

Attendance

Council

Bill Ruckelshaus	Billy Frank, Jr.	Steve Sakuma
Dan O'Neal	Martha Kongsgaard	Diana Gale
Bill Wilkerson		

Staff

David Dicks	Ron Shultz	Martha Neuman
Stephanie Lidren	Bruce Wulkan	Hillary Culverwell
Stuart Glasoe	Scott Redman	Sarah Brace
John Cambalik		

Action Items:

- **Review, amend, adopt previous minutes**
- **Action Area Boundaries**

Meeting Summary:

- **Director's Goals for the Puget Sound Partnership**
- **What is a healthy Puget Sound ecosystem and what is its current condition**
- **Moving Forward with the 2020 Action Agenda**
- **Salmon Recovery Briefing**
- **Action Area Boundaries Decision**
- **Hood Canal: The problems and actions need for success**

9:00am Welcome

Cary Bozeman, Mayor of Bremerton
Leonard Forsman, Chair, Suquamish Tribe
Phil Williams, City of Bremerton

9:25 Call to Order – Introductions - Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Review Agenda: Agenda reviewed, no edits made.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed, amended and adopted as follows:

Motion made by Martha Kongsgaard and second by Steve Sakuma, that the minutes of the July 26 Leadership Council be adopted.

Dan O’Neal – offered an amendment to the minutes to reflect comments by Jan Newton relating to the role of science, and the importance of allowing science to guide the work of the Council/Partnership.

Martha Kongsgaard – offered an amendment to reflect the discussion of the Council at the July meeting that the Council agrees that the Science Panel members need to be of the highest caliber.

Vote – The motion as amended Passed Unanimous – all members present.

Director’s Goals for the Puget Sound Partnership: David Dicks, Executive Director
Director Dicks was introduced to the Council members and he presented his vision for the agency.

10:30 Open Public Comment

Naki Stevens, People for Puget Sound

- Looking at 30 years of efforts, how can we align all the plans?
- PSP needs to put more effort into enforcing existing laws.

Mike Racine, WA Scuba Alliance

- Divers are ready to be plugged into the process.

Jim Noerldner, North Kitsap Schools

- North Kitsap Council would like to collaborate with the Partnership/council.

Jan Angel, Kitsap County Commissioner

- Need to add public education to public engagement.
- Also need to consider how to broaden information disbursement – not just online.

Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth

- There is significant opportunity for the Partnership to step in and assist on fast track projects – sediment dredging specifically.

Vivian Anderson, Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners

- Expressed interest in water quality issues.
- How will Shared Strategy fit into the Partnership?
- Asked that tribes not inflict rules & laws on non-tribal properties.

Dan Roy, Hood Canal resident

- Encouraged the Partnership to establish a way that citizens can help – “Friends of the Partnership”.

10:45 What is a healthy Puget Sound ecosystem and what is its current condition.

Presentation given by Randy Shuman, King County and member of the 2006 Partnership Science Working Group

Council Discussion: Discussions surrounding measures, science, and recovery.

11:45 Open Public Comment

Vivian Henderson, Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners

- The terms seem subjective, need definition and clarity.

Jaques White, The Nature Conservancy

- Need everyone to be on board with the same goals.
- Do we know everything we need to, to restore?
- Need commitment of the society.

Mark Hersh, Wild Fish Conservation

- Supports the monitoring efforts.
- Keep climate change in mind, but work on what we can control.
- The Partnership needs to understand habitat forming processes.

John Williams, Still Hope Productions

- Feels the Partnership is underestimating efforts to raise awareness (referring to the original public awareness plan of the Partnership's recommendations report).

Jerry Joyce, Seattle Audubon

- Enforce existing rules & regulations – nothing has been done on seabirds.

Glen Hemerick, Private Citizen

- Brought in containers of fresh and salt water that had algae that he feels could be used to clean the Puget Sound.

12:15pm Break for lunch

1:10 Moving Forward with the 2020 Action Agenda – David Dicks, Executive Director

1:30 Open Public Comment

Naki Stevens, People for Puget Sound

- Action Agenda should be based on science (per the statute).
- Would like the Partnership to recommend minimum standards for counties.
- Feels there is sufficient science to determine minimum standards.

Maggie Coon, Biodiversity Council

- Efforts needed for sustainable movement.
- Biodiversity Council has draft strategy report they would like to connect with the Partnership for assistance.

Ginny Broadhurst, Northwest Straits Commission

- Looking forward to plugging into the Partnerships projects – the M.R.C.'s are in seven counties and could serve as a point of contact.
- Would like to participate in the Ecosystems Coordinating Board.

Leslie Rose, Citizens for a Healthy Bay

- Before developing a plan, wants the Partnership to step outside of the box, work with entities that are already doing successful work.
- Doesn't feel the council meetings are accessible for the public at large.

Jim Bolger, Kitsap County

- The 2008 budget is in the works, but see serious fiscal difficulties. What demands will be placed on local jurisdictions?

Jerry Joyce, Seattle Audubon

- Stated people are "talking" about the Oil Spill Advisory Council's agenda items.

John Daly, Puget Sound Alliance

- Supports and wants to assist the Council in getting public engagement (Mudup!)

Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth

- Totally supports an educational campaign.

2:00 Salmon Recovery Briefing

Welcome and Introductions:

Kevin Ranker, Commissioner, San Juan County, Recovery Council Co-Chair

Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island, Recovery Council Co-Chair

Chris Drivdahl, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office

- Provided presentation to the Council, "Fish Tales: Recovering Salmon the Washington Way"

Puget Sound Salmon Recovery – Past, Present and Future – **Jim Kramer**, Executive Director, Shared Strategy for Puget Sound

Briefing on Puget Sound Salmon Recovery, describing why a Puget Sound salmon recovery effort was formed, what the effort produced and why different sectors find the work important to continue. The Council also heard how this work contributes to restoring the overall health of the Puget Sound.

The first panel focused on the reasons for creating the Shared Strategy and why they joined the effort and continue to be a part of the process.

Panelists

Organization

Ron Sims

Executive, King County

Bob Kelly

Nooksack Tribe Executive

Jeff Koenings

Director, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife

Kay Gabriel

Weyerhaeuser Company, retired

Jay Gordon

Washington State Dairy Federation

The second panel focused on the critical elements for success, what has worked – what hasn't and how the effort needs to continue to achieve the measurable outcomes for salmon recovery. Discussed the important role Shared Strategy has played in bringing entities together on projects,

the collaborative effort has people sharing funds not fighting over them. The need to publicly recognize the good things that have been and continue to be done.

Panelists

Organization

Shirley Solomon	Skagit Watershed Lead
Rob Masonis	American Rivers
Kit Rawson	TRT, Tulalip Tribes
Jeanette Dorner	Nisqually Watershed Lead
Bill Blake	Stillaguamish Watershed
Steve Mullet	Mayor, City of Tukwila

3:10 Break

3:50 Facilitated Discussions between the Council and Salmon Recovery Panels

Focused on what is necessary to create and sustain a collaborative process for salmon recovery and how to effectively integrate salmon recovery into the Puget Sound effort.

4:30 Next Steps and Outline of Friday Agenda, David Dicks, Executive Director

4:35 Open Public Comment

Mark Taylor, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association

- Need to find common ground.
- Habitat is going away.
- Need to educate children on watershed science.

Darlene Schanfeld, Olympic Environmental Council

- White Creek needs restoration to enhance salmon habitat.

Norman MacLeod, Olympic Stewardship Foundation

- Encouraged Council to work with landowners to do what's right.

5:00 Adjourn until Friday, August 31, 2007

August 31, 2007

8:45am Call to Order – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

8:50 Action Area Boundaries Decision – Ron Shultz, Director of Programs

Proposed Action Areas:

Staff presented the proposed staff recommendation for Action Area delineation, and described the basis for the proposal.

9:05 Open Public Comment

Naki Stevens, People for Puget Sound

- Delivered an August 3rd letter that is not reflected in the comments, would like the Council not to make action areas.
- Guidance – do not undertake a whole new process.
- Concerns with marine waters, ecosystem, workability.
- If staff develops a database, will they share?

Keith Grellner, Kitsap Health District

- Concerned that Kitsap County is divided into three action areas. Want staff to focus on being in the field, not in three times as many meetings.
- Supports the idea of utilizing existing work.

David Sullivan, Jefferson County Commissioner

- Working closely with counties will affect citizens working with local governments.
- We can't add more hours and days to a week – money won't help, citizens are clearly involved and afraid these will incur more meetings.

Phil Johnson, Jefferson County Commissioner

- Don't split the city of Port Townsend. Please delay decision because it needs more discussion.

Scott Chitwood, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

- Followed the criteria and requests of the Partnership when determining the Port Wilson divide.

Debbie Hyde, Peirce County

- Peirce County has a false sense of security with the divides – they are in three areas.
- The county will be active no matter what, but there will be different issues in different areas.

Steve Bauer, Kitsap County and Peter Best, the city of Bainbridge Island

- There are limited resources – better served on the area that is unique, good recommendations and they are supported.
- Coordination efforts already going on.

Ann Murphy, Port Townsend MRC

- Allow extension to occur, not speaking for the city but does know there are concerns. Historic groupings have been drawn at county and WRIA lines.

Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe

- The letter the tribe submitted at an earlier date, described their long standing working relationship with the counties.
- They support the county line option, to better use manpower and resources.

Bob Johnston, Private Citizen

- Found the designations to be confusing.

Bernie Hargrave, Army Corp of Engineers

- Reminding the council as they deliberate that science provides the lines.

Jan Newton, UW

- Supports the lines being drawn by science.

Formal action by Council on Action Area Boundaries

Motion Made By: Dan O'Neal

Second: Bill Wilkerson

Vote: Passed Unanimous – all members present.

Motion:

It was moved and seconded that the Leadership Council approve the delineation of Action Areas consistent with the map entitled "Partnership staff-recommended Action Area delineations for the Puget Sound basin" as presented to the Leadership Council on August 31, 2007. The Areas delineated are: The San Juan Islands, Whidbey Island, North central Puget Sound, South central Puget Sound, and South Puget Sound. A copy of the map is attached and incorporated herein.

It was further moved that the Leadership Council reserve the final determination of two Action Areas – Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal – until a future meeting of the Council.

With respect to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Hood Canal Action Areas, particularly regarding the boundary between these areas, the Council requests the Partnership Executive Director to work with various entities in these Areas to determine if a consensus can be reached for a final determination of the boundary line.

It is further moved that the Leadership Council adopt the following policies guiding the use and implementation of the Action Areas:

1. The Council encourages connections and communication across and between the Action Areas, and the Executive Director should facilitate these connections.
2. Maintain view of Sound-wide goals and objectives.
3. The Partnership should aim to provide support and capacity for work on the Action Agenda.
4. When implementing the work of the Action Areas, rely on effective, established structures and institutions.

10:15 Hood Canal: The problems and actions need for success

Congressman Norm Dicks, United State House of Representatives

- A lot of hard work has been put in to the Canal, have some answers but there has to be a science component. A dedicated source of funding is critical to the success of this program.

Jan Newton, UW

- Gave presentation on what HCDOP?? has done – May 2008 is the end of the three year study. The HCDOP focuses on oxygen.

Duane Fagergren, Puget Sound Partnership

- Gave an overview of Belfair sewer project. The project needs approximately thirteen million dollars to match federal funding – the project can't afford to lose momentum at this point.

Terry Hull and Jon Berdes, Shorebank Pacific Project

- Gave presentation on how the Shorebank Pacific Project provides loans for necessary improvements.

Commissioner Lynda Ring Erickson, Mason County

- Discussed the costs associated with improvements for property owners, and seeking additional federal funding.

Commissioner Jan Angel, Kitsap County

- Need sound solutions based on sound science.

Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe

- The tribe has good working relationships with the counties, working on recovery plans.
- The general investigation studies continue.

Bob Hager, Lower Hood Canal Coalition

- The Coalition has open monthly meeting and plans on providing recommendations to the state.
- The Coalition has concerns about the water quality for shellfish, and how low oxygen has caused the Dungeness crab to disappear.
- Storm water run-off is a significant source of pollutions.
- High residential density – no buildable lots in Belfair. Union has 5400 onsite septics, 2500 of which are located on the water. Need clearing restrictions because stopping developments is not an option.

11:50 Open Public Comment

Mark Hersh, Wild Fish Conservation

- Need to get a handle on growth – how is the Canal going to look in 20 years.

11:51 Housekeeping and next steps for the Partnership – David Dicks and Ron Shultz
The Executive Director thanked the Partnership staff and Leadership Council for their hard work thus far. He also discussed the goal of appointing the Ecosystems Coordinating Board at the October 1st meeting and described the process for the Science Panel and the nominating due date.

12:00 Adjourn