

Agenda Item #6

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LC Roles *</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with Governor on selection of the Executive Director (done) • Provide guidance to the Executive Director on activities of the Partnership agency (on-going) • May approve the creation of a non-profit entity to assist the Partnership (done) • Convene the ECB (done) and appoint representation (on-going) • Define geographic delineations of Action Areas (done) • Appoint Science Panel members (on-going) • Work with the SP to guide and implement the PSAMP (??) • Approve the Strategic Science Program • Serve as the Regional Salmon Recovery organization for the PS • Develop a science-based Action Agenda that leads to recovery of PS by 2020 • Adopt measures to ensure that funds appropriated for implementation of the AA are expended in a manner that will achieve the intended results <p>* See attached document for details.</p> <p><i>Are these the correct roles? Is anything missing that should be included? Do you want to clarify how these are carried out?</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LC Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication between members, staff, other PSP boards, partner agencies, and citizens • Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number per year ▪ Format ▪ Agendas, content ▪ Materials ▪ Room set-up ▪ Public comment period ▪ Meeting summaries ▪ Follow-up on assignments • Subcommittees • Action Agenda Representation • Speaking engagements • Travel reimbursement policies <p><i>Do you have feedback on how these are currently working? As an operations manual is developed, is this list comprehensive enough? Anything missing?</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interface with Other Boards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of LC members at ECB and SP meetings • Nomination and appointment processes, roles • Communication with the other boards • Science/Policy Work Groups <p><i>How is this working? What boards should be included? How do you want to use the proposed Science/Policy work groups?</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Agency Interaction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly meeting with Executive Director • Newsletter • E-clips • Contact lists <p><i>What level of interaction do you want/need? Thoughts on how to interact better?</i></p>

Leadership Council of the PS Partnership

Membership

- Seven members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate.
- The governor shall designate one of the seven members to serve as chair and a vice-chair shall be selected annually by the membership of the council.
- The initial members shall be appointed as follows:
 - Three of the initial members shall be appointed for a term of two years;
 - Two of the initial members shall be appointed for a term of three years; and
 - Two of the initial members shall be appointed for a term of four years.
- Members of the council are eligible for reappointment.
- Any member of the council may be removed by the governor for cause.
- Members whose terms expire shall continue to serve until reappointed or replaced by a new member.
- A majority of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Council decisions and actions require majority vote approval of all council members.

Members of the council shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.220 and be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

Authority

The leadership council shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) Provide leadership and have responsibility for the functions of the partnership, including adopting, revising, and guiding the implementation of the action agenda, allocating funds for Puget Sound recovery, providing progress and other reports, setting strategic priorities and benchmarks, adopting and applying accountability measures, and making appointments to the board and panel;
- (b) Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW;
- (c) Create subcommittees and advisory committees as appropriate to assist the council;
- (d) Enter into, amend, and terminate contracts with individuals, corporations, or research institutions to effectuate the purposes of the statute;
- (e) Make grants to governmental and nongovernmental entities to effectuate the purposes of the statute;

- (f) Receive such gifts, grants, and endowments, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the partnership to effectuate the purposes of the statute;
- (g) Promote extensive public awareness, education, and participation in Puget Sound protection and recovery;
- (h) Work collaboratively with the Hood Canal coordinating council established in chapter 90.88 RCW on Hood Canal-specific issues;
- (i) Maintain complete and consolidated financial information to ensure that all funds received and expended to implement the action agenda have been accounted for; and
- (j) Such other powers and duties as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of the statute.

The council may delegate functions to the chair and to the executive director, however the council may not delegate its decisional authority regarding developing or amending the action agenda.

The council shall work closely with existing organizations and all levels of government to ensure that the action agenda and its implementation are scientifically sound, efficient, and achieve necessary results to accomplish recovery of Puget Sound to health by 2020.

The council shall support, engage, and foster collaboration among watershed groups to assist in the recovery of Puget Sound.

When working with federally recognized Indian tribes to develop and implement the action agenda, the council shall conform to the procedures and standards required in a government-to-governmental relationship with tribes under the 1989 Centennial Accord between the state of Washington and the sovereign tribal governments in the state of Washington.

Roles and Responsibilities

Consults with the governor on the selection of the executive director.

Provides guidance to the executive director on the activities of the Partnership agency.

May approve the creation of a non-profit entity to assist the Partnership.

The Council shall convene the Ecosystem Coordination Board not later than October 1, 2007. It shall also appoint one representative of each Action Area to serve on the Board, and shall appoint Board members representing cities, counties, ports, business and environmental interests.

Shall define the geographic delineations of Action Areas based upon the common issues and interests of the entities in these action areas, and upon the characteristics of the Sound's physical structure, and the water flows into and within the Sound.

The Council and Science

The Council shall appoint a nine-member Puget Sound Science Panel to provide independent, nonrepresentational scientific advice to the council and expertise in identifying environmental indicators and benchmarks for incorporation into the Action Agenda.

The Council shall work with the science panel to guide and implement the Puget Sound Assessment and Monitoring Program (PSAMP).

The strategic science program, developed by the Science Panel, does not become final until approved by the Council.

Salmon Recovery

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Council shall serve as the regional salmon recovery organization for Puget Sound, except for Hood Canal summer chum which will continue to be managed under the Hood Canal Coordinating Council.

Action Agenda

- The council is accountable for achieving the action agenda. The legislature intends that all governmental entities within Puget Sound will exercise their existing authorities to implement the applicable provisions of the action agenda.
- The council shall develop a science-based action agenda that leads to the recovery of Puget Sound by 2020 and achievement of the goals and objectives.
- The council shall consult with the science panel in developing the elements of the plan.
- Identify any goals that are in addition to those listed in the statute.
- The council shall adopt the action agenda by December 1, 2008. The council shall revise the action agenda as needed, and revise the implementation strategies every two years using an adaptive management process informed by tracking actions and monitoring results in Puget Sound.
- The council may identify and attempt to resolve conflicts that interfere with the implementation of the Action Agenda.
- The council may make recommendations to the governor and legislature for local or state administrative or legislative actions to address barriers it has identified to successfully implementing the Action Agenda.

Fiscal Accountability

- The council shall adopt measures to ensure that funds appropriated for implementation of the action agenda and identified by proviso or specifically referenced in the budget are expended in a manner that will achieve the intended results.
- In developing such performance measures, the council shall establish criteria for the expenditure of the funds consistent with the responsibilities and timelines under the action agenda, and require reporting and tracking of funds expended.

- The council may adopt other measures, such as requiring interagency agreements regarding the expenditure of provided or specifically referenced Puget Sound funds.

Limitations on Authority

The partnership shall not have regulatory authority nor authority to transfer the responsibility for, or implementation of, any state regulatory program, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the legislature.

The action agenda may not create a legally enforceable duty to review or approve permits, or to adopt plans or regulations.

The action agenda may not authorize the adoption of rules under chapter 34.05 RCW creating a legally enforceable duty applicable to the review or approval of permits or to the adoption of plans or regulations.

No action of the partnership may alter the forest practices rules adopted pursuant to chapter 76.09 RCW, or any associated habitat conservation plan.

Nothing in the Partnership statute limits or alters the existing legal authority of local governments, nor does it create a legally enforceable duty upon local governments. When a local government proposes to take an action inconsistent with the action agenda, it shall inform the council and identify the reasons for taking the action. If a local government chooses to take an action inconsistent with the action agenda or chooses not to take action required by the action agenda, it will be subject to the accountability measures in this chapter which can be used at the discretion of the council.

Reports

The council is responsible for the following reports:

Funding recommendations to implement the Action Agenda. Due September 1, 2008 and each even numbered year thereafter. The version of the report due in 2008 is to include an evaluation of the long-term funding needs out to 2020.

State of the Sound Report. Due November 1, 2009 and each odd numbered year thereafter.

Review of state funding programs. By November 1, 2009 initial review and recommendations are due. By November 1, 2010, the final report is due.