

Puget Sound Leadership Council  
Meeting Summary  
Puget Sound Regional Council Board Room  
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, Washington  
November 2, 2009

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Members Present:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
  - Martha Kongsgaard
  - Diana Gale
  - Dan O'Neal
  - Steve Sakuma
  - Bill Wilkerson
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*It is intended that this summary be used along with notebook materials provided for the meeting.  
A recording of this meeting is retained by Puget Sound Partnership as the formal record.*

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Action Items:

- Approve October 8, 2009, Meeting Summary
- Appoint Science Panel Members
- Approve Executive Director Work Plan

Meeting Summary:

- Agency Update
- State of the Sound Report
- Tribal Capacity Funding
- 2010 Legislative Strategy
- 2010 Supplemental Budget

**CALL TO ORDER – Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair**

Chair Ruckelshaus called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for the day.

**AGENCY UPDATE AND WORK PLAN APPROVAL – David Dicks**

David Dicks provided an update on what has happened with Puget Sound Partnership since the last meeting. (See written report for details.)

Highlights included:

- Interviewing for the Performance Management manager position next week. The goal is to get the Performance Management system completed by May 2010
- The State is going into a new legislative session with a \$1.7 billion state budget short fall

- There may be some capital project money available for project funding. Joe Ryan's team is working with local entities to develop a list of projects for funding if the money comes through
- Joe Ryan provided an update on the local integration work
  - Habitat restoration work has been going extremely well
  - Habitat protection and reducing pollution work is not as evident – staff is working with local communities on shoreline master program changes and will be completed in the next year or two

Chair discussed the importance of the local integration work Joe's team is doing, natural resource reform work, and need to look at ways to integrate efforts and look for efficiencies.

Bill Wilkerson noted the need to recognize the successes. If we are doing well on restoration efforts then we need to start telling the story. He also asked for a list of projects and activities watershed by watershed that have been funded. He would like to know where the stimulus money went. Joe said he would get the project list to the Council.

To assist the Leadership Council in communicating what the Partnership is doing, Diana Gale would like to have the top three or four actions highlighted at the top of the monthly update report.

Bill Wilkerson provided an update on the work with the Tribes. He and others have been meeting with different tribes over the last couple months and a tribal work group has been established. It is important that we are communicating with the tribes and everyone knows who to communicate with (he and Martha Kongsgaard are the points for the Leadership Council). He believes the Partnership needs a tribe-by-tribe strategy and the work group will be working on this.

David noted that communications manager, Frank Mendizabal is now on staff and will be working on better ways to get information. Frank will be presenting the Leadership Council with a communication plan shortly.

The work plan was not ready for Leadership Council approval at this meeting. A revised version will be provided to the Leadership Council in the next day or two and approved at the next meeting.

**STATE OF THE SOUND REPORT – Jim Cahill** (See meeting materials for details.)

Jim Cahill provided an overview of the draft State of the Sound and the plan for finalization of this document. He noted that the Report has two attachments: the Science Panel's comments on progress implementing the 2008 Action Agenda and the State Grant and Loan Report. The State Grant and Loan Report provides the work

being done with state agencies on aligning work to fit with the Action Agenda, this is an interim report with the final report due in 2010.

After this meeting the Leadership Council will be provided two weeks for final review of the State of the Sound Report. After receiving Leadership Council comments, staff will revise and release the Report.

The Council discussed the need to get more in synch in the future with the various reports (Puget Sound Science Update, State of the Sound, etc.) and possible need for statutory changes. The Council feels that it is important that the statute reflect how we are trying to do the work and to align the processes.

### **2010 BUDGET UPDATE – Jim Cahill** (See meeting notebook for details.)

Jim provided an update on the current budget status and the supplemental budget request memo:

- Staff will work with EPA to explain how the first \$20 million in federal funding was distributed since all this funding didn't come to the Partnership
- As noted earlier, there will possible be capital funds available for projects and staff will be providing a list of projects to the governor's office for funding consideration

The Leadership Council would like an agency budget status report provided at future meetings.

David reported that the \$50 million in federal funding provided for implementing the Action Agenda is not for the Partnership. He will provide the Council with the federal budget language.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Nels Sultan, PND Consulting*, informed the Partnership on nearshore habitat restoration ideas that his company has developed. He would hope as the Council develops opportunities they are open to working with innovative and new ideas such as his company's proposal.

Chair Ruckelshaus asked if this information has been presented to the Puget Sound Nearshore Estuary Restoration Program (PSNERP) yet? They have not presented to this group yet but it is on the list of groups to talk to. They have talked to the Port of Seattle.

*Dave Peeler, new Programs Director for People for Puget Sound*, introduced himself. He use to work for Ecology and recently took over the position previously held by Naki Stevens. He reported that People for Puget Sound is working on its legislative strategy

and will have overlap with what the Partnership is putting forward. He attended the Performance Management cross partnership work group meeting and felt it was a good meeting. He would like to know what the other cross partnership work groups are working on. He also agrees with Jim Cahill's comment on how hard it is to track the funding in the Puget Sound and would be happy to help with development of a new state budget system.

**TRIBAL CAPACITY FUNDING – Chris Townsend** (See meeting notebook for details.)

Chris Townsend was delayed in getting to the meeting so Bill Wilkerson provided the overview of the proposed Tribal resolution. He noted the Resolution has been completed but the tribes have not had the opportunity to see the final Resolution language. There is no disagreement on the substance and his recommendation is to vote for the Resolution even with the process gap and he will work with the tribes to get a process in place for any future proposals. He apologized to the tribes in attendance at the meeting for not getting this out for their review prior to this meeting.

The Resolution is a recommendation to provide capacity funding for the tribes to do work on the Puget Sound, not just for attending meetings but also project and data work.

Randy Kinley came forward noting that he believes the tribes will be supportive of the Resolution but the process was missing. He supported having the Council vote on the Resolution at this meeting.

Diana asked if there are tribes that aren't federally recognized that should be included.

Terry Wright noted that both the Snohomish and Samish Tribes are not part of the Northwest Indian Fish Commission but are federally recognized. There are other tribes that are not federally recognized but these tribes aren't putting forward projects for Partnership funding at this time.

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of Leadership Council Resolution 2009-01 *Regarding Funding for Tribes to Participate in Puget Sound Recovery Policy, Planning, and Implementation Efforts*. Martha Kongsgaard **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED**.

The tribal work group will set up processes and meetings with the various tribes, as each tribe will have unique needs and requirements.

**OCTOBER 8, 2009, MEETING SUMMARY**

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of the October 8 Leadership Council meeting summary as presented. Steve Sakuma **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED** the meeting summary as presented.

### **2010 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Bill Wilkerson **MOVED** approval of the 2010 Leadership Council meeting schedule.  
Diana Gale **SECONDED**. The Council **APPROVED** a 2010 meeting schedule of:

- January 28, 2010
- March 25, 2010
- April 29 & 30, 2010
- May 20, 2010
- June 24, 2010
- July 29 & 30, 2010
- September 16 & 17, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- November 18 & 19, 2010
- December 2, 2010

### **2010 LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY UPDATE – Michael Grayum** (See notebook handout for details.)

Michael Grayum reviewed the proposed legislative concepts revised after Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) input at its October 14 meeting. After stakeholder and ECB input, staff revised the list of proposals. The three that rose to the top of the list include: protecting nearshore habitats, preventing the largest source of copper – brake pads, and requiring low impact development on new State development projects. This list doesn't include bills that haven't been presented in past sessions and HB1614 may still move forward. The Governor will be making her decision on governor request legislation later in November. The Governor's budget will be out in December and then the 60-day session will start in January. There will be a very narrow window to move things forward. Last year Michael tracked all the bills and sent updates to the Council.

The Council discussed the ways to move forward with legislation but will wait to see which proposals the governor is supporting before deciding how to provide support.

David reminded the Council that legislation moves very fast and sometime decisions need to be made in minutes. This makes it hard for staff to bring back to the Council for decisions.

In the future, the Council would like a process for developing legislative priorities for Governor consideration. The Governor can decide what she advances and the Council can decide if they want to pursue independent recommendations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chair**

Chair Ruckelshaus reported that three of the Science Panel members' terms will expire on November 10. At this meeting the Leadership Council is scheduled to appoint the new members and will recess into an executive session to review personnel issues around the selection of the new Science Panel members. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. and would reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Ruckelshaus reconvened the meeting and reviewed the process that was used to get to the slate of candidates and the recommendation by the Science Panel to add additional members to the Panel. The Leadership Council will add one new member at this time bringing the total number of Science Panel members to ten.

Of the three Panel members whose terms expire, only Bob Johnston applied for reappointment. Guy Gelfenbaum and Frank Shipley will be recognized for their time on the Panel at a later date.

Diana Gale **MOVED** to approve a slate of four candidates to get the Panel to ten members this year and to add an additional member in 2010 for a total of eleven Panel members. The slate includes:

- Bob Johnston
- Joe Gaydos
- William Labiosa
- Tom Leschine

Martha Kongsgaard **SECONDED** the motion. The Council **APPROVED**. The first meeting of the new Panel members will be November 17 & 18, 2009.

The Leadership Council will be creating a recognition process for the outgoing Science Panel members.

Chair Ruckelshaus recognized the good work done by Joel Baker and Jan Newton as the Science Panel chair and vice-chair since the Panel was formed in 2008. On January 1, 2010 Joel will become the vice chair and Tim Quinn chair.

**2:30 p.m. ADJOURN**

Leadership Council Approval

  
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Bill Ruckelshaus, Chair

  
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Next Meeting: January 28, 2010  
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge  
Olympia