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Announcement for a Roundtable Discussion on the Draft Charter of the Puget Sound Coordinated Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment Program (Monitoring Program)

Dear Colleagues,

The Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) meeting on February 3rd 2011 will provide a structured opportunity to:

- Review progress made by the Launch Committee on the development of a draft Charter for the Monitoring Program,
- Have a roundtable discussion about the proposed program structure and assignment of roles and responsibilities, and
- Interested parties to present alternative approaches.

The Puget Sound Partnership invites you to attend the ECB meeting and to coordinate your participation and presentations of alternative approaches with your respective ECB representative. The ECB representatives may invite others to participate in the discussion. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend the meeting.**

Purpose

The meeting will give interested parties the opportunity to discuss the program's structure and assignment of roles and responsibilities, and to describe an alternative approach and rationale to implementing an ecosystem monitoring program than what is recommended in the draft Charter crafted by the Launch Committee. The discussion will inform the Leadership Council of stakeholder views, and the specifics of alternative approaches to the draft Charter. The Leadership Council is scheduled to consider adopting the draft Charter developed by the Launch Committee at their meeting in February.

If you favor an alternative program structure and assignment of roles and responsibilities, we ask that you submit your proposal in writing. **Proposals are due by Friday January 21 2011, and will be submitted to ECB prior to their meeting.**

Your proposal should include a rationale regarding why the alternative approach is preferable to the proposal in the draft Charter. In addition, please address at least the following questions:

1. What parts of the draft Charter work, do not work or should be improved? If you favor an alternative structure and a different assignment of roles and responsibilities, what would they be? How would the structure and assignment of roles and responsibilities differ from how they are described in the Appendix 1 of the draft Charter?

2. What is your rationale for how an alternative structure and assignment of roles and responsibilities would be a better outcome than that described in the draft Charter?
3. What would the relationship be with PSP to ensure that PSP statutory requirements are met? What mechanisms would exist to help fulfill PSP needs?
4. Is your alternative approach supported by your organization's leadership? What other organizations or entities prefer your proposed approach to the approach in the draft Charter?
5. If your proposal includes the establishment of a new independent entity or a new program in an existing entity, please describe logistical details regarding the time needed to establish the entity, the process that would be used, the cost, and proposed sources of funding to support the establishment and on-going operation of the program.

Please submit your RSVP and written proposals by Friday January 21 to Nathalie Hamel at nathalie.hamel@psp.wa.gov.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions,

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