



Agenda

- Introductions and a look back in time
- Committee purpose, process, structure and organization
- Updates
- Watershed priority implementation plans & funding
- H--integration Update
- March 15th meeting agenda



Expanded Committee Purpose

- Provide leadership for recovery plan implementation
- Guide the overall work program
- Direct sub-committee work and review products

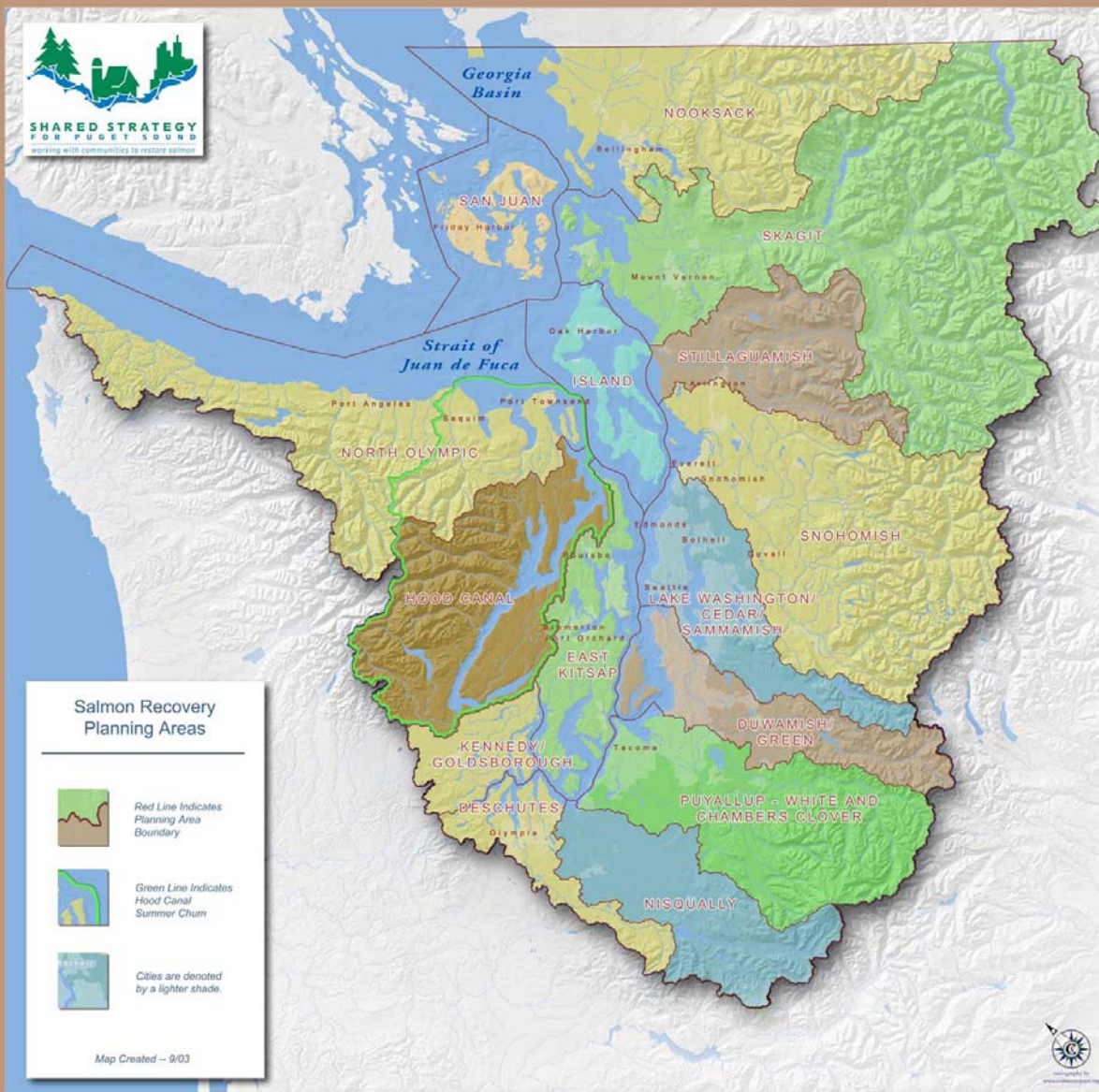
First Priorities:

- Develop ESU-scale funding allocation strategy based on priority implementation plans and consistent with ESU recovery goals
- Advocate for continued and new funding sources.



Salmon Recovery Planning Areas

Shared Strategy for Puget Sound



Challenges to the region

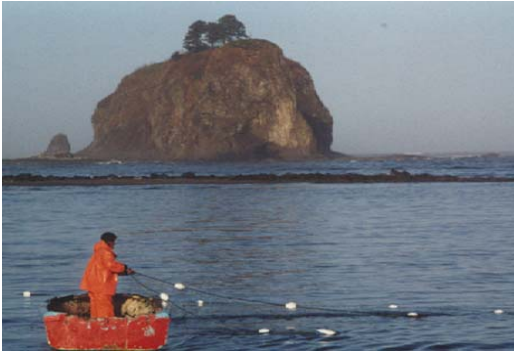








The Shared Strategy builds on and integrates with existing efforts...



Harvest



Hatcheries



Habitat



Forest and Fish Agreement



GMA and CAO's



2514 Watershed Planning



What do the plans do?

An impressive package of recovery programs around Puget Sound, 100s of projects and actions. Benefits fish and people.



Removing Barriers

- Dams on the Elwha – miles of pristine habitat in Olympic National Park
- Mid-fork Nooksack – 15% increase in abundance
- Culverts on private, public forest lands and local roads









Working with Market Forces

- Creating a sustainable agricultural system.
- Forest stewardship.
- Restoration as an economic resource.
- Land development.



Ten Year Results

- Habitat, harvest and hatchery efforts will increase the capacity to support salmon--20 percent improvement in conditions.
- Fish response will take longer.
- Next ten years is a critical time to get ahead of growth and take advantage of favorable ocean conditions.



2006 Work Program Priorities

- Watershed 3-year implementation plans matched to funding
- Commitments from regional partners/parties
- Financing
- Protection
- Water Quantity
- Adaptive Management
- H-integration
- Plan adoption
- Communications and annual event



Committee '06 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. except the 2-day event in October:

Thursday, March 23rd

Friday, April 21st

Thursday, May 25th

Thursday, July 27th

Wednesday, September 13th

Wednesday/Thursday, October 25-26

Wednesday, November 15th



New Name Options

1. Shared Strategy Implementation Committee
2. Shared Strategy Regional Implementation Committee
3. Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Forum or Council
4. Forum for Implementing Salmon Habitat, Harvest and Hatchery Actions in Puget Sound
5. Salmon Recovery Implementation Collaborative Group
6. Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Implementation Committee, Group, Forum or Council

Let's Select One...



Committee Structure & Organization

Membership: 34 Members

Federal agencies – NMFS, USFWS, *EPA, Corp of Engineers*

Four tribal representatives

State agencies – DOE, DFW, PSAT, *DNR*

Fourteen Watershed Representatives

Two Business

Two agriculture/forestry

Two Environmental

Long Live the Kings

Ruckelshaus

Active and proposed sub-committees to date:

--Water Quantity

--All-H Integration

--Protection

--Climate Change

--Finance

--Adaptive Management & Monitoring

--Finance Work Group and Leadership Group



Committee Structure & Organization/2

The Work Group

- Provides policy analysis and support to Committee
- Assists with plan implementation
- Committee's "think tank" and staff group

Current Membership: GSRO, Tribes, DFW, DOE, King Co, NOAA

The Technical Recovery Team

- Provides technical analysis and recommendations
- Conducts technical reviews
- Provides technical guidance and assistance to Watersheds

Current Membership: Mary Ruckelshaus, Jim Scott, Kit Rawson, Ken Currens, Bob Fuerstenberg, Norma Jean Sands, and Bill Graeber



Proposed Decision Process

If unable to reach consensus, use super-majority vote:

- One vote for each participant
- To pass, a decision would need to carry two super majority votes
 - 2/3 of watershed representatives
 - 2/3 of entire Committee
- Super majorities would demonstrate significant political support exists for a decision, enabling the regional approach to move forward.
- Super majorities would ensure that the watershed approach is still the foundation of how the Recovery Plan is developed, implemented and funded.



Ground rules for meetings

Please see
handout



Updates

- Congressional requests (review letter)
- Public meetings
- Puget Sound Partnership



Regional Priorities: Proposed Approach

Watersheds develop 3-4 year priority implementation plans

TRT reviews 3-year plans for consistency with science and recovery plan

SRFB allocates funds to 8 WA regions

Committee allocates regional SRFB funds per agreed upon criteria consistent with ESU recovery

Next SRFB round supports first year of three-year priority implementation plans

Priority package used for fund raising with other sources



Develop Allocation Strategy

Process and Timeline

March: Watersheds develop priority implementation plans

March: Committee develops allocation criteria

April: TRT & WG review implementation plans

April: SRFB determines its new process

May: Committee determines allocation strategy

June: SRFB determines regional allocation

Summer: Watersheds work with project sponsors

Dec-Jan: SRFB contracts with project sponsors



H-Integration

- January 19, 2006 sub-group meeting on harvest and H-integration
- H-integration Leadership Group
- Working definition and roles
- Harvest and H-integration communications paper by March 1st
- H-integration Work Group meets 2/17 and 3/6
- DFW lead to coordinate effort



H-Integration Work Group Tasks

- Refine and agree upon a common definition and process
- Clarify the roles of each party to achieve H-integration
- Develop a schedule, milestones and measures of success
What can be accomplished short term for PST and long term to continue to advance H-integration
- Develop a budget
- Recommend the regional activities to support the work and a structure to provide this support.



Next Meeting

Thursday, March 23rd

9:30 to 2:30 Location TBA

Main topic for discussion:

determine regional allocation criteria
and decision-making process for
endorsing priority actions