

Puget Sound Partnership
Overview of 2010 Action Agenda, Performance Management, and State Budget
Estimates Next Steps
Prepared for January 28, 2010 Leadership Council meeting

Briefing Objectives

- Discuss conceptual Action Agenda performance, review and adaptive inputs, outputs and schedule
- Be familiar with work to be completed in 2010 and decisions that will be requested

Background

The Partnership's enabling statute requires the Leadership Council to undertake significant responsibilities related to performance management and accountability. These include:

1. Providing progress reports (RCW 90.71. 230 (a))
2. Setting strategic priorities and benchmarks (RCW 90.71. 230 (a))
3. Adopting and Applying accountability measures (RCW 90.71. 230 (a))
4. Maintain complete and consolidated financial information (RCW 90.71. 230 (i))
5. Involving the public and implementing entities, develop standards and processes to determine whether implementing entities are taking actions consistent and in compliance with the Action Agenda (RCW 90.71. 350)

In addition, state agencies responsible for implementing the Action Agenda are to provide to the Partnership by June 1 of each even-numbered year their estimates of the actions and the budget needed in the forthcoming biennium to implement their portion of the Action Agenda. State agencies are also required to work with the Partnership in developing biennial budget requests to achieve consistency with the Action Agenda and to be submitted to the Governor for consideration in the biennial budget process (RCW 90.71.320).

To meet these requirements the Partnership began developing a performance framework in 2009 using the Open Standards for Conservation. Many stakeholders, including tribes, government agencies, and interest groups participated in development and review of interim work products. The Partnership also collected financial information on state agency estimated budgets to implement Near Term Actions in the Action Agenda as it completed the 2009 State of the Sound report.

2010 work

In 2010, the Partnership plans to further develop significant portions of the performance management system with six related products. These are:

1. **Finalize a list of ecosystem components.** This work is needed to help conducting the threat ratings, select ecosystem reporting indicators, and set ecosystem outcome targets.

2. **Finalize the groupings of Puget Sound threats:** This work is needed so that the Partnership can select threats for which to develop threat reduction objectives and targets.
3. **Develop a short list of threat reduction objectives with targets and benchmarks for several important threats to the Puget Sound ecosystem (number needs to be determined).** This work will also include completing the results chains started in 2009.
4. **Set performance measures for 2009-11 Near-Term Actions:**
5. **Provide state agency budget and cost estimating guidance:** This will include
 - a. Guidance to state agencies so that budgets and decision packages for the 2011-13 biennium are directed toward the ecosystem components, achieving the threat reduction objectives, and high priority threat groups. Other agencies can use this information as well.
 - a. Information on how to prepare cost estimates for the Action Agenda per RCW 90.71.320
 - b. Other Information specific to 2011-13 State budget preparation

Products from this work will also used to:

1. Systematically show the links between budgets, planning, research, and actions to inform setting priorities and allocating resources to most effectively reduce threats and improve the condition of Puget Sound.
2. Provide information necessary to guide future revisions to the Action Agenda
3. Help justify agency programs, approaches and budgets related to Puget Sound recovery to OFM, the Governor's Office, the state legislature, and the EPA.
4. Provide interim reports to the Partnership's Leadership Council on progress in implementing near term actions.
5. Complete the 2011 State of the Sound Report.

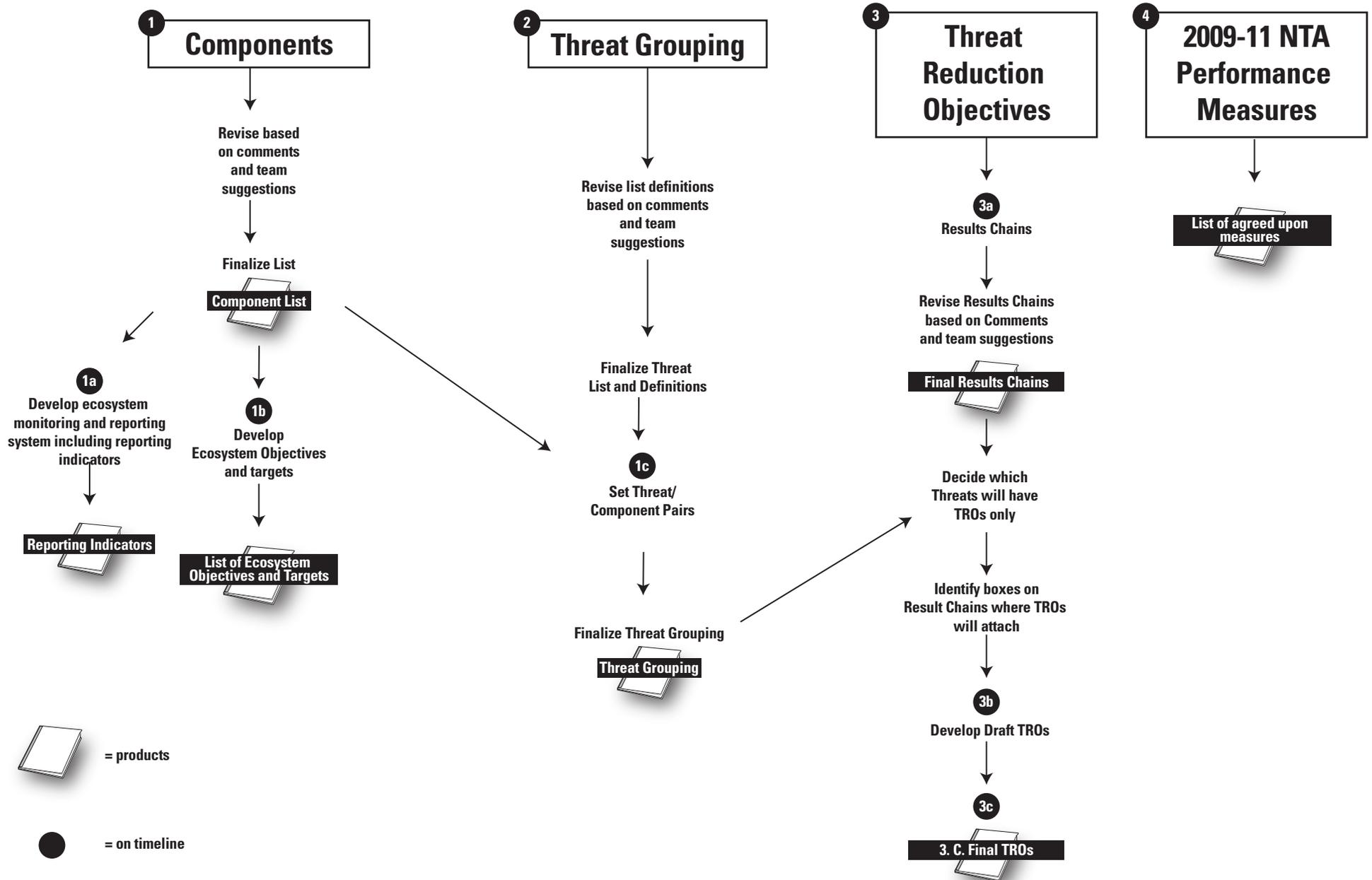
Leadership Council roles, process, and timeline

In 2010, the Leadership will be asked to make several near- and longer-term decisions on:

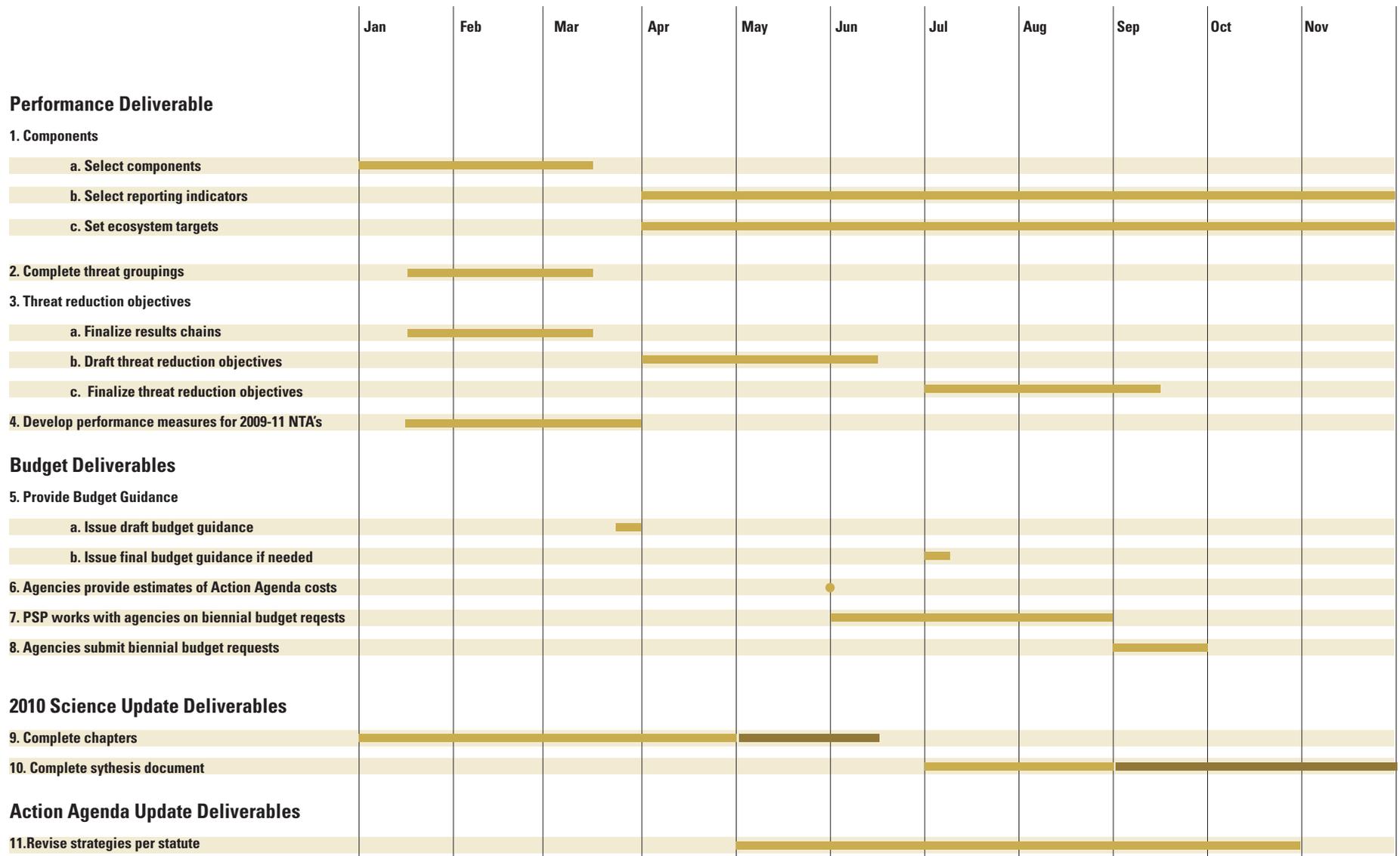
- a. Agreement to use the list of ecosystem components, guidance which ecosystem components for which to develop objectives and targets, and eventual approval of targets
- b. The groupings of threats to Puget Sound, guidance on which threats for which to develop threat reduction objectives and targets, and approval of threat reduction objectives and targets.

Participation in the Cross-Partnership work groups is very important. Recommendations about the components and the final threat groupings will be discussed at the March Leadership Council meeting. Work on the threat reduction objectives will begin in earnest starting in April. Staff anticipates that the Leadership Council will discuss drafts threat reduction objectives in June and make a final decision in September. Ecosystem targets will be ideally be decided upon by the end of the 2010.

2010 Performance Management Products and Work Flow



2010 Timeline for Action Agenda, Performance Management System and Budget Guidance Next Steps



Action Agenda Assessment and Adaptation Conceptual Approach

Inputs

- *State of the Sound 20XX*
- *Action Agenda 20XX: priorities, strategies and actions, incorporating revisions to the previous version(s)*

- *Current Open Standards application products: components/ attributes, threat definitions and ratings/tiers, action outputs, threat reduction objectives, component objectives*
- *Science synthesis document (this could be post-2010 iterations of the Science Update)*
- *Monitoring program products: addressing action outputs, threat objectives, component objectives*
- *Current reporting Indicators (distinguished from the broader set of components, attributes, or indicators being tracked)*
- *Action Tracking results*

Process

**Action
Agenda
performance
assessment**

Outputs

- *State of the Sound 20XX+2*
- *Action Agenda 20XX+2: priorities, strategies and actions, incorporating revisions to the previous version(s)*
- *Biennial Science Work Plan 20XX+2*
- *Budget guidance*
- *Program guidance*

Cross-Partnership Work Group Structure

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Proposed Membership

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Science Panel: Trina Wellman, Bill Labiosa, (alt. Tom Leschine)

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Science Panel: Jan Newton, Bob Johnston, (alt. Joe Gaydos)

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Proposed Membership

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Science Panel: John Stark, Joel Baker (alt. Bob Johnston)

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