

Puget Sound Leadership Council
WSU Research Center
16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, Washington
July 16 & 17, 2009

DAY 1, July 16, 2009 - Tour Day

Members on Tour:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
- Martha Kongsgaard
- Billy Frank, Jr.
- Diana Gale
- Dan O'Neal
- Steve Sakuma
- Bill Wilkerson

In the morning the Leadership Council joined the Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources (IJNR), a group of media on a tour from around the United States and British Columbia (<http://www.ijnr.org>). After the lunch stop, the Leadership Council continued on their tour of the area while the IJNR group went on to meet with the Swinomish Tribe and Skagit River System Cooperative.

Puget Sound Leadership Council
Meeting Summary

July 16 & 17, 2009
Mount Vernon, Washington

DAY 2, July 17, 2009 – Regular Meeting Day

Members Present:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
- Martha Kongsgaard
- Billy Frank, Jr.
- Diana Gale
- Dan O'Neal
- Steve Sakuma
- Bill Wilkerson

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.

Action Items:

- Approve March 31, 2009, and May 27 & 28, 2009, Meeting Summaries

Meeting Summary:

- Partnership Updates
- Federal Funding Update
- Public Outreach Update
- Performance Management Framework (Accountability) – Council Direction
- Action Agenda Implementation at the Local Scale – Council Direction
- Floodplain White Paper – Council Direction
- Leadership Council Processes and Bylaws – Council Direction and Decision

8:35 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Approval of March 31, 2009, and May 27 & 28, 2009, Meeting Summaries

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of the March and May meeting summaries as presented. Dan O'Neal **SECONDED**. The Council **APPROVED** the March and May meeting summaries as presented.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATES – David Dicks (See meeting materials for written summary)

Oil Spill Response

Michael Grayum provided progress to date on the legislative mandate. Martha Kongsgaard will be the Council point person on this topic.

Partner Designation

Michael updated the Council on his work on "partner" designation:

- The first group for designating as "partners" is state grant and loan recipients. Criteria for the "recognition partners" will be on a longer timeframe,
- Michael will meet with various groups to look at the straw proposal, and
- This issue will then be brought back to the Council at the September meeting.

Diana Gale added a parking lot issue: Foundation donors as "partners"

FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATE – Tom Eaton (See meeting materials for details.)

Tom Eaton presented information on the Environmental Protection Agency's FFY 09 competitive process. He reported that money may be used to fund any activity listed in the Action Agenda; projects do not need to be shovel-ready; funding needs to be allocated by September 2010; and the projects have 5 years for completion.

A request for comments is also posted on the EPA Web page

(http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Wetlands/help_puget_sound/).

Comments are due to EPA by July 31, 2009.

SKAGIT COUNTY WELCOME

Skagit County Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt welcomed the Council to the area and noted that the Skagit County Commissioners are supportive of the Partnership's work.

PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE – Lynda Ransley and Kristen Cooley (See meeting materials for details.)

The update included:

- *Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign*
- *The Ferry Pilot*
- *ECO Network*
- *K-12*

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ACCOUNTABILITY) – Jim Cahill, David St. John, and Mary Beth Brown (See meeting materials for details.)

Indicators:

At its July meeting the Science Panel recommended a short-list of indicators for use in the November 1 report. This short list has been combined with the Puget Sound-related indicators on the Washington Monitoring Forum's list of indicators. Staff is requesting the Council confirm the general plan for use of the proposed indicators list.

The Council was in general agreement to move forward with combined list of indicators to be used by the Performance Management Science Policy Advisory group.

The Performance Management Framework will come back before the Council at its September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Heather Trim, People for Puget Sound, reviewed a memo from the Environmental Caucus on their priorities and highest priority items. (See meeting materials for details.)

Ron Shultz, Washington State Conservation Commission, provided an update on the work of the Commission and Puget Sound Conservation Districts.

Randy Kinley, Northern Tribes, asked for the Leadership Council to be a partner with the tribes. They want to make sure the problem is solved for future generations. The Council needs to say what they want to recover to – not 150 years ago. The tribes have the best technical people available and are willing and able to assist.

ACTION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION AT THE LOCAL SCALE – Joe Ryan (See meeting materials for details.)

Diana requested the Whatcom County group come to the September meeting.

FLOODPLAIN WHITE PAPER – David St. John and Millie Judge (See meeting materials for details.)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PROCESSES AND BYLAWS – Martha Kongsgaard and Lynda Ransley (See meeting materials for details.)

Appointments

The governor reappointed to four-year terms the three members of the Leadership Council whose terms were up in June (Steve Sakuma, Diana Gale, and Dan O'Neal). The new term ends June 25, 2013. Steve suggested the Council look at a succession-planning process.

Bylaws

Martha Kongsgaard will bring draft bylaws to the Council at the September meeting.

Appointment/Reappointment Processes

The Council needs to develop a process for appointment/reappointment of Science Panel and ECB members. A draft overview of the process was provided. An executive subcommittee consisting of Chair Ruckelshaus, Martha Kongsgaard, ECB Chair Dave Somers, and Science Panel Chair Joel Baker will work on development of the processes.

Tribal Coordination

Bill Wilkerson was concerned with Randy Kinley's public comments and would like to suggest a formal structure for the Leadership Council to meet with the Fish Commission. He volunteered to be the Leadership Council point person for this.

2010 Meeting Schedule

Diana asked Tammy to start working on the 2010 meeting schedule for adoption at the September meeting.

Partnership Vision – Mission

Chair Ruckelshaus introduced the draft Vision, Mission, and Goals statement that was drafted by the Leadership Council and then revised with input from the staff.

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of the Puget Sound Partnership Vision, Mission, and Goals. Martha Kongsgaard **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED** the Vision and Mission presented by staff with revised wording in vision statement with understanding this will be revisited in one year.

3:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Parking Lot Items

Diana Gale added a parking lot issue: Foundation donors as "partners"
Steve Sakuma suggested the Council look at a succession-planning process when developing bylaws.

Leadership Council Approval



Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

Date 9/2/09

Next Meeting:

September 2 & 3, 2009, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington