

**ECB North Central Action Area Representative
Appointment
Agenda Item #01B**

Prepared by: Tammy Owings

Approved by: Director

Proposed Action: Decision

Summary: The North Central Action Area representative position on the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) is currently vacant.

The Council will be asked to appoint the new North Central Action Area representative during its November 19, 2010, Leadership Council meeting.

Background: On September 20, 2010, a solicitation was posted for nominations for the ECB North Central Action Area representative position. The closing date was October 25, 2010. One application was received along with several letters of support for this candidate.

At its November 19 meeting, the Leadership Council will be asked to appoint Linda Berry-Maraist to the position during the public meeting.

Attachments

- Solicitation document
- Application materials
- Letters of support

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Call for Applications for Nomination to the Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board

ACTION AREA REPRESENTATIVE POSITION – North Central Puget Sound

September 20, 2010

The Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council is seeking nominations for one appointment to the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB). This appointment will be used to fill the North Central Puget Sound Action Area Representative vacancy.

The Partnership is a dynamic organization charged with taking a collaborative and accountable approach to accomplishing its mission. It relies on the contributions of a variety of entities, including state, local, federal and tribal governments, community and environmental organizations, businesses, watershed and salmon recovery groups. The Partnership's work will require creativity, innovation and a wide variety of tools and approaches to engage the public, track performance and guide progress, disseminate information to stakeholders, manage data and work collaboratively with individuals and groups throughout the region.

The Partnership is guided by the Leadership Council, consisting of seven individuals committed to the environmental and economic prosperity of Puget Sound. As the decision-making body for the Partnership, the Council depends on the Ecosystem Coordination Board to provide policy recommendations and the Science Panel to provide the scientific guidance needed to reach the goals set forth in the Action Agenda.

The Ecosystem Coordination Board is an integral link between the Leadership Council and the work being carried out in Puget Sound. The ECB is also key in communicating the implementation work and educational activities to the broader public and to policy decision makers around the Sound.

The Puget Sound Partnership was established as a state agency by the 2007 Legislature and the Governor to develop and implement an aggressive action agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020.

More information on the Partnership is available at our Web site:
<http://www.psp.wa.gov>.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2010. Please see the details below.

Overview of the Ecosystem Coordination Board

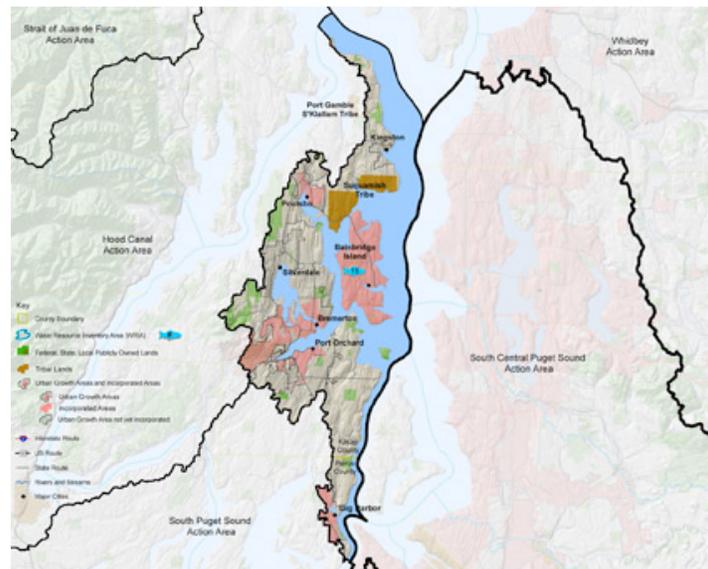
The statute establishing the ECB requires the appointment of one representative from each of the Action Areas identified by the Leadership Council. The representative is to be appointed by the Leadership Council, and the Council is to solicit nominations from, at a minimum, counties, cities, and watershed groups within the Action Area. Watershed groups are defined to include:

“ . . . all groups sponsoring or administering watershed programs, including but not limited to local governments, private sector entities, watershed planning units, watershed councils, shellfish protection areas, regional fisheries enhancement groups, marine resource committees including those working with the Northwest Straits Commission, nearshore groups, and watershed lead entities.”

The Action Area this solicitation pertains to is the North Central Puget Sound Action Area designation which is described as:

The North Central Puget Sound Action Area includes the Kitsap peninsula portion of WRIA 15 that drains to the main basin of Puget Sound. (Does not include areas that drain to South Sound and Hood Canal.)

The eastern boundary of this Action Area is the King-Kitsap county line.



The Action Area representative's responsibilities include the following:

- Assist the Leadership Council and Executive Director in carrying out the obligations of the Puget Sound Partnership, including implementing and updating the Action Agenda;
- Assisting cities, counties, ports, tribes, watershed groups, and other government and private organizations in the compilation of local programs for consideration for inclusion in the Action Agenda;
- Upon request of the Council, reviewing and making recommendations regarding activities, projects, and programs proposed for inclusion in revisions to the Action Agenda, including assessing existing ecosystem scale management, restoration and protection plan elements, activities, projects, and programs;

- Seeking public and private funding and commitment of other resources for plan implementation;
- Assisting the Council in conducting public education activities regarding threats to Puget Sound and about local implementation strategies to support the Action Agenda;
- Recruiting the active involvement of and encouraging the collaboration and communication among governmental and nongovernmental entities, the private sector, and citizens working to achieve the recovery of Puget Sound;
- Compiling and assessing ecosystem scale management, restoration, and protection plans for the Puget Sound basin to contribute to implementation of the Action Agenda; and
- Convening agency managers in an attempt to reconcile conflicts or disputes among ecosystem scale projects or programs, with the objective of advancing the protection and recovery of Puget Sound.

Anticipated Time Commitment for Board Members

ECB members should expect to commit approximately 20 hours per month. The Action Area representatives may require additional time for Action Area specific activities. The Action Area representative will be working with Partnership staff to assist in convening the local groups who will be working to accomplish various tasks, particularly the implementation of the Action Agenda. The initial term for this position will end June 30, 2015. There are no term limits.

Compensation

ECB members shall serve without compensation however, except for federal and state employees, members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

Criteria for Action Area Representatives

- The Action Area representative to the ECB should be familiar with a broad range of entities within the Action Area and have a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with these groups,
- Demonstrated capacity (i.e., available time, appropriate networks) to represent the Action Area and/or convene or participate in meetings of various groups in the Action Area,
- Experience in and commitment to interest-based negotiation and collaborative problem-solving,
- Commitment to community-based action,
- Exceptional communication skills,
- Understanding of ecosystem processes and ecosystem-scale planning.
- Experience and expertise in science, management, policy development, law, and/or advocacy related to one or more of the following:
 - Relationships among human health, quality of life, and ecosystem services
 - Puget Sound native species, food webs, and biodiversity
 - Puget Sound-relevant habitats and habitat-forming processes
 - Water quality and sediment quality
 - Education and public involvement
 - Public-private administration

- Endorsement from others in the Action Area for representation on the Board.

Process for Appointment of the North Central Puget Sound Action Area Representative on the ECB

The Partnership is seeking nominations for the North Central Puget Sound Action Area representative on the ECB. Self-nominations are encouraged. Partnership staff will evaluate all nominations to ensure that they meet the selection criteria provided above. Staff will evaluate the applicants using evaluation criteria and provide the top names to the Leadership Council. The Council will make the final appointment of the Action Area representative.

Nomination Process

There are two options for application of a candidate for consideration by the Partnership:

1 **Self-nomination:** Candidates interested in submitting themselves for consideration as the North Central Puget Sound Action Area representative on the ECB must submit a cover letter and resume. The cover letter should indicate why the candidate is interested in this position and how the candidate meets the criteria identified above (up to 2 pages). Candidates must also submit contact information for three individuals associated with the North Central Puget Sound Action Area who support their nomination.

2 **Nominate a candidate:** To submit the name of an individual for consideration as the North Central Puget Sound Action Area representative on the ECB, a letter of support for the candidate indicating how he/she meets the criteria listed above must be submitted (up to 3 pages). In addition, contact information for two additional individuals from the Action Area who support the nomination of the candidate. Contact information for the candidate must be included.

Application Submittal Guidelines

Submit electronic or hard copies of materials described above by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010** to:

Puget Sound Partnership
Ecosystem Coordination Board
Attn: Tammy Owings
Box 40900
Olympia WA 98504-0900
Applications@psp.wa.gov

An email will be sent confirming that the information has been received.

For questions on the ECB appointment process, please contact Tammy Owings, Puget Sound Partnership at (360) 464-1229; email at tammy.owings@psp.wa.gov

Linda Berry-Maraist
17960 Fjord Drive NE
Poulsbo, WA 98370
October 20, 2010

Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board
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RE: North Central Puget Sound Action Area Representative to ECB

Dear Tammy,

I would like to be considered for the North Central Action Area representative position to the Ecosystem Coordination Board. I am a Poulsbo Council member, an architect with an education in planning and have long held an interest in progressive approaches to the built environment that decrease human impacts. One of the reasons I ran for Council was a frustration with regulations that make doing the "right" thing, unnecessarily difficult and my desire to make low impact development not just possible, but easy. I had tried unsuccessfully to get an LID project permitted through Poulsbo. Though not a scientist, as an architect my professional role has been to understand and integrate technical issues, regulatory requirements, financial realities and a clients' goals, to create a balanced and achievable project. I also have many years of experience in developing collaborative community partnerships and have led a wide variety of grassroots community efforts. I believe my experience in both following and creating local regulations and my familiarity with the financial and political challenges of local government, will contribute to the work of the ECB.

I worked in private sector Architecture firms for 18 years on projects ranging from hospitals, colleges, multi-family and very high end custom homes to a homeless women's shelter. I was elected to the Poulsbo Council in 2007 but have been a long time civic volunteer. Prior to running for Council I served on the Poulsbo Planning Commission and was an active participant in developing our Critical Area Ordinance and Planned Residential Development ordinance. Since I came on Council, Poulsbo has completed our Comprehensive Plan, adopted Low Impact Design standards, adopted regulations to encourage (and make easy) residential rain garden retrofits, completed extensive LID road projects, adopted a restoration plan for our primary salmon stream and revised our road standards. We are currently working on our Shoreline Master Plan update, a trail and bike plan that is integrated with transit and parking changes which will include reduced parking standards.

Eleven years ago I was asked by our former Mayor to represent Poulsbo on the newly formed Kitsap Public Facilities District. As an original board member and later Board Chair, I helped form the direction of this very effective but low profile junior taxing district which took the unusual approach of working exclusively through partnerships and keeping our organizational costs to a minimum. The KPFD promoted shared use of facilities, sought creative cost effective solutions, and leveraged public funding by developing both multi-jurisdictional and public-private partnerships. While owning nothing and with just one 1/2 time staff member, we were the catalyst for 3 large regional construction projects, leveraging our roughly \$14 million dollar investment to nearly triple the impact.

I currently serve on the board of the North Kitsap Trails Association, chairing the Trail Plan committee and working with the National Park Service, Kitsap County, a major private land owner, tribes and local communities to lead the effort to plan a regional trail system that will connect the entire north end of Kitsap County. Our volunteer efforts support the potential of the NK Legacy Partnership, an ambitious vision led by Commissioner Steve Bauer and Jon Rose of Olympic Property Group. This proposal could protect 7,000 acres and 1.5 miles of shoreline as permanent, protected public open space, wildlife habitat and trails. As a community volunteer I also led community efforts on school and local issues as well as a park revitalization effort that united neighbors, numerous civic groups and businesses to design, fund and build a much needed playground in just eight months.

As a Council member, I have represented Poulsbo on all the regional boards on transportation, taking an active role in transportation planning efforts at the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council as well as participating in regional coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Also on both the local and regional levels, I have spent the last two years actively engaged in trail and non-motorized transportation efforts and have participated in everything from Poulsbo's trail plan to County, multi-County and state wide discussions.

Though very recently appointed to the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, I participated in the regional workshops of the Puget Sound Partnership and have been regularly attending the West Sound Watershed Council meetings. I have begun planning efforts for a regional discussion focusing on Liberty Bay and urban issues, to present new USGS research and share information from the Health department's septic system and boat monitoring, the Liberty Bay Foundation and other research. Poulsbo is planning to host a County wide forum for local jurisdictions to share our LID projects early next year. I have a very strong interest in working toward solutions that address the environmental impact of our existing communities and help us to best strategically spend our limited dollars to improve the health of Puget Sound.

Thank you for considering my application for this position.

Sincerely,

Linda Berry-Maraist

References:

Kitsap County Commissioner Steve Bauer (360) 337-7146 sbauer@co.kitsap.wa.us
Representative Christine Rolfes (360) 786-7842 rolfes.christine@leg.wa.gov
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Patty Charnas, Manager Environmental Programs for Kitsap Co. DCD (360) 337-4558
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Linda Berry-Maraist

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Education **Master of Architecture, University of Oregon 1986**
B.A. Stanford University 1982, Urban Studies (Planning)

Registration **Washington State Architect, License # 6560**

Public Service/Leadership

- **Poulsbo City Councilmember: 2008-current**
Council Committees: Chaired Public Works and Community Services, CIP
City Committees and focus: Dogfish Creek Restoration, Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Management Plan, LID, Parking, TDM (Traffic calming), Noll Road Corridor Planning, Road Standards.
Regional Boards:
Transportation: KRCC Transportation Policy Board, PRTPO Executive Board, PSRC Transportation Policy Board.
Trails: KRCC Trail Committee, PRTPO Trail Committee, Poulsbo Trail Committee,
Environment: West Sound Watershed Council, Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council (2010)
Schools: Liaison to NK Schools, NKSD Capital Facilities, NKREC.
- **Chair, Kitsap Public Facilities District, Board member 2000-2007**
Created partnerships for planning & construction of large regional projects:
Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside: Public-private partnership with Bremerton, Opus, Port of Bremerton and Kitsap Transit.
Kitsap Fairgrounds and Event Center: Partnership w/ Kitsap County
North Kitsap Regional Event Center: Creation of a 4 government partnership w/ Poulsbo, NK Schools and Kitsap County. Negotiated funding commitments for planning and construction, and complex use agreements.
- **Poulsbo Planning Commission 2006-2007: Critical Area Ordinance, Planned Residential Development ordinance, project review.**

Community Organizations

- **North Kitsap Trail Association, Chair Trail Plan Committee:** Public-Private-Community partnership, working with NPS, Kitsap County, Olympic Property Group and all North Kitsap communities to plan regional trails.
- **Co-chair Lions Park Playground Renovation 2000:** Community outreach, fund raising, community design and community construction.

Work Experience

- **Architect, O'Connor Architecture and Planning 1998-2003:** Projects: Mammoth Lakes Hospital addition, Deep Springs College additions, numerous residential projects, Bainbridge Traffic Calming.
- **Architect, Myrvang Architects 1987-1998:** Projects: Edmonds Unitarian Church, Poulsbo Library, Kitsap Bank, Unity Church, Fort Ward multi-family, Edmonds Apts. and numerous custom residential projects.
- **Cutler Architects & Environmental Works 1986-87:** Projects: Klahanie affordable housing, Pikes Market womens'shelter, custom homes.

Personal Projects

- Designed and built five homes, led neighborhood annexation and greenbelt planning.
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October 25, 2010

Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board
Attn: Tammy Owings
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Olympia WA 98504-0900

Tammy,

I am please to recommend Linda Berry-Maraist to serve on the Ecosystem Coordination Board. I have known and worked with Linda for the past six years, and know that her professional background and personal commitment to the goals of the Partnership will be an asset to the ECB.

As a member of the Poulsbo City Council, Linda will bring invaluable local government experience to the Coordinating Board. Because Poulsbo is a small port city in an urbanizing area, she is very familiar with the challenges of balancing shoreline and upland residential and commercial development with habitat and water quality protection. As a long-time member of Kitsap County's Public Facility District, she has experience bringing economic and recreational opportunities to our area that are consistent with maintaining an excellent quality of life. Additionally, her professional background as an architect with an interest in Low Impact Development will also add an important perspective to our discussions.

The ECB must balance many competing voices, and Linda's experience managing projects with multiple stakeholders will be most welcome during our discussions.

Please give her your highest consideration for this position, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Christine Rolfes



Letters of Support

Dear Tammy;

I am pleased to offer a strong endorsement for Linda Berry-Maraist as the representative from the North Central Action Area to the Ecosystem Coordination Board.

I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Linda on important ecosystem-scale issues that apply to this Action Area as well as to the broader Puget Sound basin. Linda is involved in complex topic areas such as land use planning, stormwater management, open-space conservation and salmon recovery. This exposure plus her ability to rapidly comprehend how human interactions can affect environmental quality is most impressive; Linda will bring to the ECB a practical perspective on conservation and restoration that is certain to be appreciated and utilized to accomplish the important work of the ECB.

Linda will be also be a very effective organizer and promoter of this Action Area's numerous and noteworthy efforts to protect and restore Puget Sound. I look forward to being one of many that benefits from Linda's capable representation of the North Central Action Area to the ECB.

Sincerely,

Patty Charnas

Patty Charnas
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Dear Martha and Members of the Leadership Team,

I am writing to request your support of Linda Berry-Maraist to represent the North Central Puget Sound Action Area on the ECB. I know that Linda has submitted her letter of interest. As you read her letter and resume I know that you will be impressed by her credentials. What is more important than her credentials is the fact that Linda has incredible passion and energy for each task she takes on. Linda is thoughtful, insightful and does a tremendous amount of homework when she turns her mind to a subject. I know that she will faithfully represent the perspective of local governments and local elected officials as a member of the ECB. And I know that she will apply equal energy to helping further the goals of the Partnership at the local level.

I can recommend Linda without reservation. I know she would be an asset to the ECB

and the Partnership.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Bauer
Commissioner
Kitsap County

To the Puget Sound Partnership regarding Councilwoman Linda Berry-Maraist:

I heartily endorse Linda Barry-Maraist in her application to the Ecosystems Coordination Board. Linda has been a tireless advocate in promoting green initiatives for our community. Linda and I worked together in a stakeholders committee that revised and crafted the Critical Area Ordinance for the City of Poulsbo. Linda knows her science and understands the implication of concise policy to create environmentally sensitive solutions for our community.

On the City Council of Poulsbo, Linda has been our hardest worker, always putting the needs of community in front of her personal concerns.

She will be an asset to the Ecosystems Coordination Board. She has my unquestioning support.

Becky Erickson

Rebecca (Becky) Erickson
Mayor
City of Poulsbo
