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## **DRAFT Detailed Process and Timeline to Establish Legislative Priorities**

*November 5, 2009*

*(Developed in alignment with the 2010 meeting schedules of the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel)*

### **December 7-8 2009, Leadership Council Retreat**

- Review a summary of all policy recommendations in the Action Agenda (local, state and federal).
- Review the data and actions specified in the performance management and accountability framework.
- Review enabling legislation and authorities of the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, and Science Panel.
- Review DRAFT processes and timeline (this document).

### **January—March, 2010 Legislative Session**

- Bills, budget provisos and legislative committee hearings are tracked and evaluated.
- Regular updates are provided to Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel.

### **January 21, Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting**

- Briefing from Department of Ecology and Department of Fish and Wildlife about their oil spill protection and response programs.
- Discussion about the Puget Sound Partnership's new legislatively mandated responsibilities to evaluate and make recommendations to improve Washington State's Oil Spill programs.
- Ecosystem Coordination Board is designated as the convening body for the Partnership's new responsibilities regarding oil spill issue analysis and recommendations.

### **January 28, Leadership Council Meeting**

- Puget Sound Partnership Staff provides an update of current actions during the 2010 legislative session.
- Review a summary of all policy recommendations in the Action Agenda (local, state and federal).
- Review the data and actions specified in the performance management and accountability framework.

- Approve letter to be sent from the Leadership Council to the members of the Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel requesting they work with their individual caucuses to solicit ideas for statutory changes, budget recommendations and policy proposals at the state and federal levels for the 2011 legislative session.

#### **February 9-10, Science Panel Meeting**

- Puget Sound Partnership Staff provides an update of current actions during the 2010 legislative session.
- Follow-up and act on letter from the Leadership Council—share and discuss any policy or funding proposals from members of the Science Panel.
- Prioritize and recommend ideas to the Leadership Council regarding statutory changes, budget recommendations and policy proposals at the state and federal levels for the 2011 legislative session.

#### **March 5, Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting**

- Puget Sound Partnership Staff provides an update of current actions during the 2010 legislative session.
- Follow-up and act on letter from the Leadership Council—share and discuss any policy initiatives or funding proposals from the caucuses represented on the Ecosystem Coordination Board.
- Review Bold Actions discussed at October 2009 meeting.
- Prioritize and recommend ideas to the Leadership Council regarding statutory changes, budget recommendations and policy proposals at the state and federal levels for the 2011 legislative session.

#### **March 25, Leadership Council Meeting**

- Review outcomes of 2010 Legislative session and any recommendations from Ecosystem Coordination Board.
- Informally prioritize a small number of policy issues and the desired outcomes.
- In order to provide appropriate analytical measures the Leadership Council will request the Ecosystem Coordination Board, Science Panel and Puget Sound Partnership staff develop the following information and provide feedback regarding the four policy priorities:
  - Issue history
  - Related science
  - Options to address/resolve issues
  - Policies needed to establish or amend (local, state and federal)
  - Lead entities, stakeholders, tribes and governmental organizations.

#### **April 13-14, Science Panel Meeting**

- Review and discuss key elements of two of the policy issues prioritized by the Leadership Council.
- Communicate feedback to Leadership Council and Ecosystem Coordination Board.

#### **April 29-30, Leadership Council Meeting**

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.

#### **May 6, Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting**

- Review and discuss key elements of two of the policy issues prioritized by the Leadership Council.
- Communicate feedback to Leadership Council and Science Panel.

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#### **May 20, Leadership Council Meeting**

- Review and discuss policy issues evaluated by the Ecosystem Coordination Board.
- Discuss possible strategies.
- Convene an educational/informative presentation on policy issues.

#### **June 8-9, Science Panel Meeting**

- Review and discuss key elements of the remaining policy issues prioritized by the Leadership Council.
- Communicate feedback to Leadership Council and Ecosystem Coordination Board.

#### **July 15, Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting**

- Review and discuss key elements of the remaining policy issues prioritized by the Leadership Council.
- Communicate feedback to Leadership Council and Science Panel.

***Puget Sound Partnership staff compiles information from the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel to develop DRAFT legislative package, which includes:***

- ***Concept papers***
- ***Fact Sheets***
- ***Draft bill language (z-draft)***
- ***Fiscal Notes***
- ***Stakeholders and partners***

#### **July 29-30, Leadership Council Meeting**

- Review and discuss the DRAFT legislative package.

#### **August 24, Science Panel**

- Review and make recommendations on the DRAFT legislative package.

### September 10, Ecosystem Coordination Board Meeting

- Review and make recommendations on the DRAFT legislative package.

### September 16-17, Leadership Council Meeting

- Discuss recommendations from the Ecosystem Coordination Board and Science Panel, and make a decision to forward a legislative package to the Governor.
- Formally endorse legislative policy goals; understanding the specific details will continue to be a work in progress.
- Issue formal policy statements to set framework for agency request legislation: *i.e. Puget Sound Partnership shall secure funding for storm water permits and project retrofits.*

***Puget Sound Partnership will submit the legislative package for agency request legislation and budget requests to the Office of the Governor and Office of Financial Management.***

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### October 12-13, Science Panel Meeting

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.

### October 21, Leadership Council

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.

### November 4, Ecosystem Coordination Board

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.

### November 18-19, Leadership Council

- Report back on legislation approved by the Governor.
- Formally endorse agency request legislation and support for other bills in the interest of protecting and restoring Puget Sound.

### December 2, Leadership Council Meeting

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.
- Begin looking at 2012 legislative priorities (and beyond to 2020)

### December 14-15, Science Panel Meeting

- Legislative status update, as appropriate.