

Puget Sound Leadership Council
Event Summary
Seattle Aquarium – Pier 59
1483 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington
December 1, 2008

Members Present:

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

Other Speakers:

- David Dicks, Executive Director
- Jay Manning, Director, Department of Ecology
- U.S. Senator Patty Murray
- Suzie Dicks, representing U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks
- U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee
- Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Chair
- State Representative Dave Upthegrove, 33rd Legislative District
- Michael Bogert, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior
- Elin Miller, EPA Regional Administrator

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

Action Item:

- Approve Action Agenda

11:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

This event was opened by Leadership Council Chairman Bill Ruckelshaus. He noted that today is a day of celebration. It has taken eighteen months and thousands of people to get to today's event: the adoption of the Action Agenda to restore the health of Puget Sound by 2020.

Chair Ruckelshaus then introduced the various guest speakers including: *David Dicks, Puget Sound Partnership Executive Director*, who thanked staff and everyone who has helped to make this day a possibility. He also recognized the tremendous amount of work done by Martha Neuman in managing the development of the Action Agenda. We now need to focus on implementing the plan. He showed a video on the status of Puget Sound.

Jay Manning, Director, Department of Ecology, introduced a video message from Governor Christine Gregoire, who had been called away to a meeting with President-Elect Barack Obama. He noted Governor Gregoire's continued support of and priority for the Puget Sound restoration efforts.

United States Senator Patty Murray expressed her support for the Puget Sound restoration efforts, noting current efforts such as the Northwest Straits Initiative.

Suzie Dicks, representing Congressman Norm Dicks, provided comments from the Congressman and also noted her mother's pride in seeing her son working on something that he is so passionate about.

United States Congressman Jay Inslee discussed how he was coming to this event in a new capacity as a grandfather and the need to protect and restore the Sound for future generations. Four points he made were: 1) Economic turmoil is not an excuse for inaction since actions taken to save the Sound will be eternal and will provide economic support, 2) Need to realize this is not the end but the beginning of the process, 3) The Puget Sound is linked to the health of the whole globe, and 4) Everyone needs to pitch in and work together to be successful.

Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, announced that he was in attendance to embrace the plan. He stressed that there is no partnership without the Tribes and that the Tribes are part of this effort. This is the beginning to turn the tide from previous efforts.

Washington State Representative Dave Upthegrove provided his support of the Action Agenda and noted that he doesn't want to be the generation that killed the Puget Sound. He promised that the Legislature will implement the Action Agenda. He is very committed to the work of the Action Agenda and will stay with the effort through 2020.

Michael Bogert, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior, provided a written statement from Secretary of the Interior Kempthorne providing best wishes to the Puget Sound recovery effort and completion of the Action Agenda.

Elin Miller, EPA Regional Administrator noted this is "our" Puget Sound Partnership and that it will take everyone to meet the 2020 vision of a healthy Sound. She believes the Puget Sound effort will become the national model for restoration.

After the final speaker provided comments, Chair Ruckelshaus asked the members of the Leadership Council to come forward, noting that Council member Billy Frank Jr. was unable to attend today's event.

The Chair asked the Leadership Council members if they were ready to adopt the final Action Agenda.

Martha Kongsgaard **MOVED** to approve the Action Agenda and Biennial Science Work Plan. Dan O'Neal **SECONDED** the motion. Members **APPROVED** the Action Agenda and Biennial Science Work Plan.

Chair Ruckelshaus then provided his closing comments noting that the Action Agenda will evolve over time as we learn more about how to restore the Puget Sound by 2020. The work will now begin to implement the actions provided in the Agenda.

To see the complete event go to:

<http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?EvId=2008120020>

12:30 p.m. ADJOURN

Leadership Council Approval



Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Date

2/19/09

Next Meeting: Next meeting February 19 & 20, 2009
GA Auditorium
Olympia, Washington