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SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Friday, December 5, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Science Panel Members On Call:

Joel Baker

Jan Newton

Tim Quinn

Frank Shipley

Usha Varanasi

Katharine “Trina” Wellman

Staff on Call:

Scott Redman

Tammy Owings

Others on Call:

Tom Hom

Call opened at 11:00 a.m. by Science Panel Chair Joel Baker.

During this call the Science Panel discussed:

- December 16 & 17, 2008 Science Panel meeting, including discussion of the Strategic Science Plan
- Indicators Report

December 16 & 17, 2008 Science Panel Meeting:

Chair Baker went over logistics for the December 16 & 17 Science Panel meeting. The meeting will be in Senate Hearing Room 3 of the Cherberg Building in Olympia. This meeting will begin with a work session from 10 to noon on December 16.

The work session will be focused on how to implement the BSWP and science portions in the Action Agenda. They will need to prioritize the actions to use when developing the 2009 work plan on the second day of the meeting.

The Panel also discussed the need to get the Strategic Science Plan completed. At the December meeting they will decide on a new timeline for completing the Plan and any revisions to the current outline. Scott will provide the Panel with the current outline for

discussion on the 17th. The plan is to have a work session on the Strategic Science Plan at the January Science Panel meeting.

Joel continued to review the proposed agenda and discussed a possible joint meeting with the Leadership Council to discuss how to link science and policy in the Action Agenda.

The Panel discussed the Monitoring Consortium agenda item. Scott reported that he will confirm attendance with Karen Dinicola but believes she is planning to have a panel to present a briefing to the Science Panel. The Science Panel will not be expected to make any decision concerning this issue but to provide the Leadership Council and Director Dicks with advice. A more focused discussion concerning monitoring governance will be held during the January meeting.

Panel members asked about the complete list of comments received on the BSWP and science portion of the Action Agenda. Scott reported that he will provide the final version of the spreadsheet with all the comments by Thursday of next week. The Panel needs to decide how to respond to the comments received.

Joel continued review of the agenda discussing the second day of the meeting. The Panel will start the morning with a discussion on Targets and Benchmarks. During this session they will review the process taken to date and discuss how to develop a final set of Targets and Benchmarks by June 2009.

The Panel will also receive an update on the February 2009 Georgia Basin Conference and meet with Gordon Orians, President of the Washington State Academy of Sciences, to begin the early discussion on how the Academy and Partnership can work together.

The Panel will end the day with a 2009 Planning Session using the 2009 meeting schedule, begin to populate with items that need to be addressed at each of the meetings to meet deadlines.

Indicators:

Chair Baker noted the need to address what to do with indicators report. Scott reported that an updated version of the indicators report has been completed and will be posted on the Partnership Web Page along with other Action Agenda appendices. Panel members requested addition of a statement on this document noting that it has not been peer reviewed before posting for public. This is the summary report, the full report is not yet available. Scott will provide the summary report to the Panel for discussion on the 17th.

Conference Call adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for December 19, 11:00 a.m.