

July 30, 2009

Mr. Dave Somers, Chair
Ecosystem Coordination Board
Puget Sound Partnership
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Dear Chairman Somers:

This letter follows my report to the Puget Sound Partnership's ("Partnership") Ecosystem Coordination Board ("ECB") on April 23, 2009. That presentation focused on the various relationships that exist among the Puget Sound Ports, the Partnership, and its Action Agenda. Today, as promised, I am transmitting an update on the various plans and actions Ports are initiating to support the Action Agenda and a healthy Puget Sound. The attached update focuses on four specific issues:

- participating in the development and implementation of the Partner Program;
- Report Cards and Accountability;
- Green Ports; and,
- regular communications between the Ports and the Partnership.

We: (1) encourage the Partnership to move forward with the definition of the Partner Program; (2) are moving forward with a Report Card and Accountability concept; (3) plan to initiate a serious dialog around the topic of "Green Ports"; and (3) through this update, and other tools, will continue to communicate our activities to the partnership.

Ports play an important role as stewards of our waterways and as an economic engine that will help drive Puget Sound restoration.

Washington's ports are extremely diverse and range in size and mission from the large container seaports at Tacoma and Seattle to mid-sized ports equipped to move products like timber, biofuels, and wind power generation equipment. We also have many small ports around the Puget Sound that operate important facilities such as marinas and boat yards.

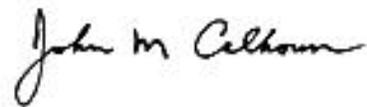
Furthermore, Washington has ports along the Columbia River and inland ports that support the state's internationally important agricultural and vinticultural economies.

As we move forward, particularly on the issue of Green Ports the diversity of ports will require flexibility in terms of the criteria that define a green port. Rather than following a strict set of mandated standards, ports plan to pursue – and clearly document – a range of locally based and supported actions to reduce their environmental footprints. These actions will improve the health of our local communities and the region as a whole, while still contributing to a vibrant and expanding economy.

The attached update notes the Washington Public Ports Association's annual environmental seminar which will take place October 1-2 at Winthrop, Washington. The seminar will include presentations and discussion about several issues that affect Puget Sound including stormwater, sustainable energy, and environmental mitigation. After reviewing these issues at a macro level during day one, we plan to begin developing a statewide green ports program during day two. Following the conference, we intend to continue working actively, in order to move forward with specific actions on the four issues listed above, and to provide our next update to the Partnership before the end of 2009.

Washington's ports take seriously our opportunities to work with the Partnership to help restore Puget Sound. As always, we welcome your input and look forward to future discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Calhoun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John M. Calhoun
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Commissioner, Port of Port Angeles

cc:

David Herrera
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Washington Public Ports Association/Ecosystem Coordination Board Update Report
July 30, 2009

Background:

At the April 23, 2009 Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) meeting in Olympia, Port of Port Angeles Commissioner John Calhoun made a formal presentation detailing the various relationships among Washington's public ports and the Puget Sound Partnership's mandate to define a 2020 Action Agenda identifying the work needed to protect and restore Puget Sound, based on science and with clear and measurable goals for recovery;

Delivered on behalf of the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA), Commissioner Calhoun's presentation focused on:

1. The value of a healthy Puget Sound to our overall quality of life and the region's economic vitality, and the importance of economically viable and competitive ports to the Sound's restoration.
2. Specific ports' actions already underway to improve the health of Puget Sound.
3. Ports and the Puget Sound Partnership moving forward, with emphasis on:
 - Participating in the development and implementation of the "Partner Program" as called for in the PSP's enabling legislation.
 - Report Cards and Accountability.
 - Green Ports.
 - Regular communications among the Ports and the Partnership.

During the April 23rd session, Commissioner Calhoun outlined WPPA's plan to discuss the four items listed above at the May 13th joint meeting of its Environmental Technical and Policy Committees.

Ports' Actions, April 23-July 30, 2009 & Next Steps:

The May 13th dialog took place as scheduled. As a result of the meeting and subsequent conversations, the Ports are now planning to move forward on the following actions:

1. Provide an update outlining Ports' plans and actions to the ECB on July 30th.
2. Focus on the definition of a Green Ports' initiative as a major theme of WPPA's October Environmental Seminar. The discussion will continue to recognize that this is not just a Puget Sound issue, and that substantial differences exist among Ports—large and small, Puget Sound, Columbia River, and other areas. Definitions need to be locally driven, defined, and supported, but all designed to achieve green objectives within appropriate

standards. Regular updates on the progress of these discussions will be made available to the Partnership.

3. Encourage the Partnership to move forward to develop and implement the Partner Program
4. Begin using an Action Area-specific matrix as the foundation for an initial 2009 Report Card system. The Action Areas' matrices originated as part of WPPA's review of the Action Agenda adopted in December 2008. A copy of an introductory/ interpretative key, and a draft sample matrix that covers the Strait of Juan de Fuca Action Area are attached.
5. Utilize WPPA's Environmental Policy and Technical Committees as forums for Ports'/PSP issues discussions.

Summary and Conclusion:

In moving forward with the Partnership and the Action Agenda, Washington's Ports continue to be guided by the following three principles:

1. A healthy Puget Sound is important to the quality of life and economic vitality of the region.
2. The economic engine that will drive the sound's restoration depends on maintaining and enhancing vibrant port economic activity.
3. A solid relationship among the Ports and the Puget Sound Partnership will continue to be important as we build an Action Agenda that restores this vibrant, multi-faceted inland waterway.

The five "**Actions and Next Steps**" described above are important first steps, and are consistent with the Ports' Puget Sound Partnership principles.

DRAFT MATRIX OF Action Area Priorities--Introduction

The purpose of the DRAFT MATRIX (“Matrix”) is to provide a tool for prioritizing the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Action Area Initiatives that are of particular interest to the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA). The Matrix provides verbatim text from the most recent version (10/20/08) of the Priority Action Agenda Strategies. The below text indicates the purpose for each column (left to right) within the matrix worksheet.

- *Action Area*—identifies which of the eight Action Areas is represented in the given row
- *Priority Action Area Strategy (Verbatim Header Text)*—includes the letter (A-E) heading and verbatim text presented for each of the Priority Strategies
- *Priority Action Area Strategy (Verbatim Bulleted Text)*— includes the verbatim bulleted text presented for each of the Priority Strategies
- *Preliminary Ports interest level*—anticipated priority (low, intermediate or high) of each Partnership Initiative to the WPPA
- *PSP support or action*—indicates whether the Partnership Initiative in question refers to support of an existing program or process, or to a proposed action that involves PSP as the lead agency
- *If action, then: program development, modification, or implementation*—if a PSP “action” is shown in the prior column for the Partnership Initiative in question, then this column indicates whether the action will develop, modify, or implement a program—if cell is empty, no category could logically be applied to this Initiative
- *Project, non-project, or regulatory*—indicates whether or not the Initiative addresses a specific project and/or refers to regulatory support or action

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Action Area: Strait of Juan de Fuca

Priority Action Area Strategy (Verbatim Header Text)	Priority Action Area Strategies (Verbatim Bulleted Text)	Preliminary Ports interest level	PSP support or action	If action, then: program development, modification, or implementation	Project, non-project, or regulatory	Ports Actions & Comments
A: Work together as a system on priority actions	Coordinate planning and implementation: Start with shorelines, land use, and water supply planning	intermediate	action	program development, implementation	non-project	
A: Work together as a system on priority actions	Coordinate protection and restoration actions identified in major plans. Start with Salmon Recovery, water supply, and marine nearshore plans	intermediate	action	program development, implementation	non-project	
A: Work together as a system on priority actions	Coordinate the Port Angeles Harbor and Rayonier cleanup actions	high	action	program implementation	project	
B: Protect intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions	Establish and maintain instream flows for WRIAs 17, 18, 19	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
B: Protect intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions	Implement 2514 plans for WRIAs 17, 18, 19	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
B: Protect intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions	Maintain working forest, agricultural and shellfish lands	intermediate	action		non-project	
B: Protect intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions	Complete Critical Area Ordinance update (City of Sequim)	low	action		non-project	
B: Protect intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions	Complete SMP updates (Clallam County, Port Angeles, Sequim, Jefferson County)	low	action		non-project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Complete Elwha River System Restoration Project	low	action		project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement Salmon Recovery three-year workplans for WRIAs 17, 18, 19	low	action	program implementation	project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement existing Marine Resource Plans	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plans	low	action	program implementation	non-project	

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C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plans	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement Conservation District Work Plans	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Implement Dungeness River management plans	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
C: Restore ecosystem processes, structures and function	Restore instream flows in the Dungeness and other flow limited basins	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Implement existing TMDL and other water quality plans in Dungeness and Discovery Bays	intermediate	action	program implementation	project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Clean up and restore Port Angeles Harbor and waterfront in a coordinated way	high	action		project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Close and remediate the Makah Tribe Warmhouse Beach Open Dump and develop a solid waste transfer and reuse facility	low	action		project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Update and implement Stormwater Management Plans and Codes (Clallam County, City of Sequim)	low	action	program modification, implementation	non-project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Implement Carlsborg Urban Growth Area Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse strategy	intermediate	action	program implementation	non-project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Implement Sequim-Dungeness and East Jefferson Clean Water District strategies	low	action	program implementation	non-project	
D: Reduce sources of water pollution	Implement NPDES permits	intermediate	action	program implementation	non-project	