



**Near-Term Priorities  
for  
Restoring Puget Sound**

# Background

- In these meetings we are soliciting your thoughts and observations about near-term Action Agenda priorities.
- Future funding opportunities may reflect input from these meetings.
- Federal Fiscal 2009 funds must be awarded through competitive processes.

**STATE \$**

**FEDERAL \$**

**LOCAL \$**

**PRIVATE \$**

**ACTION  
AGENDA**

**NGO  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

**ECOLOGY  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

**DNR  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

**NISQUALLY TRIBE  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

**EPA  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
IMPLEMENTS  
SPECIFIC  
ACTIONS**

# General Approach

- The goal is to implement the Action Agenda
- Consistent with Question 4 of the Action Agenda, we are looking for priorities to implemented in the near term
- Our current request is for advice on areas of investment (not specific actions)

# Puget Sound Priorities

- Protect Intact Ecosystems
- Restore Ecosystems
- Reduce the Sources of Water Pollution
- Work Effectively and Efficiently together
- Build and Implement Monitoring and Accountability Management System

# Protecting Intact Ecosystems

- *current examples include:*

- Protecting local watersheds
- Establishing smarter growth patterns
- Implementing low impact development
- Implementing more protective management practices

# Restoring Ecosystems

- *current examples include:*

- Restoring wetland and riparian habitats
- Restoring stream, floodplain and nearshore processes
- Reducing impacts from roads, impervious surfaces and stream crossings
- Restoring shellfish growing and harvest areas

# Reduce the Sources of Water Pollution – *current priorities include:*

- Toxics source control
- Reducing Nutrient loads
- Reducing Pathogens in local waters

# Working Effectively and Efficiently together

- Where and how can we enhance capacity or efficiency to more effectively implement actions ?
- What scales and geographic priorities do we need to focus on ?

# Plan for FFY 2009 Funds

- \$20,000,000 received for Puget Sound work
- ~ \$1.2 million to implement EPA's Puget Sound efforts and manage the grant process.
- ~ \$18.8 million will be awarded competitively.

# KEY QUESTIONS

- Looking at the near-term actions in the Action Agenda, what issues or categories of actions should be given the highest priority?
- Are there specific subregions within the Sound that merit special attention? If so, where are they and what specific attention do they need?
- Are there specific areas within the Science Work Plan that should be given priority?
- Anything else?

- Any thoughts or suggestions not offered here should be sent by electronic mail to:

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