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## SCIENCE PANEL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Science Panel Members On Call:**

Joel Baker  
Robert “Bob” Johnston  
Jan Newton  
Tim Quinn  
John Stark  
Usha Varanasi  
Katharine “Trina” Wellman

### **Staff on Call:**

Scott Redman  
Tammy Owings  
Cullen Stephenson  
Mary Ruckelshaus

### **Others on Call:**

Heather Trim, People for Puget Sound  
Peter Jowise, Herrera Environmental

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

During this call the Science Panel discussed:

- Status of Water Quality Topic Forum Review
- Assignments for next few weeks
- Feedback on Threats and Drivers Project

### **Status of Water Quality Topic Forum Review**

Jan Newton reported that she has heard back from the Water Quality Topic reviewers and they should be getting comments in within a couple days. Once the comments come in, John Stark will summarize by next Friday and distribute to the Science Panel members, Scott Redman, and Martha Neuman. This summary will be discussed on the October 3 Conference Call.

**Assignment for Next Week**

The exact schedule for when the Science Panel needs to provide the 48-hour review of the Action Agenda has not been confirmed but the final schedule should be confirmed next week. Joel Baker suggested sending out the draft schedule with the caveat that it will change so the Panel can see the sequence of events over the next couple months.

***Biennial Science Work Plan:***

The group reviewed the writing assignments for the Biennial Science Work Plan (BSWP). All the revised components need to be to Scott by next Friday so he can send the next draft out by September 29<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the October 7 Science Panel meeting.

***Strategic Science Plan:***

The priority is to get the BSWP completed and then focus on the Strategic Science Plan. Scott and Joel will meet after this call and revise the schedule and assignments for the Strategic Science Plan. They will send to the Science Panel members once completed.

Scott will revise the Strategic Science Plan draft and send along with the schedule.

***Feedback on Threats and Drivers Project:***

The Science Panel needs to provide the Partnership guidance on how to use the Threats and Drivers project work. The Panel has gotten several presentations from this workgroup and has been asked to provide feedback but haven't yet.

The Panel had a good discussion on how this work could or should be used in the future and in the near-term. There is not time between now and release of the Action Agenda to fully develop and complete all the DPSIR models. The report, which should be available in the next week or two, is envisioned to be an appendix to the Action Agenda as part of the supporting materials.

The Science Panel will not have time to thoroughly evaluate this work and provide comments but should provide a cover letter to go with the report explaining this is the first step and part of the toolbox that will be developed in the next two years.

The Panel didn't have enough time to fully discuss this information during this call and need more information from Mary Ruckelshaus before making any final decision on how to use this information. A follow up discussion will be had at the October 7 meeting. At the October 7 meeting the Panel will discuss level of review the Panel would like to provide in both the short term and long term.

***Indicator Report:***

There was a question on whether the Panel is expected to provide additional review of this work. Scott does not believe that is the case as the report is being reviewed by the Technical Work Group. He felt the Science Panel provided its feedback at the August meeting where it forwarded the list on to the Leadership Council.

Scott will follow up with Sandie O'Neill to see if she is waiting for anything from the Science Panel and report back.

Conference Call adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Next call is scheduled for October 3, 2008, 11:00 a.m.