

PugetSoundPartnership

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Proposed Action: Information only.

Summary: During the September Leadership Council meeting I will be briefing you on three agenda items:

1. The process for developing agency request legislation
2. Progress update regarding Puget Sound Partner Designation
3. The Puget Sound Partnership's new responsibilities for making recommendations to improve Washington's oil spill programs

For Your Review:

To prepare you for these briefings, enclosed is the timeline for developing agency request legislation and the statutory direction regarding partner designation and program improvements for oil spill protection and response.

Staff Recommendation:

The goal for the legislative briefing is to share with you our process and timeline, and work with a subgroup of the Leadership Council to participate in the process. If any of you has an interest in working on the details associated with the development of our legislative agenda, we welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Partner Designation Legislative Requirement

RCW 90.71.340

(3) The partnership shall work with other state agencies providing grant and loan funds or other financial assistance for projects and activities that impact the health of the Puget Sound ecosystem under chapters 43.155, 70.105D, 70.146, 77.85, 79.105, 79A.15, 89.08, and 90.50A RCW to, within the authorities of the programs, develop consistent funding criteria that prohibits funding projects and activities that are in conflict with the action agenda.

(4) The partnership shall develop a process and criteria by which entities that consistently achieve outstanding progress in implementing the action agenda are designated as Puget Sound partners. State agencies shall work with the partnership to revise their grant, loan, or other financial assistance allocation criteria to create a preference for entities designated as Puget Sound partners for funds allocated to the Puget Sound basin, pursuant to RCW 43.155.070, 70.105D.070, 70.146.070, 77.85.130, 79.105.150, 79A.15.040, 89.08.520, and 90.50A.040. This process shall be developed on a timeline that takes into consideration state grant and loan funding cycles.

Oil Spill Legislative Requirement

2009 Operating Budget, HB 1244, section 311, pg. 119

NEW SECTION. Sec. 311. FOR THE PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP

1 (1) \$305,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
2 year 2010 is provided solely for measuring water and habitat quality to
3 determine watershed health and assist salmon recovery.
4 (2) \$896,000 of the state toxics control account--state
5 appropriation is provided solely for activities that contribute to
6 Puget Sound protection and recovery, including provision of independent
7 advice and assessment of the state's oil spill prevention,
8 preparedness, and response programs, including review of existing
9 activities and recommendations for any necessary improvements. The
10 partnership may carry out this function through an existing committee,
11 such as the ecosystem coordination board or the leadership council, or
12 may appoint a special advisory council. Because this is a unique
13 statewide program, the partnership may invite participation from
14 outside the Puget Sound region.

Puget Sound State Legislative Priorities Process and Timeline

July

- Internal solicitation of Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) programs for potential legislation for the 2010 session.
- Ecosystem Coordination Board reviews policy recommendations in Action Agenda.
- Ecosystem Coordination Board develops “BOLD Actions.”
- Ecosystem Coordination Board members consult with their caucus about potential policy initiatives and partner opportunities with PSP for 2010.

August

- PSP summarizes Action Agenda policy recommendations.
- PSP programs submit legislative proposals to Executive Management.
- PSP hears back from Ecosystem Coordination Board members about policy initiatives of interest to their caucuses.

September

- PSP develops summation of 2010 Puget Sound Legislative Priorities and shares with the Ecosystem Coordination Board, Salmon Recovery Council and Leadership Council.
- Submit agency request legislative proposals without fiscal impact to Governor’s Office, September 28, 2009.
- Legislative Committee Assembly Days, Sept. 30-Oct. 2
(brief targeted legislators on Puget Sound Legislative Priorities)

October

- Submit agency request legislative proposals with fiscal impact to Governor’s Office, October 9, 2009.

December

- Legislative Committee Assembly Days, December 3-4
- Bill sponsors sign legislative proposals.
- Pre-file Puget Sound Legislative Priorities.

January - March

- Beginning of 61st Legislative session,
January 11th – March 11th