

**December 3-4, 2007**  
**Puget Sound Partnership**  
**Leadership Council Retreat - Summary**

On December 3 and 4, 2007 the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council had a retreat in Blaine, WA at Semiahmoo Resort. Members present included: Bill Ruckelshaus, Diana Gale, Steve Sakuma, Dan O'Neal, Martha Kongsgaard, and staff to the Council, David Dicks, Tammy Owings and Diane Hodgson. Due to the wild weather conditions Council members, Billy Frank, Jr., and Bill Wilkerson were unable to attend the retreat.

The purpose of this retreat was an opportunity for the Council members and staff to get to know each other better and form a working partnership. The agenda included updates on budget, staffing, communication, monitoring, accountability, and the [Action Agenda](#) process. The Council and staff talked about ways to communicate and share the workload better.

Council members present volunteered to take responsibility for an individual Action Area working with Partnership staff and [Ecosystem Coordination Board](#) representatives to assist with coordination and communication efforts in their particular Action Area. Chairman Ruckelshaus will ask those members not present if they will also be willing to take on responsibility for a particular Action Area. This information will be discussed and confirmed at the first meeting of the Ecosystem Coordination Board on December 14.

The Council also brainstormed ways to build partnership links with all the existing groups working in the Puget Sound and need for a detailed work plan for the Council and staff including the particular action, deadline, and who is responsible.

The Council will be creating subcommittees to look at the various Partnership assignments and develop a plan on how to accomplish and meet deadlines. Possible subcommittees may include:

- Funding
- Action Agenda
- Not for Profit
- Outreach
- Monitoring and Accountability.

Additional subcommittees may be convened as needs arise. Membership on the subcommittees will be decided at the next Leadership Council meeting.

Overall, the Council members felt the retreat was a success and will help them work together as a team.

The next regular meeting of the Leadership Council will be held on December 17 in La Conner at Maple Hall beginning at 10 a.m. The agenda for this meeting will be posted shortly.