

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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TO: Program Managers

FROM: Jay Manning, Director

RE: **Ecology ideas for 2020 Action Agenda to submit to Puget Sound Partnership**

As you know, the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) must develop a plan – referred to as the Action Agenda – that will describe the actions necessary to restore Puget Sound to health by 2020. Ecology can and should shape much of our contribution to the Action Agenda and PSP by proactively articulating an Ecology scope of work. The PSP anticipates having a draft of the Action Agenda early next spring, so we have limited time to forward our best thinking.

Through SAGE, a process has been initiated to solicit ideas from throughout the agency. In addition to the cross-program discussions (e.g., SAGE, EMT, RMTs, etc.) and other methods (e.g., intranet solicitation), I am asking each of your programs to respond to the following four questions:

- 1) What is your Program's plan to get to 2020, i.e., a fishable, diggable and swimmable Puget Sound? Your Program's plan should have a schedule and be as detailed as possible. Finally, the actions described should be prioritized.*
- 2) Many Puget Sound restoration activities will work best when implemented across programs. Include in your recommended Action Agenda activities that would be enhanced by cross-program coordination and those that can be effective only with such coordination.*
- 3) As you prepare your Action Agenda, query what practices, policies, rules and statutes should be enhanced and/or changed to achieve our 2020 Puget Sound recovery goal? Please identify any such changes that you currently believe are either necessary or helpful to Puget Sound recovery.*
- 4) Finally, think about how we measure our progress or lack thereof. We must establish a baseline and from that be able to measure our progress toward the 2020 goal? What investments or activities are necessary in order for such measurement to occur?*

To provide some focus to this task, please consider the following:

- Answer the questions as they relate to your program.
- Identify those actions we can take now and those that will require further study under the Action Agenda.

- For ideas that transcend your program and/or affect others, please bring them to EMT and SAGE. Some of the most innovative ideas are likely to be cross-program and/or intra-agency.
- Prioritize the ideas. If there are concerns about political viability, please note them.
- Do not get caught in analysis paralysis -- this should not be a distraction from the good work you are doing. However, I do want each program to take a serious look at the program's work and answer the questions (e.g., I'm presuming this can be done using an existing PMT or other forum, but the process is entirely up to each program).
- Keep it short. We're not looking for a doctoral thesis here.

The deadlines for the process are as follows:

- October 5: summary of previous PSP and Ecology ideas compiled by Ann and Josh
- November 22 (turkey day): draft response submitted
- November 27: EMT discusses draft ideas and provides feedback to programs
- Year end: final ideas submitted
- January 22: EMT discusses final recommendations to suggest to PSP

Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Josh Baldi at 407-6829.