agreed to make a case for this in the next State of the Sound, rather than this BSWP. What action should be taken on this issue before then?
  - 2.3 While most agreed with the notion that the scope of the recovery strategy should be narrowed, there was no discussion about *how* this could be achieved.
3. Discuss staff and Panel member next steps in engaging the science community, stakeholders, and Partnership boards in review of the draft 2014-16 BSWP
  - 3.1 BSWP 'staff draft' is currently open to review
  - 3.2 Presentations to stakeholder community, ECB, and LC

**INDICATE PEER REVIEW STATUS:**

- Peer Reviewed
- Not-Peer Reviewed
- In Preliminary Review
- Requesting Review

**RELEVANCE TO PUGET SOUND SCIENCE:**

Production of a BSWP describing recovery research assessment and description of priorities is required by statute every two years.