

Building the Action Agenda July-December 2008

The Action Agenda will be the regional roadmap for protecting and restoring Puget Sound. It will have an ecosystem-wide framework and reflect local priorities. The following outline provides an overview of the development process through December 2008, identifies key decision points and highlights opportunities for stakeholder involvement.

July: Identify existing regional and local actions that are consistent with Partnership strategic priorities and identify gaps

- **Action area meetings, caucuses, interests:** meet to review regional priorities, refine Action Area profiles, use inventory work to identify existing actions and responsibilities that implement the regional priorities; identify gaps and needs
- **Ecosystem Coordination Board:** identify existing regional plans that help implement strategic priorities begin discussion of implementation challenges; discuss performance management framework; discuss funding strategy
- **Leadership Council:** guidance for strategies and actions; discuss Partnership Initiatives

August: Prepare preliminary Action Agenda for discussion

- Staff work to refine action agenda framework of strategic priorities using regional and local actions and input; refine Partnership Initiatives concept
- **Ecosystem Coordination Board:** input on Partnership Initiatives, alignment of regional actions to strategic priorities, input on funding strategy; preview performance management system; discuss indicators and benchmarks

September: Review and refine alignment of regional and local actions with priorities; Refine Partnership Initiatives

- **Leadership Council:** Preliminary approval of action agenda framework of strategic priorities and regional and local actions and Partnership Initiatives; preliminary approval of indicators and benchmarks; preliminary approval of overall funding strategy; preliminary approval of state agency budgets
- **Action area meetings, caucuses, interests:** meet to review preliminarily approved action agenda components and refine alignment of actions

October: Resolve outstanding issues

- Staff work to incorporate input from action areas, caucuses, interests
- **Ecosystem Coordination Board:** final implementation guidance on strategies and actions
- **Leadership Council:** Guidance on comments received and identifies outstanding issues; preliminary approval of bi-annual science work plan, performance management framework and performance agreements
- **Action Areas, caucuses, interests:** Partnership outreach to help resolve final questions

November: Approval of the Action Agenda content

- **Leadership Council:** Proposed additional meeting for mid-November to approve the Action Agenda content
- **Submit Action Agenda to Governor and Legislature**

December: Completion celebration

Proposed Leadership Council decision matrix

Package	July 23-24	Sept 4-5	Oct 22-23		Dec 1-2
Action Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions • Strategies • Partnership Initiatives • Legislative Agenda 	Information Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review decision schedule • Review current ecosystem plans • Action area workshop recap and next steps Decision Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Agenda Framework: Priorities and Actions • Introduce Partnership Initiatives 	Information Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is healthy?: important goods and services (WRI) • Approach for building support and getting input Preliminary Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies and actions • Partnership Initiatives Decision Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-annual science workplan 	 Information Briefings / Potential Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss comments received • Outstanding issues • Final guidance and decisions on strategies and actions Preliminary Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-annual science workplan 	NOVEMBER MEETING (date TBD) : FINAL APPROVALS	Celebration and next steps
Performance Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive management • Accountability • Ecological monitoring 	Information Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned Decision Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicators and benchmarks 	Decision Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance management framework • Performance agreements Preliminary Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicators and benchmarks 	Preliminary Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance management framework • Performance agreements 		Next Steps
Funding Strategy	Decision Briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost/benefit analysis • Funding sources inventory • Overall funding plan 	Preliminary Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding strategies • Funding sources inventory • Overall funding plan 	Information Briefings / Potential approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss feedback • Outstanding issues • Final guidance 		Next steps
State budget/actions	Information Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of process Decision Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current agency requests; alignment with priorities 	 Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agency budgets 	Discussion as needed		Next steps
Other	Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRFB 2008 list decision process • Decision-making protocols 	Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Panel member replacement protocol 	Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 meeting schedule 		

Proposed Ecosystem Coordination Board meeting matrix

Package	July 18	August 22	October 1
Action Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions • Strategies • Partnership Initiatives • Legislative Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review schedule and decision-making process • Action area workshop update <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for identifying priority actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem plans—how to use the framework to better align with existing plans/actions • Case study—Hood Canal • Identify ecosystem scale plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Agenda status and update <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies and actions—how would these be implemented? • Alignment of Ecosystem scale plans with regional priorities • What is healthy?: important goods and services (WRI) • Partnership Initiatives—how might the Partnership make a difference? • Approach for building support and getting buy-in—what is ECB’s role? • Building support for implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB members report on comments they’ve received <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies and actions—final implementation guidance
Performance Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive management • Accountability • Ecological monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does performance management mean for the Partnership and the ECB? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sphere of influence • Draft performance management framework 	<p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preview accountability system—What commitments will ECB members make? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is currently responsible? ○ What commitments will ECB members make? • Indicators and benchmarks (especially performance and implementation benchmarks)—fatal flaw review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB members report on comments they’ve received <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final guidance and refinements
Funding Strategy	<p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preview cost/benefit analyses and current spending • Current spending analysis • Proposed method to identify funding gaps • State budget alignment update 	<p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review funding strategy—Are these appropriate approaches? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB members report on comments they’ve received <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final guidance and refinements
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB schedule through 2008 <p>Items for Leadership Council review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on implementation and enforcement of existing regulation 		