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PURPOSE AND ROLES
SHELLFISH INITIATIVE CORE AND ADVISORY GROUPS
WASHINGTON STATE SHELLFISH INITIATIVE (WSI) IMPLEMENTATION

I. Core Group

The Core Group consists of representatives of the agencies and entities with responsibility for tasks in the WSI. Current members include:

- The Washington State Department of Ecology
- The Washington State Department of Health
- NOAA
- USEPA
- Office of the Governor
- Pacific Coast Shellfish Grower's Association
- Puget Sound Restoration Fund

The roles and responsibilities of the Core Group include, but are not limited to:

- a) task coordination
- b) oversight of the performance management tracking and reporting effort
- c) progress reporting to the Governor
- d) communication with the SIAG and the general public on the WSI

The Puget Sound Partnership will provide performance management tracking services for the WSI implementation based upon a request from the Governor to provide this assistance. In accordance with PSP's mission to report and track progress in achieving goals set by the region for recovery. The Puget Sound Partnership staff representative will coordinate provision of these services with the Core Group.

II. Shellfish Initiative Advisory Group (SIAG)

The Shellfish Initiative Advisory Group is composed of the organizations and individuals that are interested in helping to implement the Washington State Shellfish Initiative. Its members include tribes, federal, state and local government agencies, commercial shellfish growers, private organizations and members of the public with responsibilities and an interest in shellfish aquaculture, water quality improvement and marine resource protection.

The roles and responsibilities of the SIAG include, but are not limited to:

- a) monitoring progress in implementing the WSI on behalf of diverse constituencies;
- b) sharing experiences on difference components and tasks of the WSI
- c) providing feedback to the Core Group and Task Leaders

d) contributing to the sustainability of the WSI

The Shellfish Initiative Advisory Group shall meet quarterly to receive an update on WSI implementation progress and carry out its roles and responsibilities.

The members of the Core Group shall serve as staff liaison to the SIAG. The Puget Sound Partnership shall assist the Core Group in providing performance management reports, tracking achievement of workplan milestones related to WSI tasks and any appropriate outputs/outcomes that might be identified for these tasks.