

## 2011 Puget Sound Legislative Priorities

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### SUMMARY

The Puget Sound Partnership is collaborating with other lead agencies to develop legislative packages by end of September—consistent with the Governor’s process.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide background information related to these policy priorities, the process to develop recommendations, the stakeholder organizations and other governmental entities we are working with, and the outcomes we hope to achieve.

Issues	Desired Outcomes
<b>Funding to Implement the Action Agenda, including storm water</b>	<p>Enact legislation to establish a sustainable funding mechanism(s) to implement the Action Agenda, including but not limited to funding for projects, permitting, and monitoring related to storm water pollution in Puget Sound and throughout Washington State.</p> <p><b>Co-Leads:</b> Puget Sound Partnership and Dept. of Ecology</p>
<b>Strengthen Shoreline Protection</b>	<p>Enact legislation to protect shorelines by improving and closing loopholes in the Shoreline Management Act and the Hydraulic Code, as well as incentivize the utilization of soft armoring techniques for new bulkheads and replacement bulkheads—working to ensure property owners can achieve protection using more environmentally beneficial techniques.</p> <p><b>Co-Leads:</b> Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Dept. of Ecology, and Ecosystem Coordination Shoreline Work Group</p>
<b>Oil Spill Prevention and Response</b>	<p>Enact legislation to restore and provide adequate funding for the Dept. of Ecology and Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Oil Spill Programs. Ensure oil spill and storm water funding initiatives are well coordinated. Advance policy proposals following a review of lessons learned from the Gulf oil spill.</p> <p><b>Co-Leads:</b> Dept. of Ecology and Cross Partnership Workgroup on Oil Spill Prevention and Response</p>