

San Juan Action Agenda Workshop – Status and Trends March 20, 2008

Elements Hotel and Spa Conference Room,
410 Spring St. Friday Harbor

Workshop Agenda

1:00 Welcome and introductory remarks

1:10 Sound-wide status and threats: Presentation and discussion
Jacques White, Puget Sound Partnership Steering Committee

1:35 Local status and threats: Presentation of local assessments
Joe Gaydos, Sea Doc and Kit Rawson, Tulalip Tribes and Chair of the San Juan County Marine Resources Committee

1:55 Small group discussions: Breakout groups based on the 6 goals for a healthy Puget Sound:

1. Water quality (*marine and fresh waters are clean*) and water quantity (*Puget Sound rivers and streams flow at levels that support people, fish and wildlife, and the environment.*)
2. Species/biodiversity (*Puget Sound species and the web of life thrive*)
3. Habitat/land use, (*Puget Sound habitat is protected and restored*)
4. Quality of life and human health (*A healthy human population and the quality of life are sustained by a healthy Puget Sound*).

Desired outcomes:

1. Build common understanding of local knowledge regarding status of Puget Sound's health for each goal.
2. Identify status and trends of ecosystem health missing from the Marine Stewardship Area process that need to be included in the Action Agenda
3. Begin discussion about what strategies need to be developed for the 2020 Action Agenda.

Questions for breakout groups:

What targets (indicators) need to be developed within San Juan County to address all ecosystem goals identified by the Puget Sound Partnership? (20 min)

What are the status and trends for those targets? (35 minutes)

- What is the status of the indicators for this goal? What assessments are available (completed and/or in progress) for these indicators? (e.g., salmon plans, TMDL plans, 2514 work, other local plans and assessments)
- Threats to the goal (20 minutes)
 - What are the known threats to this ecosystem target? What assessments are available (completed and/or in progress) for threats to the goal?

The MSA identified 5 strategies to improve ecosystem health, what needs to be added to address all the Action Agenda goals? (35 min)

- Strategies for Protecting the Marine Stewardship Area of San Juan County:
 1. Foster a marine stewardship ethic in residents and visitors.
 2. Manage upland and nearshore activities to reduce harm to marine habitat and water quality.
 3. Reduce directed harvest and bycatch of selected species (e.g. rockfish, greenling)
 4. Reduce the amount of bioaccumulative toxins in the marine environment.
 5. Reduce the risk of large oil spills to San Juan County waters
 - What do we know about the effectiveness of these strategies?
 - What additional strategies need to be developed to address all 6 ecosystem goals

3:45 Break

4:00 Gather to summarize discussion and report back highlights
Report back: one person from each discussion group will report back on

1. Indicators that need to be developed
2. Key threats
3. Additional strategies that need to be added

4:20 Group discussion and initial conclusions

- What indicators are most important for inclusion in the Action Agenda?
- What strategies are most important for inclusion in the Action Agenda and what gaps in resources do we have locally to implement those strategies?

4:45 Getting to May: Next steps & conceptual model

5:00 Adjourn workshop