

The following are concepts for agency request legislation we are planning to propose to the Governor for consideration for 2010 legislative session.

1. Protecting nearshore habitat by requesting a moratorium on new shoreline hardening and overwater structures in the vicinity of feeder bluffs and spawning areas. The legislation would also propose a collaborative process to improve the Shoreline Management Act. The goals would be to stop the current loss of shoreline habitat, align the SMA with the Action Agenda, and develop recommendations to support local governments by providing the necessary resources to limit shoreline armoring and update Shoreline Master Programs (Action Agenda, Near-term Action A.2.7). *PSP would propose joint agency request legislation with the Department of Ecology and/or Department of Fish and Wildlife.*
2. Prevent the largest source of copper—brake pads—from continuing to contaminate streams, rivers and coastal waters and negatively affect the food chains of entire ecosystems. Freshwater quality is impaired in local streams from the metals and hydrocarbons that wash from roads and parking lots. We plan to propose legislation that would effectively eliminate copper from all automobile brakes sold in Washington, while also creating an achievable goal and equitable playing field for the highly competitive brake manufacturing industry. Chemical substitutions, cradle to cradle management of products with hazardous materials and chemicals, the reduction and reuse of materials, and incentives for research, phase-out of harmful chemicals and products, and development and use of safer chemical alternatives and products is a specified priority in the Action Agenda (Action Agenda, Near-term Action C.1.1.4 and C1.1.5). *PSP would propose joint agency request legislation with the Department of Ecology.*
3. Protect intact upland habitat and open space by encouraging greater density in urban areas. Introduce legislation that would use development incentives to increase and improve redevelopment within urban growth areas by allowing cities to do programmatic environmental impact statements and ensuring they have the necessary resources through cost recovery and other essential mechanisms (Action Agenda, Near-Term Action A.2.2.8). *PSP would propose joint agency request legislation with the Department of Commerce.*

4. Protect marine and estuary habitat by incorporating recommendations to coordinate and strengthen the multiple marine managed areas maintained by state and local governments into the Puget Sound Action Agenda. The Puget Sound Partnership is currently working with the Marine Managed Areas Work Group chaired by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop recommendations to improve the effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) by December 2009. We are planning to propose legislation to implement the policy recommendations developed by the Marine Managed Areas Work Group, some of which will be similar to concepts proposed in SB 6307 in 2008 (Action Agenda, Near-Term Action A.2.1.3 & A.2.4). *PSP would propose joint agency request legislation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.*
  
5. Effectively manage and improve water quality health by decreasing the loadings of pollutants before they enter Puget Sound's surface and groundwater by requiring low impact stormwater management techniques on new State development projects. The goal is to reduce stormwater runoff and protect ecosystem health by creating a similar playing field that currently exists for new federal projects for all state projects that meet this threshold for size. The Puget Sound Partnership will propose a low impact development (LID) legislative standard for State facilities that is technically equivalent to what was exists at the federal level for federal facilities. The proposal would require the sponsor of any development or redevelopment project involving a State facility with a footprint that exceeds 5,000 square feet to use site planning, design, construction, and maintenance strategies for the property to maintain or restore, to the maximum extent technically feasible, the predevelopment hydrology of the property with regard to the temperature, rate, volume, and duration of flow (Action Agenda, Near-Term Action A.1.3 C.1.1.3, & C.2.2). *PSP would propose joint agency request legislation with the Department of Transportation and Department of General Administration.*