

## Leadership Council Resolution 2011-02 Adopting an ecosystem recovery target for shellfish beds restored

**WHEREAS**, RCW 90.71.310(1)(c) states that “The action agenda shall include near-term and long-term benchmarks designed to ensure continuous progress needed to reach the goals, objectives, and designated outcomes by 2020;” and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 90.71.280(3), “the [leadership] council shall confer with the [science] panel on incorporating ... benchmarks into the action agenda;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership has applied the term “targets” to refer to long-term benchmarks designed to ensure progress to designated outcomes by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the science-policy workshop convened as part of the Science Panel meeting on December 14, 2010 recommended that the Partnership adopt ecosystem recovery targets to address the full breadth of the Partnership’s interests in a recovered ecosystem as part of the 2011 revisions to the action agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, restoring water quality at designated shellfish growing areas is an important contribution to sustaining the provisioning services of the Puget Sound ecosystem, and shellfish beds restored has been adopted as one of the Partnership’s Dashboard indicators of ecosystem condition; and

**WHEREAS**, technical experts from the Department of Health have presented analyses to the Partnership about potential ecosystem recovery targets for shellfish beds restored; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ecosystem Coordination Board has discussed potential ecosystem recovery targets for shellfish beds restored, based on the background information presented in advance of their February 3, 2011 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the above processes provide sufficient background for adoption of ecosystem recovery targets consistent with the Partnership’s guiding principles for target setting.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Partnership’s ecosystem recovery target for shellfish beds restored shall be expressed as:

A net increase from 2007 to 2020 of 10,800 harvestable shellfish acres, which includes 7,000 acres where harvest is currently prohibited.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that reevaluation of this target will be triggered at the direction of the Partnership's Science Panel based on their evaluation of improved scientific information about ecosystem conditions and pressures.

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Approved/Denied/Deferred (underline one)

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