

# ***Policy Implications of the Puget Sound Science Update***

***ECB Input on Product Scope***

***July 15, 2010***

## ***Today's discussion***

- Puget Sound Science Update background
- Scope of the Policy Implications document
- Review of sample focus questions
- ECB perspective and input on Policy Implications scope

## ***Puget Sound Science Update***

- Serves as the state-of-the-art summary of the science related to the ecosystem-scale protection and restoration of Puget Sound
- Helps ensure credible science transparently informs policy
- Will be presented as a web-based “Wiki” to allow open access to the information and an ongoing managed peer-review process
- Portions are complete and ready for web posting, the remainder will be completed this summer

## ***PSSU Policy Implications Product Purposes***

- Transfer the Science Update substance to Action Agenda implementation, priority setting, distribution of resources, work planning, and adaptation
- Inform the development of the scope of the 2011 assessment of Action Agenda effectiveness
- Show how science is being incorporated into the adaptation of the Action Agenda strategies to ensure their effectiveness
- Provide a model for incorporating future science products into policy-making

## ***PSSU Policy Implications Product Audience***

- Leadership Council and the Ecosystem Coordination Board
- Governor and Legislators
- federal and state caucuses
- Action Agenda implementers and stakeholders
- non-governmental entities
- the Puget Sound science community
- the media

## ***PSSU Policy Implications Product Roles***

- Science Panel: Scoping and substance development
- PSP Policy staff: Scoping, project management, and communication planning
- Ecosystem Coordination Board: Scoping, review, and incorporation into policy considerations
- Leadership Council: Scoping, review, and incorporation into policy considerations

## ***PSSU Policy Implications Product Timeline***

1. Prepare draft scope and questions, gather input : ***May-June***
2. Agenda time at ECB and LC meetings for discussion of document scope and focus questions: ***July***
3. Finalize the scope and questions: ***Beginning of August***
4. Develop and get feedback on initial draft addressing the questions:  
***August-September***
5. Workshop inviting members of LC, ECB, Science Panel, and PSP policy staff to review a complete draft and potential key messages: ***Fall 2010***
6. Produce final draft of implications document and additional supporting communication products: ***Late Fall 2010***

## ***PSSU Policy Implications Product Focus Questions***

- (SEE HANDOUT)

## ***Discussion Questions for Today***

1. Do the sample questions address the right issues?
2. As they are currently framed, will the sample questions generate information that will benefit policy and program decisions? If not, how should they be changed to support this outcome?
3. Are there additional questions that would improve the identification of key implications?
4. What is the best way(s) to communicate the implications to aid in their use by policy makers?

## ***Next steps***

- Revise scope and focus questions as necessary from today's discussion
- Engage the Leadership Council on this matter at their July meeting, carrying ECB perspective
- Revise and finalize scope and focus questions as necessary from LC discussion
- Hand off scope to Science Panel
- Bring interim products back to the ECB and LC in the early fall

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