

## Resolution 2010-02 Support for State Budget Requests Related to Puget Sound

**WHEREAS**, the top priority in the Action Agenda for the strategic priority of restoration of ecosystem processes, structures, and functions is to implement restoration projects in the salmon recovery three-year work plans and the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP); and

**WHEREAS**, the second highest priority in the Action Agenda for the strategic priority of protecting intact ecosystem processes, structures and functions is to provide funding and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to update shoreline management programs by established deadlines; and

**WHEREAS**, the second highest priority in the Action Agenda for the strategic priority of reduce the sources of water pollution is the provision of financial and technical assistance to cities and counties to implement NPDES Phase I and II stormwater permits, as well as the Department of Ecology or permit oversight and implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the third highest priority in the Action Agenda for the strategic priority of reduce the sources of water pollution is the retrofit of existing stormwater systems in high priority areas of Puget Sound; and

**WHEREAS**, an important priority in the Action Agenda for the strategic priority of reduce the sources of water pollution is the continuation of the Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife's oil spill prevention and inspection program and this program is projected to have a \$6 million shortfall in the 2011-13 Biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington is facing a projected \$5.7 Billion shortfall in the state General Fund for the 2011-13 Biennium which has prompted the Governor to request 10% budget reduction proposals from state agencies and additional reductions request are anticipated, many of which will impact high priority Puget Sound recovery activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to declining state revenues for the last three years as well as previously issued debts the state's capacity to issue general obligation bonds is projected to decrease by 45% from \$1.8 Billion to \$1.1 Billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Ecology has proposed an additional \$3.0 million request to providing funding to local jurisdictions to update their shoreline management plans; and \$7.0 million request to address a revenue shortfall in the Oil Spill Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Office has requested a \$7 million capital budget appropriation to support Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and a \$55 million capital budget appropriation to support implementation of salmon recovery projects through the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program (PSAR).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Leadership Council of the Puget Sound Partnership encourages the Governor and the Washington State Legislature to support funding proposals and protect current funding in the following areas:

1. Assistance to local governments to protect Washington shorelines
2. Support to the Department of Ecology, the Department of Transportation, and local governments to implement the NPDES stormwater permits and to retrofit existing stormwater systems
3. Salmon and habitat restoration grants to local government, and salmon and watershed groups through the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program and the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program
4. Maintenance and if possible enhancement of the Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife's oil spill prevention and inspection programs

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**Approved**/Denied/Deferred (underline one)

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