

**Policy Implications for the Action Agenda from the Puget Sound Science Update
Background for Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting Agenda Item
July 8, 2010**

Partnership staff and consultants are in the final stages of completing the initial version of the Puget Sound Science Update. This science document is called for by the Partnership's statute (RCW 90.71.290), and will serve as the state-of-the-science document supporting the work of the Puget Sound Partnership to restore and protect the Puget Sound ecosystem. It will be a comprehensive reporting and analysis of science related to the ecosystem-scale protection and restoration of Puget Sound.

To ensure that the findings of the Update inform decisions about the strategies being pursued to achieve the recovery of Puget Sound, the Science Panel and Partnership staff will be developing a short document, based on the Update, that distills the key implications of the update for aspects of the Action Agenda including implementation, priority setting, distribution of resources, work planning, and adaptation of strategies in Action Agenda

The desired outcomes for this agenda item include establishing a shared understanding of how the policy implications of the Puget Sound Science Update will be identified and getting feedback from the ECB on the scope and substance of a document that will present those policy implications.