July Minutes as Amended by Council

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Puget Sound Leadership Council

July 26, 2007 Minutes
Bell Harbor Conference Center, Seattle

Attendance

Council	Bill Ruckelshaus	Billy Frank, Jr.	Steve Sakuma
	Dan O'Neal	Martha Kongsgaard	
Members Excused	Bill Wilkerson	Diana Gale	
Staff	Ron Shultz	Martha Neuman	Stephanie Lidren
	Doug Myers		

Panelists	**Organization**
Eric Johnson	Washington State Assn. of Counties
Jan Newton	UW, APL
Tom Eaton	Environmental Protection Agency
Terry Wright	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Maura Brueger	King County Executive's Office
Josh Brown	Kitsap County
David Troutt	Nisqually Tribe
Joan McGuilton	City of Burien
Bob Kelly	Nooksack Tribe

Action Items: **None**

Meeting Summary:

- **Action Area Delineation – briefing and Council guidance**
- **Action Agenda Development Process Overview – briefing and Council guidance**
- **Presentations by Tribes, Local, State and Federal Caucuses**
- **Council General Administrative Matters**

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8:30am Call to Order – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Review Agenda: Agenda reviewed, no edits made.

Council Member Discussion:

- Action Agenda is a huge assignment, will have further discussions.
- The importance of keeping open lines of communications with the Governor, legislators, Federal entities.
- Using different formats for public input.
- Large number of responses to the action areas.

Management and Status Reports: Acting Executive Director's Report - Ron Shultz

Science Panel Status

- Criteria underway, Washington State Academy of Sciences was directed in legislation to provide 15 names of individuals, names should be provided to the Council at the September meeting, the Science Panel should work with PSAMP (with PSAMP handling the day to day operations). The Council is in agreement that the science panel need to be of highest caliber.

Ecosystem Coordination Board Status

- A letter from the Chair of the Council will go out for nominations, suggested due date of September 5, 2007, so recommendations can be compiled for appointments at September Council meeting. The Council must appoint 14 of the 27 members. The remaining appointments are made by state agencies, the president of the WA State Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of Public Lands as well as the Governor (for tribal and federal governments).

9:25am Open Public Comment

Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth

- Addressed the Port of Seattle – sees it as an opportunity to have pollution in the bucket, dredging, drop back into Elliot Bay.

Kathy Fletcher, Executive Director, People for Puget Sound

- Council needs to think about issues that are outside their statutory guidelines, endorse efforts such as Cantwell's Oil Spill Prevention legislation;
- Climate change – the Council needs to be on top of the climate issues from the beginning, NW Federation did thorough analysis of sea level rises in the Puget Sound.
- Ecosystem Coordination Board – an environmental caucus group is already formed and they would appreciate the opportunity to put names forth.
- Science Panel – Would like the opportunity to make comment on names put forth, not have the decisions made in secrecy.

Terry Williams, Natural Resource Director, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

- Regulatory Process – Possible incentives to get ordinances done, head's up to groups that are falling behind.
- Science Panel – Tribes support the direction the Council is heading. Tribes want to work with the science groups; take a look at the knowledge that tribes can bring to reliable habitat. The tribes want directives from the Council.

9:45am **Action Area Delineation – Briefing and Council Guidance -** *Staff briefing and Leadership Council guidance on the proposed process for the delineation of Action Areas.*

Ron Shultz – discussed the proposed process, tight timelines and changes to the PSAMP map.

Panel Discussion: Discussion with interested stakeholders.

Jan Newton, PSAMP
- Described the importance of the role of science as the framework for the Partnership work.
- Provided a PowerPoint presentation comparing Puget Sound and Chesapeake Bay.

Doug Meyers, PISNERP
- Discussed the PISNERP, agreed with Jan's comparisons.

Terry Wright, Natural Resource Director, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- 8 or 9 areas might make more sense, will provide recommendations by August3, 2007.
- Possibly divide east/west in a manor that recognizes the biology of each region.

Public Input:

Eric Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, Washington State Association of Counties
- Would like to see a balance, agrees with already established boundaries,
- Would like to reduce demands, what is the function of the area, funding issues.

Mike Reed, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County
- Supports keeping existing structures
- Need for quick start and structure
- Take existing structure and create caucus for decisions.

Jacques White, PhD, The Nature Conservancy
- Not speaking on behalf of entire environmental community, but does not want another layer, need to rethink how we steward the Puget Sound Basin.
- Watersheds were chosen as logical boundaries.
- Supports PSAMP and PSNERP.

Council/Staff Follow Up:

Ron Shultz – state caucus:
- Ecology functions;
- Already organized;
- Minimum number of areas that split counties;
- Ability to gather data – too large;
- How threats found – who has action.

Bill Ruckelshaus
- Remain flexible to make changes at September 2008 meeting, public will have opportunity to comment.

10:55am **Break**

11:13am Reconvene - Action Agenda Development Process Overview – Briefing and Leadership Council Guidance

Martha Neuman, provided a briefing on the process for the development of the Action Agenda and request guidance from the Leadership Council.

Public Input:

Kathy Fletcher, Executive Director, People for Puget Sound
- Scoping process is focused on analysis, instead of actions, need a range of solutions.
- Frame thinking to what needs to be done and not done.
- Need enforcement and policy changes.

Doug Osterman, Watershed Coordinator, King County
- Agrees with Kathy's statements, there are "no brainers" out there, advises to go to the Governor to address issues, as needed.

12:35pm Break for lunch

1:25pm Presentations by Tribes, Local, State and Federal Caucuses - *Council conversation with representatives of the Tribal, local, state and federal caucuses on how each caucus is organizing and about working together to help protect and restore Puget Sound. Panel includes:*

Eric Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, Washington State Association of Counties
Tom Eaton, Environmental Protection Agency
Maura Brueger, Senior Advisor, King County
Josh Brown, Kitsap County
Joan McGilton, Mayor, City of Burien
Bob Kelly, Natural Resource Director, Nooksack Tribe
David Troutt, Natural Resource Director, Nisqually Tribe

2:30pm Open Public Input

Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth
- Need to be aware of grass roots efforts and be involved where appropriate.

Jay Watson, Executive Director, Hood Canal Coordinating Council
- HCCC would like to be partners with the Partnership at the next meeting – agenda briefs.

2:45pm Council General Administrative Matters

Ron Shultz, Acting Executive Director: utilizing templates for agendas and other web applications.

Summary of Council Requests: The Council members will review the current list of Council requests of the agency and consider new requests.

Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief:

- 2 day meetings in August & September;
- Meeting materials – briefings in advance would be beneficial;

Follow Up Items	**Item** (requestor)	**Assigned To**
	Agency Budget (Martha)	
	Glossary of Acronyms (Dan)	
	Template for Agenda appearance requests (Steve)	Ron

3:08 **Adjourn**