Much has been done to protect Puget Sound, but the job is far from finished. For the first time, our entire region is joining together to take action in a coordinated way, acting quickly on the greatest threats and greatest opportunities for the Sound.

What is the 2020 Action Agenda?

The Action Agenda will be a living, adaptable roadmap to health for Puget Sound. It will prioritize cleanup, restoration and protection efforts, coordinate federal, state, local, tribal and private resources, and ensure that we are all working cooperatively. We will base decisions on science, focus on actions that have the biggest impact, and hold people, governments and organizations accountable for results.

The Partnership is working collaboratively, with elected and public officials, tribal and business leaders, scientists, environmentalists and citizens, to develop the Action Agenda for Puget Sound by our December 1, 2008 deadline.

Building the 2020 Action Agenda

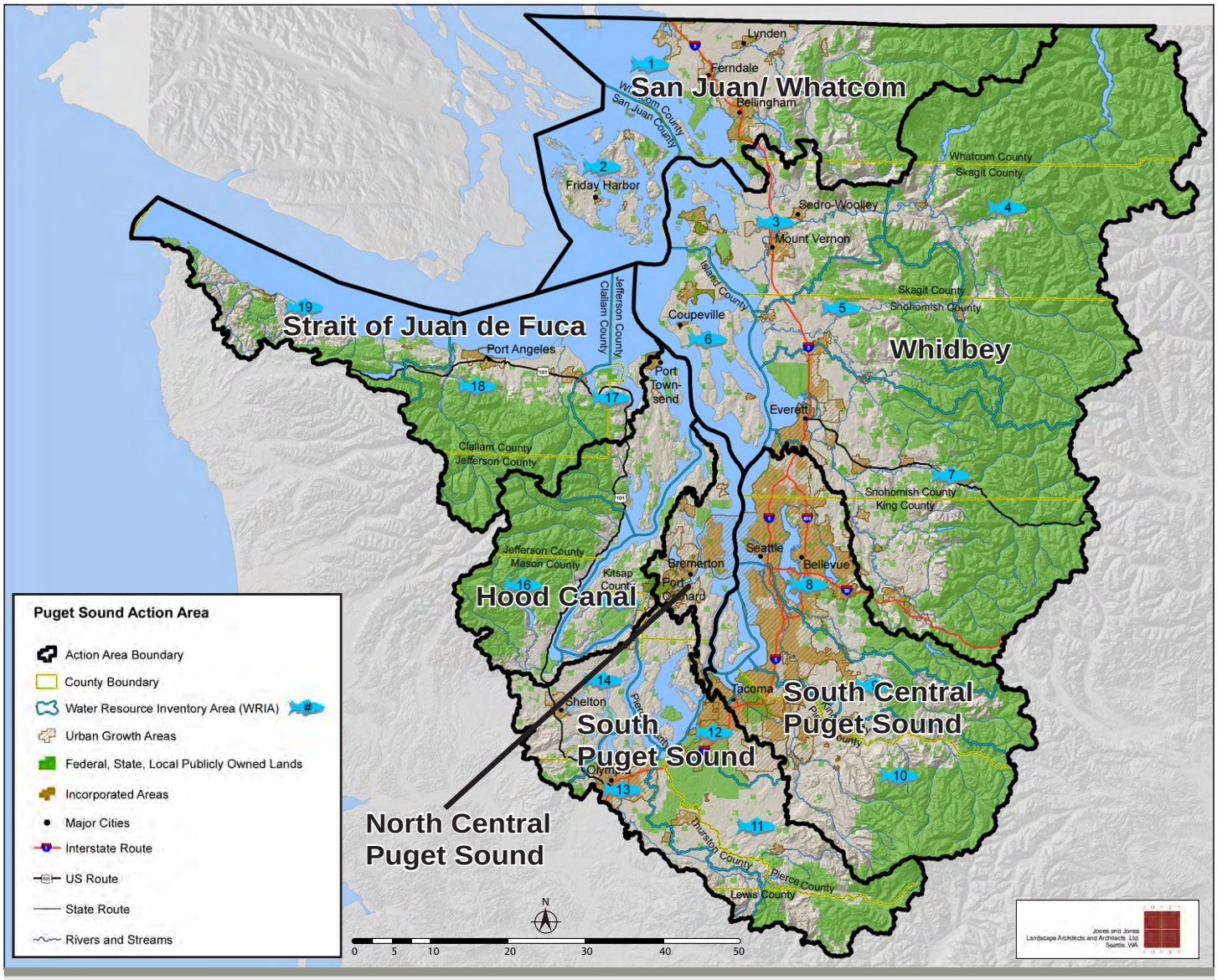
To prioritize work in the Sound and identify what needs to happen next, we need to answer a series of key questions. These questions will help us identify what is already working, and what's not.

- **What is a healthy Puget Sound?**
  The legislation that created the Partnership established a list of goals that, although broad, form our working definition of a healthy Sound. Other goals can be added as our work proceeds.
- **What is the current status of Puget Sound's health and what are the biggest threats to it?**
  We need to fully understand the current baseline condition of the Sound – its status and threats. With this knowledge we can look toward the future and measure our progress.
- **What actions must be taken that will move us from where we are today to a healthy Puget Sound by 2020?**
  Knowing where we are and where we want to go, we can build a strategy to get there. We will identify key actions that will put the Sound on the road to recovery. These actions will form the foundation of the Action Agenda and move us toward a healthy Puget Sound.
- **Where should we start?**
  Prioritizing actions is critical to achieving our goal of a healthy Sound. This list of priorities will form the Action Agenda and become the roadmap for recovering Puget Sound.

How will we get there?

Scientists are working to compile studies and reports on the Sound's health and identify the greatest threats. At the same time, we are compiling an inventory of all programs currently underway across the Sound. These summaries will help us understand what actions we need to take to move toward a healthy Puget Sound by 2020. Through a series of workshops, these actions will be refined at a regional and local level, before providing them to the Leadership Council who will approve the Action Agenda. The Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel will also provide guidance as we proceed.

- **Topic Forums and Workshops** will address issues in specific subject areas and synthesize issues across all subjects, at the ecosystem level
- **Action Area Workshops** bring a local perspective to subject areas and soundwide issues



Action Areas

The Puget Sound Partnership has divided Puget Sound into seven action areas based on common issues and interests, physical characteristics, and how water flows into and within the Sound.

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