

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Agenda Item Briefing Sheet

Meeting Date: September 21, 2007

Agenda Item: Action Area Boundary Decision

Staff Contact: David Dicks, Executive Director

Presenter(s): David Dicks, Executive Director

Action Requested: Adopt the staff recommendation for the Action Area delineation in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal Areas.

Background:

At the Council's August 31st meeting, the Leadership Council adopted 5 of the 7 staff Action Areas mandated by SB 5372. The Council delayed the delineation of the Areas identified as the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal in order to have further discussions between representatives of the two areas. The Council asked the Partnership's Executive Director to meet with the various concerned parties to see if a consensus path forward could be reached.

Executive Director Dicks met with concerned parties on September 14 in Port Townsend to discuss the options and how the local entities could work together within the Action Areas. The meeting was productive and enabled many of the key interests to express the rationale for their preferred boundary line. No consensus was reached but there was wide-spread agreement within the group that from an oceanographic standpoint the Point Wilson makes the most sense. There were concerns expressed from local governments that their would be additional burdens placed on them if the Point Wilson line (as opposed to the Jefferson County line) was chosen. This was a particular concern to Port Townsend and Jefferson County. The Skokomish Tribe also expressed a preference for the Jefferson County line.

Participants in the September 14th meeting:

David Dicks, Executive Director, Puget Sound Partnership
David Sullivan, County Commissioner (and WRIA 17 Lead), Jefferson County
Randy Harder, Skokomish Tribe
Ron Charles, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Council
Paul McCollum, Natural Resource Director, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Al Latham, District Manager, Jefferson Conservation District
Judy Surber, Senior Planner, City of Port Townsend
Steve Tharinger, Clallam County Commissioner and DRMT Chair
Anne Murphy, Executive Director, Port Townsend Marine Science Center
Paula Mackrow, Executive Director, North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Mark Welch, Mayor, City of Port Townsend
Scott Chitwood, Natural Resource Director, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Dave Herrera, Fish and Policy Director, Skokomish Tribe
Jay Watson, Executive Director, Hood Canal Coordinating Council
Ron Allen, Chair, Tribal Council, Jamestown S’klallam Tribe
Michelle Sandoval, Deputy Mayor, City of Port Townsend
John Cambalik, Regional Liaison, Puget Sound Partnership

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of staff that the Point Wilson delineation line be selected as boundary between the Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca Action Areas. The staff also suggests that the Council emphasize the following in making their decision:

- The City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County are encouraged to participate in both Action Areas as they have interests and responsibilities in both;
- Capacity: investigate ways to provide the necessary capacity to local governments, tribes, and other entities to develop and implement the Action Agenda for each of the two Action Areas; and
- Inter-Boundary Partnerships: encourage partnerships and substantive improvements in regular communications and collaboration across the boundary between the various groups and processes and at all levels within each group or process (*i.e.*, elected officials and other decision makers, policy, and technical).

Action Requested at Today’s Meeting:

Based on the meeting of the 14th, the following motion is recommended:

Move that the Council adopt the boundaries for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal Action Areas as identified in the associated map “Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal Action Areas, September 21, 2008”. It is further moved as follows:

- The Council encourages the city of Port Townsend and Jefferson County to participate in both Action Areas as they have interests in and responsibilities to both.
- Partnership staff should investigate ways to provide the necessary capacity to local governments, tribes, and other entities to participate in the development and implementation of the Action Agenda for each of the two Action Areas.
- The Council encourages partnerships and substantive improvements in regular communications and collaboration across the boundary between the various groups and processes and at all levels within each group or process (*i.e.*, elected officials and other decision makers, policy, and technical).