

Action Agenda Status Summary April 29-30 Leadership Council Meeting

Purpose of Meeting Discussion

- Information and discussion about the overall action agenda status
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At the Leadership Council meeting, staff will present the overall status of the Action Agenda development and seek input and guidance on several building blocks of it. The first presentation will be an overall status update as outlined below. The subsequent presentations will focus on the four questions of the Action Agenda.

Status Update:

- Updated schedule and process to reflect the December 1, 2008 deadline (separate handout)
- Leadership Council decision-making schedule for the Action Agenda (separate handout)
- Overview of Action Agenda outline including how the building blocks contribute to answering the four action agenda questions (separate handout)
- Overview status of work (this handout)

Overview status of Action Agenda

- **Project Management and Schedule.** Staff realigned the project timeline and process to reflect the December 1, 2008 deadline (separate handout). In general, the work phases will be:
 - April – June: defining the problems and the strategies we will need to take to solve them.
 - Late June-August: Identifying and refining actions, including work with action areas, caucuses, and interests
 - September – mid-October: Refining all elements of Action agenda
 - Mid-October – mid-November: Production
- **Outline of Action Agenda.** The updated outline will be discussed with the Leadership Council (separate handout).
- **Action Agenda Question: What is the status of Puget Sound are what are the biggest threats to it?**

Three action agenda building blocks will inform this question and used to create an overall problem statement for Puget Sound. We anticipate that the Leadership Council will review a “roll up” of this work at the June meeting.

 - Sound-wide risk analysis (geographic problem focus). Significant addition of new data, available for review online. Draft work will be presented to the Leadership Council.
 - Topic Forums (issue focus). The draft papers were posted, as scheduled, on April 14. Comments can be submitted on line, via an online discussion

thread, or in workshops. The topic forum work will be discussed in more detail at the meeting. A summary handout for each topic is in the Leadership Council packet.

- Action Area profiles. To augment the Sound-wide work, action area profiles will be prepared to highlight the goods and services produced in each area, local status and threats based on existing work, and current local actions (using the inventory of actions work and local information). This work is underway.

What is a healthy Puget Sound?

Several building blocks also inform this work. The Leadership Council will have a presentation on an integrated approach for the indicators, monitoring and adaptive management work. The monitoring handouts outline this work.

- Scientific “provisional” indicators. This work is being lead by NOAA and on schedule.
- Shorter list of report card/dashboard type indicators. An approach to develop this work has been developed and will be discussed with the Leadership Council.
- Targets and benchmarks for the shorter list. A general approach to develop this work will be discussed with the Leadership Council.

What do we need to do to move from where we are today to a healthy Puget Sound?

This is largely the work of the topic forums (covered above). In addition, staff are summarizing the data collected during the inventory work.

Where should we start?

We have developed a proposed approach to review with the Leadership Council (separate handout).

Other aspects of work that inform or are part of the Action Agenda:

- **Accountability and Adaptive Management.** We have developed a proposed approach to discuss with the Leadership Council.
- **Monitoring.** We have developed an integrated approach to ecosystem indicators, benchmarks, and monitoring desired outcomes. This will be presented at the Leadership Council meeting.
- **Strategic Science Plan.** Aspects the strategic science plan overlap with the Action Agenda. The science plan will be a discussion item at the Leadership Council meeting.
- **Funding Strategy.** We are developing an approach to discuss with the Leadership Council.
- **Overall communications strategy.** The approach will be presented at the meeting.