

Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting Summary

July 29 & 30, 2009

Silver Reef Casino and Convention Center, Ferndale, WA

Day 1, July 29, 2009 – Optional Work Session

Strait of Juan de Fuca	Steve	Tharinger
San Juan Islands	Bob	Kelly
Whidbey Basin	Gary	Rowe
Hood Canal	Teri	King
South Central Puget Sound	Theresa	Jennings
North Central Puget Sound	Steve	Bauer
South Puget Sound - alternate	Debbie	Riley
Small Business	Bill	Dewey
Environmental Interest - Alternate	Naki	Stevens
Environmental Interest	Jacques	White
Counties	Dave	Somers
Ports	John	Calhoun
Tribal Government	Dave	Herrera
Legislative caucus	Dale	Brandland
Legislative caucus	Phil	Rockefeller
Federal Government - Alternate	Elizabeth	Babcock
Federal Government - Alternate	Mary	Mahaffy
Federal Government	Tom	Eaton
Washington State Agencies - Alternate	Josh	Baldi
Washington State Agencies - Designee	Lisa	Veneroso
Washington State Agencies - Alternate	Bridget	Moran

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Action Items:

- Approval of April 23, 2009 meeting summary

Meeting Summary:

- Work Session
- Partnership Update
- Performance Management Framework
- ECB Structure & Role
- 2010 Budget & Legislative Strategies Update
- Federal Funding Process Update

1:05 pm WORK SESSION OPENED – Chair Somers & Facilitator Nicole Faghin

Roles and Structure:

The Board discussed at length the possible role and structure for the Board and its members. This discussion was not concluded and will continue at a later date.

(Summary attached.)

Performance Management (See meeting materials for details.)

Jim Cahill, Mary Beth Brown, and Nick Salafsky presented the Performance management framework. The presentation provided an overview of the Open Standards. This is also on the agenda for day two of the meeting.

Additional information on Performance Management can be found at www.conservationmeasures.org.

Mary Beth reviewed the RACI sheet and ECB roles. She reviewed the proposed timeline and presented the candidate threats for development of results chains in the Puget Sound.

Board members requested more in-depth briefings on threats for a complete understanding of the process. Other members expressed great hesitation with moving forward without approval from the Science Panel.

Bold Actions

The goal for this agenda item was for the Board to identify 10-15 actions currently in the Action Agenda and prioritize into a list. (Summary attached.)

Goal for day two is to reach consensus on the bold actions to provide to the Leadership Council and include on the legislative agenda.

Day 2, July 30, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

Strait of Juan de Fuca	Steve	Tharinger
San Juan Islands	Bob	Kelly
Whidbey Basin	Gary	Rowe
Hood Canal	Teri	King
South Central Puget Sound	Theresa	Jennings
North Central Puget Sound	Steve	Bauer
South Puget Sound - Alternate	Debbie	Riley
Business Interest – alternate	Allison	Butcher
Small Business	Bill	Dewey
Environmental Interest - alternate	Naki	Stevens
Environmental Interest	Jacques	White
Cities – alternate	Karen	Rogers
Counties	Dave	Somers
Ports	John	Calhoun
Tribal Government	David	Troutt
Tribal Government	Randy	Kinley
Tribal Government	Dave	Herrera
Legislative caucus	Christine	Rolfes
Legislative caucus	Dale	Brandland
Legislative caucus	Phil	Rockefeller
Federal Government - alternate	Elizabeth	Babcock
Federal Government - alternate	Mary	Mahaffy
Federal Government	Tom	Eaton
Washington State Agencies - designee	Josh	Baldi
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8:45 am CALL TO ORDER – Dave Somers, Chair

The group was welcomed by Lummi Nation Tribal member, Harlan James, who opened the meeting with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

David Troutt **MOVED** to approve the April 23, 2009, meeting summary. Teri King **SECONDED**. Board **APPROVED** the meeting summary as presented.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS REPORT – David Dicks (See meeting materials for details.)

David Dicks provided an overview of staff work since the last meeting.

IN-LIEU FEE (ILF) – Chris Townsend (See meeting materials for details.)

Chris gave an update on the background of the In-Lieu Fee program.

According to Chris, counties are represented in the ILF discussions, but cities are not. There are many cities waiting to hear whether they are selected as the pilot area. Once the pilot areas are selected, the respective cities will be invited to participate in the discussion. The group is currently looking at criteria for selecting appropriate pilot areas.

Environmental agencies have been invited to participate in the ILF discussion, but thus far only Cascade Land Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy have participated. However, the environment caucus group was briefed on ILF.

ECB suggested that the ILF workgroup look at other restoration projects that are underway or planned and focus on key population in the criteria. Naki Stevens expressed that the environmental community may have a problem with this, as it does not support the criteria. ECB generally approve moving forward with the selection of the pilot areas with the caveat that the ILF workgroup meet with the environmental groups.

ECB ROLES AND BOLD MOVES IN CONTEXT OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK – Chair Somers, Facilitator Nicole Faghin (See meeting materials for details.)

Nick Salafsky provided the list of bold moves discussed by the ECB on the July 29 along with a logic chain for one of the suggested bold moves.

Board members discussed the importance of developing a short list of bold ideas and use the logic chains to test and monitor results. Actions in the Action Agenda could be identified and moved onto the priority list linking science and policy issues.

Possible bold moves identified as priorities by the Board:

- Enforcement of existing regulations
- Implementing, consolidation, consistent manner throughout the Hood Canal Action Area
- Support proposition 1614
- Encourage pollution identification and control programs throughout Puget Sound
- Enhance HPA program, fix permitting problems
- Begin collaborative work on eliminating need for mixing zones
- Stormwater management

Partnership staff will determine if the identified actions were included in the Action Agenda and if they are already being implemented by others. Once the list is refined, staff will apply the logic chains for the proposals and bring back to the Board at the next meeting for further refinement.

FFY 09 FUNDS – Tom Eaton (See meeting materials for details.)

The Board discussed various projects and options on how to distribute the FFY09 funds such as:

- Providing funding to the Partnership to help support various coordinating groups (CDs, LE's etc).
- Reducing non-point pollution by replicating Kitsap County program across the Sound
- Use federal stimulus money to supplement programs the state had to cut or suspended for two years
- Award money based on the need of the watershed and not city
- Providing funding for stormwater retrofits, which is one of the most expensive and needed actions in the Action Agenda

Tom Eaton stressed that this is a competitive process and all potential applicants will get the same treatment.

Joel Baker hoped for a coordinated response to EPA from the Science Panel and ECB. The Science Panel is not suggesting topical areas for distribution, but is looking at the Biennial Science Work Plan which identifies the science needs for moving the Action Agenda forward.

Tom Eaton reminded the Board that the due date for commenting on the funding proposal July 31, 2009.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Hersh, WFC/PSEC, talked about the bold action of eliminating discharge and current laws on the book that could achieve this goal if enforced. Mark urged the board to go through the Action Agenda and glean other bold actions and to determine if the actions are truly bold.

ECB STRUCTURE – Chair Somers and Facilitator Faghin (See meeting materials for details.)

The board discussed increasing its membership by extending an invitation to Salmon Recovery Council and Northwest Straits Commission to join, but decided it was premature to discuss Board size before the role of the Board is clearly defined. However, members did decide to offer a seat at the ECB table to the Northwest Straits Commission to be able to participate in the discussions.

The Board discussed the need for bylaws and would like flexibility within the bylaws that will allow for minority opinion options during the decision-making process. The Board agreed to form an Executive Committee that will be tasked with developing agendas and work plan. The Executive Committee meetings will be open meetings.

Board Consensus

- Quarterly meetings
- Option to add additional meetings as needed
- Executive committee to develop agendas and work plan

BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Jim Cahill and Michael Grayum (See meeting materials for details.)

David Dicks indicated that the Partnership fully supports the governor's budget and legislative proposal, but hope to be able to provide the background and support needed to get Governor support on proposals we would like to move forward. Currently, the Governor is very supportive of what we have been doing.

David also updated the Board on last year's proposal for a taxing district stating he has been working with cities and counties regarding the proposal. David Dicks, Bill Ruckelshaus, and Martha Kongsgaard will meet with the Governor and those in the Legislature to determine the best time to move this proposal forward.

The Board discussed the possibility of moving forward with the stormwater bill. The Board was not able to reach consensus to move this proposal forward citing their uncertainty with the decision, but they were able to reach consensus on the need for funding stormwater.

The Board also agreed to have a legislative subcommittee to look at proposed legislation that they would try to move forward. Those interested in joining the subcommittee need to notify Dave Somers. The due date for proposed legislation is September 28, 2009.

ROLE OF PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP ECOSYSTEM COORDINATION BOARD

Items Discussed:

- How Should ECS work with Salmon Recovery Council
 - Coordinate meeting agendas
 - Invitation to participate when appropriate based on agenda
- Invite NW Straits Commission to be an ECB member
- Other Groups Missing From ECB
 - e.g. Invasive Species? Others?
 - Invitation to participate when appropriate based on agenda
- Liaison Method
 - How to coordinate with Eco Net and other groups in areas
 - Issue for future discussion by ECB
- Bylaws and Written Document
 - Agreement there needs to be written document to define the role of ECB to include
 - Decision making Process
 - Term Limits
 - Appointments
 - Work group and sub committees
 - How to take action as Board vs. Individual Interest
 - General agreement that ECB should use consensus based approach agreement in order to allow minority opinions to be stated
 - Ensure ability for open conversations to allow for flexible and engaging involvement.
- Executive Committee
 - Group Consensus to create Executive Committee
 - Executive Committee will meet between ECB meetings
 - Membership on Exec. Committee: Chair and Vice-chairs
 - Create option for members of ECB to participate as audience members in Executive Committee Meetings
 - Role of Executive Committee: Prepare agendas between meetings and draft bylaws document
 - Staff Support will still needs to be determined
- Sub committees:
 - Agreement that ECB should convene some subcommittees or work groups that is substantive, possibly and Ad Hoc
 - Legislative Committee may need to be started immediately in order to help formulate legislative agenda for 2010.
- How Often Should ECB meet?

- General Consensus: Quarterly
 - There were some discussion about the need to meet more frequently to keep up with LC issues
- ECB Agenda should be completed and distributed 2 weeks in advance of the meeting
- ECB meeting should preferably be scheduled one month before the LC meeting
- Allow time during each ECB meeting to develop the agenda for the next meeting
- Special Meeting Options
 - Legislative Issues
 - Other Issues as they arise
- Ensure work plans for LC and ECB are coordinated
- Role Ideas:
 - Respond to LC issues as appropriate
 - Send recommendations and advice to the LC
 - Members of ECB will participate in Cross Partnership Work Groups:
 - Performance Management Framework
 - Threats to Ecosystem Health
 - Implementation Strategies
 - Social and Outreach Strategies
 - Finance and Funding
 - Other role ideas discussed:
 - Forum/coordination/motivation body to push forward actions
 - Monitoring: As options are generated, ECB can advise on most appropriate path to take
 - Recommendations on Legislation are to be proposed by PSP
 - ECB will help with the Rank Funding Recommendations

Proposed Bold Actions Identified by ECB Members

	Action Agenda Priority	Action Agenda Near Term Action	Description
Enforce instream flows by 2012	A.3	A.3.3	Develop and implement a comprehensive basin flow protection and enhancement programs called for in the recovery plans for Puget Sound Chinook and Hood Canal/Strait of Juan de Fuca Summer Chum.
Stop Exempt Wells	A.3.2	A.3.5	Evaluate and implement solutions to exempt wells
Support Stormwater Funding Source	E.2	E.2.6	Continue to evaluate potential state funding sources in greater detail including full legal and fiscal analysis, and prepare proposals for enactment of revenue sources in the 2010 or 2011 legislative sessions.
Implementing Permits	C.2	C.2.2	Provide financial and technical assistance to cities and counties to implement NPDES Phase I and II permits, and Ecology for permit oversight and implementation.
LID	C.2	C.2.4	Develop and implement LID incentives
Stop Shoreline Armoring	A.6	A.2.7	Change Shoreline Management Act statutes and regulations to require a shoreline conditional use permit for bulkheads and docks associated with all residential development; all new and replacement shoreline hardening; all seawall/bulkhead/revetment repair projects; and new docks and piers. Require soft armoring techniques be used where new armoring or retrofits are unavoidable. No-net-loss of shoreline function should be required and new shoreline hardening should be prohibited in areas with feeder bluffs.
Ban chemicals	C.6	C.1.2	Assist the Department of Ecology in implementing its PBT program to reduce and eliminate the use of all chemicals on the PBT list, and other programs to reduce toxins such as metals.
Outreach campaign to reduce pollutants	C.1	C.1.1	Conduct a focused outreach campaign for the public and businesses to reduce pollutants identified in toxic loading and other studies that are priority threats to the Puget Sound.
Support Nearshore Partnership General Investigation	B.2	B.1.5	Complete the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership's General Investigation in a timely manner to help identify and refine nearshore restoration opportunities and move towards implementation.