SHARED STRATEGY FOR PUGET SOUND
working with communities to restore salmon
Decision Topics
• Review 2006 Scheduled Meeting Topics (what, when)
• Determine decision-making approach
• Recommendations to the SRFB

Discussion Topics
• Watershed Implementation Programs(3-year programs)
• ESU/Regional Prioritization criteria

Briefing Topics
• Plan Adoption and Conservation Agreement
• Puget Sound Partnership
• H-Integration
2006 Scheduled Meeting Topics

Same Dates, more time for vetting decisions between meetings:

March 23, 2006: Discussion regarding priorities and funding criteria

April 21, 2006: Decision on criteria for ESU funding allocation

May 25, 2006: Discussion of ESU funding scenarios proposal

July 27, 2006: Decision on ESU funding allocation (select scenario)

September 13, 2006: Implementation issues & event

October 25-26, 2006: Shared Strategy event

November 15, 2006: Implementation issues & 2007 outlook
Consensus Decisions

1. Endorsement
   (I like it)
2. Endorsement-with minor of contention
   (I basically like it)
3. Agreement with reservations
   (I can live with it)
4. Stand aside
   (I don’t like it but I don’t want to stop it)
5. Block – I can’t live with it.

Quorum: two-thirds of membership
Questions, comments, decision?
Implementing the Recovery Plan

What will it cost?
• WS 10-year plans estimated at $1.4 billion over 10 years
• Represents a need to double funding from current levels

How do we get the money?
• Work at three geographic levels; watershed/population, Puget Sound, State/Federal
• Watershed Building Block - need sequenced work programs
• Need strategic funding priorities at the Puget Sound level.
• Need SRFB/Federal process that supports efficient & effective implementation.
• Need to tap other funding sources.
Objectives for Local & Regional Priorities

Financing Strategy -- Investments must:
• Meet ESU recovery criteria and honor tribal treaty rights
• Demonstrate wise investments (i.e. prioritization)
• Position region to sustain public & political support
• Enable all watersheds to improve from current conditions

Financing strategy assumes that many sources of funds will be needed to execute 10-year recovery program:
• Maintain current federal levels & increase state (SRFB)
• Re-direct % of mitigation dollars to salmon projects
• New federal earmarks (e.g. agricultural incentives)
• Additional private and public grants
• Maintain or increase local contributions
Proposed SRFB Process

- Proposal to SRFB is to allocate funds to 8 salmon recovery regions in State.
- Each region determines its own priorities and process.
- RC determines regional priorities in Puget Sound.
- SRFB contracts directly with project sponsors.
Questions re: SRFB Process

• ITF process and SRFB decision expected at April meeting
• Proposed allocation across 8 State regions
  • Puget Sound/Hood Canal drops from 65% to as low as 30%.

• Funding for other salmon species
  • SRFB could reserve % of funds for such projects
  • RC could reserve % of funds for such projects
  • Other ideas?

Recovery Council recommendations to SRFB?
Watershed Work Programs
(~3-year program)

• $700,000 available from EPA (~$50K/watershed) to integrate salmon and Puget Sound implementation plans; capacity building

• Identify first three year increment of ten-year plan (~3-year, rolling work program)

• Intended to cover full spectrum, not only SRFB related projects

• Habitat portion can be used for SRFB Habitat Schedule

• Prioritize according to TRT and RC Work Group criteria

• TRT, Shared Strategy Watershed Liaisons & Evergreen available to assist
Draft Criteria

To match funds to local and ESU priorities, 2 Types of criteria are needed:

- Sequencing of local ~3-year programs within each WS

- Assist RC to recommend ESU funding priorities (for sources that can be moved across watersheds)
Watershed Sequencing

Suite of actions is consistent with population needs:

- Habitat protection most critical near-term actions
- Address key limiting factors
- Likely early improvements in 1 or more VSP
- Sequenced per TRT guidance document
- Sequenced to re-establish natural production if needed
- Consistent with May 2005 TRT recommendations
- Benefit to Chinook and other salmon species
- Part of larger efforts (e.g. comprehensive monitoring)
- Magnitude of effort to get on recovery trajectory
- Builds capacity to implement 10-year program

Comments and questions?
Matching $ to ESU Priorities

• Until additional sources come on line, proposal is to maintain recent average proportional levels

• Only a small portion of total funds (about 27%) can be moved across watershed boundaries

• SRFB funds are one source that can be moved across watersheds

• Many major sources, including local government appropriations, and mitigation stay in watershed in which raised

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Ideas for ESU Priorities

Baseline: Meet ESU recovery criteria, including all watersheds have to improve from current conditions

In addition:
• Ensure highest risk populations don’t go over brink

• Ensure more robust populations continue to provide insurance of ESU resilience (i.e. the “strongholds”)

• Early VSP improvements for natural-origin populations

Questions and comments?
Plan Adoption and Conservation Agreement

• Comment period closed.
• Many supportive comments, concerns about implementation, Skagit process.
• Conservation Agreement Draft out for review (see handout), will have on near-term milestones and actions.

Adoption issues will be discussed at the next meeting.
Advancing H-Integration

**Progress to date:**
1. An All-H Leadership group was created—meeting March 22nd.

2. An H-Integration workgroup is developing:
   - Definition of H-integration
   - Who needs to be involved, roles and responsibilities
   - Components of H-Integration – What it looks like
   - Preliminary assessment of H-integration status for each watershed
   - How to document H-Integration in terms of effects of VSP
   - Conceptual framework for all-H verification and accountability
   - Tools – what tools available and for what purpose
   - Short (2006) and long-term (2007+) work program

3. All-H Leadership group approved ’06 work program (see handout)
Puget Sound Partnership

Partnership charges:
1. 2020 goals/outcomes/priorities
2. Organizational structure
3. Regional and watershed funding
4. Public engagement
5. Science

- June draft recommendations, October final.
- March 27th meeting--briefing on Salmon Plan.
- April/May forums and public meetings.
- Strategic Framework Questions

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