

Puget Sound Leadership Council  
Meeting Summary  
Edmonds Conference Center  
201 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N  
Edmonds, Washington  
November 21, 2008

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**DAY 1**

Members Present:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
- Martha Kongsgaard
- Diana Gale
- Dan O'Neal
- Steve Sakuma
- Bill Wilkerson

Staff and Other Presenters:

- David Dicks, Executive Director
- Martha Neuman, Action Agenda Director
- Trina Wellman, Science Panel
- Bob Johnston, Science Panel
- Tammy Owings, Special Assistant to the Leadership Council

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*It is intended that this summary be used along with notebook materials provided for the meeting.  
A full recording of this meeting is retained by Puget Sound Partnership as the formal record.*

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Action Items:

- Hear Public Comment on the Action Agenda

**CALL TO ORDER – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair**

Chair Ruckelshaus called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and reviewed the agenda for the day. The focus of this meeting is to provide time for the Leadership Council to listen to public comment on the draft Action Agenda; this is the last meeting of the Leadership Council before adoption of the Action Agenda on December 1.

Chair Ruckelshaus discussed the Action Agenda and how this will be a living document and will be adapted as necessary. Saving the Puget Sound is not a sprint, it is a marathon and we will need to adjust as we go along to not lose momentum but continue forward.

As Billy Frank Jr. was unable to attend the meeting, Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribe, provided comments on his behalf and the Tribes'. He reported that the Tribes met and discussed the work being proposed in the Action Agenda, providing suggested revisions and support to the Council.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS - Councilmembers**

- Martha Kongsgaard (South Central Action Area) looking forward to hearing from the public – the comment period has been short and furious. She appreciates everyone attending the meetings and providing comments. She remembers many months ago when in this same room for the last meeting of the first Partnership. The plan is not perfect but we will continue to revise it and will be successful since this Action Agenda was created by the whole community. There is money out there and we need to spend it to the best advantage.
- Diana Gale (San Juan Action Area) thanked everyone who has worked on this and agrees with Martha's and Bill's comments. This is a very comprehensive and complex baseline and now the real work begins. We need to be clear about priorities with funding and accountability, and now need to spend the time getting the priorities lined up and relaying the sense of urgency to the public. Our Puget Sound is an economic draw and we need to keep it that way. Today she is listening for the problems with the draft and priorities.
- Steve Sakuma (Whidbey & Whatcom Action Areas) noted that the Whidbey Action Area had a core team meeting on November 20 and he found there are different interpretations of what is right and wrong with the Sound. Once the Action Agenda is adopted, we will switch from planning to execution and we need to be clear on what the priorities and expectations are. We have to focus on moving forward.

Bill Ruckelshaus discussed how this is not a new effort, there have been efforts to restore the health of Puget Sound for at least two decades and a lot of work has been done. But all that has been done in the past has not been enough. This time we need to work on the priorities and move forward with the coordination of this work. The Partnership has been tasked with coordinating this work.

In times like this when funding is not visible to levels of government, especially in natural resource issues, agencies are in favor of the goals but also in favor of having someone else pay for doing the work. We need to convene all levels of government to look at the money since all the money comes from the same place – the taxpayers. We need to develop a plan for funding the actions and find ways to keep the public involved. The economic situation may get worse but we will still need to be able to move forward with the actions and show that we are going in the right direction.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

David Dicks provided an update on what has happened with Puget Sound Partnership since the last meeting:

- We are getting ready to close the chapter on planning and move into implementation – he believes we are going in the right direction
- He thanked everyone who attended the various meetings throughout the year. Fifteen months ago we didn't have Puget Sound information in one place and now we do. Section three of the Action Agenda lays out what we need to do to get to a healthy Puget Sound by 2020 where Section 4 has the first priorities. The draft Action Agenda is a content draft, where as the final will be clearer and more of an argument for the work needed
- Over the past year we have gotten hundreds of comments on the various sections and, by the time we pull them together, we will have close to 1,000 comments on the draft Action Agenda alone

**ACTION AGENDA STATUS AND UPDATE – Martha Neuman** (See meeting materials for details.)

Martha Neuman provided an overview of the comments received on the draft to date. She reported that most comments fell within four categories:

1. Kudos on the plan,
2. Suggestions on indicators to use to track progress,
3. Clarification and technical comments to improve the plan, and
4. Miscellaneous comments.

She reported that she and David St. John will continue sorting and categorizing comments during the meeting and Angie Thomson will be taking down the public comment during the meeting.

The Council then began hearing public comment on the draft Action Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The following individual and organization representatives provided comments on the draft Action Agenda during this meeting (an audio recording of comments can be found at <http://www.tww.org> search "Puget Sound Partnership"):

- Salmon Recovery Council represented by Joe Ryan
- Puget Sound Partnership Science Panel represented by Katharine Wellman and Robert Johnston
- Association of Washington Cities represented by Paul Roberts
- Caroline Corkrain, The Land Conservancy
- David Bain, citizen
- Naki Stevens, People for Puget Sound
- Bill Angle, citizen
- John Lombard, author
- Jeff Hall, Sustainable Living Institute
- Tom Giske, Jefferson County and citizen

- Ginny Broadhurst, Director, Northwest Straits Commission
- Mike Webb, Surfrider Foundation
- Rowena Miller, League of Women Voters, for Ann Aagaard Shoreline and Wetlands chair, on behalf of the members of the League of Women Voters
- Dan Siemann, Conservation Director, National Wildlife Foundation
- Paul J. Sparks, Trout Unlimited
- Jordan Royer, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
- Cara Crookshank, Oysters for Salmon, Watershed Council, citizen activist, educator, and community organizer
- Dick Bergeron, Chimum Grange and WRIA 16-17 member
- Sally Brick, Puget Sound Fish Business
- Joan McGillion, Mayor of Burien, WRIA 9
- Amy Carey, President Preserve Our Islands
- Fred Fellerman, Friends of the Earth
- Darcy Nonemacher, American Rivers, Associate Director of Washington Water Policy
- Brad Collins, Cascade Land Conservancy, had to leave before testifying
- Mike Broili, self, had to leave before testifying but planned to send in written comments
- Andrea McFadden, citizen
- Jacqui B Miller, Executive Director, Oil Spill Advisory Committee

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Chair Ruckelshaus presented the proposed 2009 Leadership Council Meeting Schedule for Leadership Council consideration.

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of the 2009 Meeting Schedule. Martha Kongsgaard **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED** a schedule of:

- February 19 & 20, 2009
- May 27 & 28, 2009
- July 16 & 17, 2009
- September 2 & 3, 2009
- November 2 & 3, 2009

Director Dicks reported staff will be working over the weekend to finalize the Action Agenda for action on December 1. The Action Agenda approval celebration will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Seattle Aquarium. He suggested the Council not meet on December 2. The Council approved the change in schedule to cancel the December 2 meeting date from the 2008 schedule.

Chair Ruckelshaus then thanked everyone on the Leadership Council and noted he is looking forward to implementation of the Action Agenda.

**1:35 p.m. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Leadership Council Approval

  
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Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Date 2/19/09

Next Meeting:        Next meeting December 1, 2008  
                             Seattle Aquarium  
                             Seattle, Washington