

TO: Members of the ECB Shorelines Workgroup

Thank you very much for agreeing to participate in the ECB Shorelines Workgroup. Protecting and restoring the Sound's shorelines is an essential component of implementing the Action Agenda. See, for example, Action Agenda, page 88-89, Ranked near-term protection priorities ##2, 6, and 19; and AA page 90, Ranked near-term restoration priorities ##, 1, 2, 3, and 8.

Shoreline protection and restoration requires a fully integrated approach, including public education, science, and policy. I hope you will take a broad view of your role. Your scope is not limited to the questions below. The questions below are not in priority order. These questions are meant to help start a conversation:

- How effective are existing shoreline protection mechanisms, including regulations, incentive programs, and public education?
- Do local governments have sufficient resources, not only for Shoreline Master Program Updates, but also for effective implementation (i.e., permitting and enforcement) of new shoreline protections?
- How can the ECB help local jurisdictions to capitalize on the opportunity presented by current master program updates?
- What other local, state, federal and tribal authorities should be assessed to improve shoreline protection?
- How can we achieve no net loss of shoreline function?
- How can we use PSNRP's work to inform restoration decisions and what are the linkages to existing programs (e.g., HPA, SMP restoration plans, etc.)?
- Is new legislation necessary? If so, what is the greatest opportunity for improvement? Is there a coalition and are there champions who would make passage of any new legislation possible?
- How should we sequence and prioritize needs for protecting and restoring shorelines?

Please feel free to appoint a chairperson from your group. It is expected that all members of the ECB will be welcomed. It is essential that your group include participation from all caucuses. Your group will be staffed by Joe Ryan, Rebecca Ponzio, and Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz. Your first meeting will be March 3.

Thanks again.
Dave Somers, Chair