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Puget Sound Partnership Science Panel Meeting Summary

July 8 & 9, 2009
GA Auditorium, Olympia

Day 1, July 8, 2009

Science Panel Members Present:

- Joel Baker
- Guy Gelfenbaum
- Robert Johnston
- Jan Newton
- Timothy Quinn
- Frank Shipley
- John Stark

It is intended that this summary be used along with notebook materials provided for the meeting. A full recording of this meeting is retained by the Partnership as the formal record.

Action Items:

- Approval of June 24, 2009, Work Session Summary

Meeting Summary:

- Puget Sound Partnership agency update
- Science Panel organizing tools discussion
- Prioritization of Science Panel activities
- Action Agenda science-related comments update
- Outreach, education, and citizen science briefing
- State and federal funding updates
- Currently funded Partnership science projects status update and discussion of Science Panel's role
- Approval of public review draft Strategic Science Plan
- Puget Sound Science Update briefing
- Continuing work on the Performance Management Framework

10:00 A.M. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER – Joel Baker, Chair

Tim Quinn asked about the San Juan Initiative and if there is a science link to program. Lynda Ransley suggested either having staff provide an overview of the initiative at the next meeting and/or provide a written synopsis of where the science fits.

Jan Newton noted that several members are unable to attend the August 26 Science Panel Work Session and questioned the need for this meeting. Scott noted the possible need to have a meeting before the September 2-3 Leadership Council meeting. Joel suggested the Panel decide on revisions to the schedule at the end of the meeting.

Joel discussed an e-mail from NOAA to the Partnership announcing funding of five projects. Panel members questioned the role of the Science Panel in these projects.

The Panel discussed the various projects being funded and how the Panel should or could be involved in the Partnership's recommendations on the projects. Suggested going on the record to promote monitoring efforts be included in the project agreements.

After discussion it was decided that Joel will draft a letter from the Panel to Leadership Council Chair Ruckelshaus and David Dicks. This letter will include a suggestion for a one or two-day workshop with the project sponsors to discuss how to monitor the projects. He will get the draft to the Panel members for review soon.

SCIENCE PANEL ORGANIZING TOOLS

Science Panel Terms update – Lynda Ransley informed the Panel that the Leadership Council will discuss this issue at their July 17, 2009, meeting in Mount Vernon. The staff recommendation to the Council will be to assign a subcommittee to draft a process for Council review and approval at its September or October meeting. The plan is for the Council to make the decision on the appointments at its October or November meeting.

Science Panel Chair and Vice Chair Selection and Terms – John Stark provided a history of the process and suggested tabling discussion until all the Panel members are available. (See meeting materials for handout.)

Other Processes Bylaws – Joel Baker pointed out to the Panel an outline based on the bylaws format the Leadership Council will be considering at its July meeting. The Panel was then asked if this outline covered their needs or if there were additional processes they would like included in their bylaws and how they would like to proceed. The Panel decided to wait until after Strategic Science Plan is complete before working on the bylaws.

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP AGENCY UPDATE (See meeting materials for details.)

Lynda Ransley provided the Panel with agency highlights over the last few weeks including memorandum on cross partnership workshops, draft org chart, and staff vision, mission and values handout.

PRIORITIZATION OF SCIENCE PANEL ACTIVITIES (See meeting materials for details.)

Scott Redman reviewed the different roles the Panel could play in the different Action Agenda activities (responsible, accountable, consulted, or informed). He will use this

discussion to draft a work plan and figure out which activities the Panel wants to be actively engage in.

Scott and Joel will use this discussion to create a RACI draft for discussion at the next face-to-face meeting.

ACTION AGENDA SCIENCE-RELATED COMMENTS UPDATE

Bob Johnston introduced this agenda item providing the Panel with a summarized list of comments received on the Action Agenda that are science-related. He is not done with this yet. Bob is looking to develop a responsiveness summary that can be a partner document to the Strategic Science Plan. He will finish drafting the document and then send to the rest of the Panel for review.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS AND CITIZEN SCIENCE

Kristen Cooley provided the Panel with a briefing on work being done on outreach and education efforts.

The update included:

- *ECO Network* and PartnerNet
- *Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign*
- *K-12 efforts*

The Panel is concerned with having the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign having three easy things that really don't make a difference and that the Panel wasn't consulted prior.

Kate Litle with Washington Sea Grant provided an update on Citizen Science activities. Jan Newton is part of the citizen science advisory panel. The Science Panel will work with this group to find ways to incorporate citizen science where appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Doug Myers, People for Puget Sound, provided comments on restoration monitoring, adaptive management, and comprehensive strategic feasibility. (See meeting materials for details.)

FUNDING (See meeting materials for details.)

Federal Funding Update

Tom Eaton provided an overview of the process that EPA will be using for distribution of the FFY09 funds. There will be approximately \$18.8 million to be awarded. This is different from past grant rounds in that this money is going to be awarded competitively

and will be using the Action Agenda. The Science Panel requested Tom include funding for science support and capacity building.

State Funding and Budget Update

Jim Cahill provided an update on distribution on the FFY08 funds.

5:00 p.m. RECESS FOR THE EVENING

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Day 2, July 9, 2009

Science Panel Members Present:

- Joel Baker
- Robert Johnston
- Jan Newton
- Timothy Quinn
- Frank Shipley
- John Stark
- Usha Varanasi (via phone for a portion of the meeting)

8:42 a.m. RECONVENED MEETING – Joel Baker, Chair

The Panel took the first part of the day to discuss response to EPA on the 2009 Federal funding. The Panel discussed its role and how to compose the letter. Joel will discuss with David Dicks and Lynda Ransley and then work with Jan Newton to draft the response letter. He would like to get the letter out before the Ecosystem Coordination Board meeting on July 30.

For the 2008 EPA funds the Panel will draft a letter, to come from David, requesting effectiveness monitoring be included in the funded projects' agreements and providing of peer reviewable reports. The letter will also include a recommendation for holding a workshop with Partnership staff and project sponsors to coordinate monitoring efforts.

CURRENTLY FUNDED PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP SCIENCE PROJECTS – STATUS AND SCIENCE PANEL ROLE (See meeting materials for details.)

Scott Redman introduced this agenda item and explained the RACI system that identifies who is responsible, accountable, or consulted on a project. He did not include the list of who is informed.

Joel noted that the Science Panel role is to make sure the information that the Partnership is using has been peer reviewed. Some of the groups on the list may or may not be aware of the need for review. The current list of projects didn't have Panel input at the beginning of the process but the Panel will need to look at the final products and provide that peer review step. Future projects need to have that included upfront.

Joel would like to get the deliverable dates for the projects added to the spreadsheet.

STRATEGIC SCIENCE PLAN (See meeting materials for details.)

Jan Newton presented the latest version of the Strategic Science Plan, she noted that the version in the meeting materials was an older version so she will point out the changes as she walks through the document. She will send the correct version to Panel members.

The Panel would like to get this document completed as soon as possible. Agreed to do one more review before the final draft release for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kathy Wolf, Research Social Scientist, US Forest Service, commented on the need for social science in Puget Sound recovery.

JUNE 24, 2009, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Bob Johnston reviewed proposed revisions to the June 24, 2009, Meeting Summary and made the **MOTION** to approve as revised. Tim Quinn **SECONDED** the motion to approve revised meeting summary. Panel **APPROVED** as revised.

PUGET SOUND SCIENCE UPDATE

Mary Ruckelshaus was unable to attend the meeting so Jan updated the Panel. There was concern that the Request for Proposals for author teams had not been distributed widely enough and would need more follow-up. It was suggested a subcommittee should do follow-up on this.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Jim Cahill and Mary Beth Brown presented this agenda item.

The Science Panel asked how dedicated the Partnership is to using the open standards process. Jim Cahill believes this format has been committed to for managing work and updating the Action Agenda. The discussed ways to use this process and coordinate with other efforts being used to meet the science needs.

Science Panel role in 2009 steps of Puget Sound viability analysis timeline:

- July and August – assist with selection of high level indicators and identification of experts – participate on performance management science policy advisory groups
- August 26 work session – to review high level indicator selection process and results; provide comments to Leadership Council
- Sept 9 and 10 Science Panel meeting – will be informed of Leadership Council decision on selection of high level indicators and review and approve reporting and interpretation of current status of the indicators

The Panel is okay with the approach but is concerned that the schedule may be unrealistic. The Panel questioned the indicators to use. After discussion it was decided to use the list developed at the June 24 meeting and the attributes list. Sandie O'Neill will do the crosswalk before the end of next week. The Science Panel will receive the interim indicator work product by September 1, 2009.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Wolf, Research Social Scientist, US Forest Service, noted the need to include social science indicators that reflect the urbanization and population increases. She suggested looking at certifications, such as LEED, as an indicator.

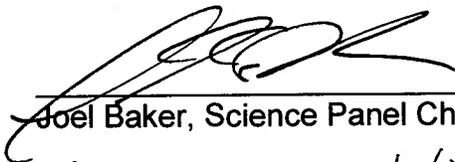
MEETING WRAP UP

Schedule Changes

The Panel **APPROVED** cancellation of the August 26, 2009, Work Session and added a conference call meeting on September 1, 2009.

3:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Science Panel Approval



Joel Baker, Science Panel Chair

9/10/09
Date

AS AMENDED on 9/10/09