

2020 Action Agenda Draft Outline

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The Action Agenda will be a short document focused on action. The Appendices will contain the detailed back up information that supports the Action Agenda.

The Action Area profiles will be standalone documents that accompany the action agenda

Introduction:

The Action Agenda will begin with a brief section outlining:

- What is the action agenda and why we are doing it now.
- Who is the Puget Sound Partnership and its roles
- Overview of Action Agenda process

1.0 What is the current status of Puget Sound's health and what are the biggest threats to it?

This is a brief problem statement that summarizes the status of and threats to the Puget Sound ecosystem at both the Sound-wide scale and Action Area scale. It will serve as a baseline defining where we are today.

1.1 Soundwide status

1.2 Action Areas status: Highlight local unique concerns.

1.3 Soundwide institutional setting: Brief description of the institutional setting and common barriers to implementation and success as linked to the problems in 1.1 and 1.2

2.0 What is a healthy Puget Sound?

This will be a brief section that articulates our goal. It will describe what a healthy Puget Sound is and the key measures and targets we will use to assess our progress toward Puget Sound recovery.

2.1 General definition of the goals from the legislation

2.2 Science based features of a healthy ecosystem

2.3 Results from the goods and services interviews

2.4 Ecological Indicators and benchmarks

3.0 What actions should be taken that will move us from where we are today to a healthy Puget Sound by 2020?

This section will describe a soundwide framework for protecting and restoring Puget Sound. For the first version of the Action Agenda, this section will, by necessity, be a roadmap of what is needed. It will include specific details describing the strategic and tactical approach to actions that are needed. It will not, however, list all actions that must be taken from now until 2020. The state our understanding both about what is needed, what works, and who should take actions is not yet at this level of detail. Over time as we

learn more about what is needed and what works this portion of the Action Agenda will evolve into very specific actions.

3.1 Principles for ecosystem management in Puget Sound.

3.2 Strategic Priorities (*These are the Partnership Initial Strategic Priorities approved by the Leadership Council in June 2008*).

3.2.1 Work together more effectively and efficiently on priority actions

3.2.1.1 Better use of existing and new management tools (includes funding, compliance with existing rules and regulations, coordinated planning, mitigation changes, incentives, accountability, ecological monitoring, adaptive management, ability to chose priorities)

3.2.1.1.1 Include need to have biodiversity, human health for food consumption

3.2.1.2 Focused and coordinated efforts for communication/outreach /stewardship

3.2.1.3 Strategic science

3.2.2 Protect the intact ecosystem processes, structure, and functions that sustain Puget Sound. The narrative will briefly highlight why protection is important and the most certain action that we can take.

3.2.2.1 Short summary of specific ecosystem processes and structures that must be addressed: marine processes and structure; marine nearshore processes and structure; estuary processes and structure; freshwater riparian processes and structure; and terrestrial upland processes and structure. Will highlight geographic needs where known.

3.2.2.2 *Tools/tactics for an overall strategy:*

3.2.2.2.1 Regulatory (list is just examples - incomplete here)

3.2.2.2.2 Incentives

3.2.2.2.3 Capital projects

3.2.2.2.4 Funding related to protection

3.2.2.2.5 Education/outreach/stewardship

3.2.2.2.6 Key scientific understanding needed

3.2.3 Restore the ecosystem processes, structure and functions that sustain Puget Sound. The narrative will briefly highlight why restoration is critical in

order to gain ground and needs to work hand-in-hand with protection. Include process that must be addressed: marine processes and structure; marine nearshore processes and structure; estuary processes and structure; freshwater riparian processes and structure; and terrestrial upland processes and structure. Will highlight geographic needs where known.

3.2.3.1 *Tools/tactics for an overall strategy:*

3.2.3.1.1 Regulations

3.2.3.1.2 Incentives

- 3.2.3.1.3 Capital projects
- 3.2.3.1.4 Funding related to restoration
- 3.2.3.1.5 Education/outreach/stewardship
- 3.2.3.1.6 Key scientific understanding needed
- 3.2.4 Reduce the sources of water pollution. The narrative will briefly highlight why controlling water pollution at the source is needed and more certain than clean up. Summarize the main types of source control and their certainty: source control; conveyance control (how water and pollutants move through the system); treatment (onsite, treatment plants); removal/clean up
 - 3.2.4.1 *Tools/tactics for an overall strategy.*
 - 3.2.4.1.1 Regulatory
 - 3.2.4.1.2 Incentives
 - 3.2.4.1.3 Capital projects
 - 3.2.4.1.4 Funding related to source control
 - 3.2.4.1.5 Education/stewardship/outreach
 - 3.2.4.1.6 Key scientific understanding needed
- 3.3 High Priority Strategies and Actions for each Action Area. *This will be a summary from the profile.*
 - 3.3.1 Overall strategy for each Action Agenda to address the four priorities
 - 3.3.1.1 Protect intact ecosystem processes, structure and function (highlight what this means locally)
 - 3.3.1.2 Restore ecosystem processes, structure and function (highlight what this means locally)
 - 3.3.1.3 Reduce the sources of water pollution (highlight what this means locally)
 - 3.3.1.4 Key actions and implementer activities or refer to the profile

4.0 Where should we start?

- 4.1 “Partnership Initiatives”. A top list (e.g., a top 25 or something like it) of programs, policies, and projects that the Partnership will push to implement in the near term. Initiatives will identify who is responsible, partners, timeframes for action, cost, and performance measures. They will be a mix of capital projects, incentives, regulatory programs, education/outreach/stewardship, and science.
 - 4.1.1 Criteria for selecting the initiatives and expected outcomes
 - 4.1.2 Predicted outcome for the package of actions
 - 4.1.3 Initiatives to work together as a system on priorities
 - 4.1.4 Initiatives to protect intact ecosystems processes, structure, and function
 - 4.1.5 Initiatives to restore processes, structure, and function
 - 4.1.6 Initiatives to control sources of water pollution

Action Area Profile Outline

The profiles will be a standalone product or appended to the Action Agenda.

- Action Area general description
- Unique ecosystem features of the Action Area (ecological and social – the role the overall ecosystem)
- Status and major threats in the Action Area organized by the strategic priorities
- Local approach to the Partnership Strategic Priorities and any locally based priorities
- Key actions to implement the local approach to the Partnership priorities
- List of implementers, roles, and responsibilities

PROPOSED APPENDICES and/or BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

These documents will be available electronically. The users guide may need to go with each.

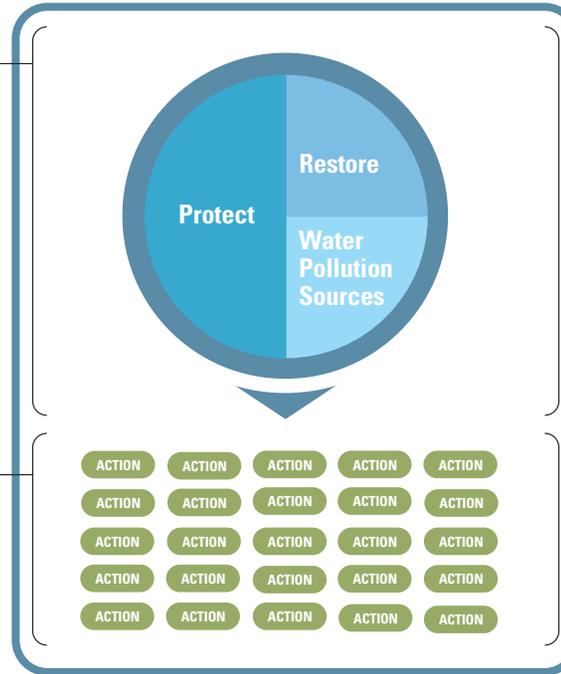
Introduction/overview/users guide to the following:

- A. Status and Threats Statement Synthesis Summary: Overview of method: Status, Threats, and Driver information, Topic Forum highlights, Action Area profile highlights
- B. Summary of the Sound-wide Threats and Drivers Analysis
- C. Topic Forum Papers (six individual papers and comment summaries)
- D. Institutional setting summary. Overview of inventory of current actions, overview of implementation barriers identified.
- E. Current actions matrix
- F. Indicator and Benchmarks Summary (Science Panel summary and NOAA report).
- G. World Resources Institute Goods and Services Interview Summary
- H. What do we need to do Method and Rationale Summary: Overview of method; rationale matrix (from topic forum papers)
- I. Funding Strategy Work Products
- J. Performance Management System Summary Materials: Adaptive Management, Accountability System, Ecological Monitoring (including provisional ecological indicators)
- K. Strategic Science Plan
- L. Biennial Science Work Plan
- M. Summary of Outreach and Public Engagement for the Action Agenda process

SOUNDWIDE PRIORITIES & LOCAL ACTIONS

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IN EACH ACTION AREA

KEY LOCAL ACTIONS

