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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILMER (for himself, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting United Gov-
5 ernment Efforts to Save Our Sound Act” or the “PUGET
6 SOS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUGET SOUND COORDINATED RECOVERY.**

2 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 124. PUGET SOUND.**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
7 definitions apply:

8 “(1) COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL
9 PROGRAM.—The term ‘Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
10 Control Program’ means the State of Washington’s
11 Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program ap-
12 proved by the Secretary of Commerce as required
13 under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reau-
14 thorization Amendments of 1990.

15 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
16 the Director of the Program Office.

17 “(3) FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—The term ‘Fed-
18 eral Action Plan’ means the plan developed under
19 subsection (d)(2)(B).

20 “(4) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—The
21 term ‘International Joint Commission’ means the
22 International Joint Commission established by the
23 United States and Canada under the International
24 Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 (36 Stat. 2448).

25 “(5) PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION.—The term
26 ‘Pacific Salmon Commission’ means the Pacific

1 Salmon Commission established by the United
2 States and Canada under the Treaty between the
3 Government of the United States of America and
4 the Government of Canada Concerning Pacific Salm-
5 on, signed at Ottawa, January 28, 1985 (commonly
6 known as the ‘Pacific Salmon Treaty’).

7 “(6) PROGRAM OFFICE.—The term ‘Program
8 Office’ means the Puget Sound Recovery National
9 Program Office established by subsection (c).

10 “(7) PUGET SOUND ACTION AGENDA; ACTION
11 AGENDA.—The term ‘Puget Sound Action Agenda’
12 or ‘Action Agenda’ means the most recent plan de-
13 veloped by the Puget Sound National Estuary Pro-
14 gram Management Conference, in consultation with
15 the Puget Sound Tribal Management Conference,
16 and approved by the Administrator as the com-
17 prehensive conservation and management plan for
18 Puget Sound under section 320.

19 “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
20 TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Federal
21 Leadership Task Force’ means the Puget Sound
22 Federal Leadership Task Force established under
23 subsection (d).

24 “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—
25 The term ‘Puget Sound Federal Task Force’ means

1 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force established in
2 2016 under a memorandum of understanding among
3 9 Federal agencies.

4 “(10) PUGET SOUND NATIONAL ESTUARY PRO-
5 GRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE; MANAGEMENT
6 CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound National
7 Estuary Program Management Conference’ or ‘Man-
8 agement Conference’ means the management con-
9 ference for Puget Sound convened pursuant to sec-
10 tion 320.

11 “(11) PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP.—The term
12 ‘Puget Sound Partnership’ means the State agency
13 that is established under the laws of the State of
14 Washington (section 90.71.210 of the Revised Code
15 of Washington), or its successor agency, that has
16 been designated by the Administrator as the lead en-
17 tity to support the Puget Sound National Estuary
18 Program Management Conference.

19 “(12) PUGET SOUND REGION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘Puget
21 Sound region’ means the land and waters in the
22 northwest corner of the State of Washington
23 from the Canadian border to the north to the
24 Pacific Ocean on the west, including Hood
25 Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

1 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘Puget Sound
2 region’ includes all of the water that falls on
3 the Olympic and Cascade Mountains and flows
4 to meet Puget Sound’s marine waters.

5 “(13) PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT
6 CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Tribal Man-
7 agement Conference’ means the 20 treaty Indian
8 tribes of western Washington and the Northwest In-
9 dian Fisheries Commission.

10 “(14) SALISH SEA.—The term ‘Salish Sea’
11 means the network of coastal waterways on the west
12 coast of North America that includes the Puget
13 Sound, the Strait of Georgia, and the Strait of Juan
14 de Fuca.

15 “(15) SALMON RECOVERY PLANS.—The term
16 ‘Salmon Recovery Plans’ means the recovery plans
17 for salmon and steelhead species approved by the
18 Secretary of the Interior under section 4(f) of the
19 Endangered Species Act of 1973.

20 “(16) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The
21 term ‘State Advisory Committee’ means the advisory
22 committee established by subsection (e).

23 “(17) TREATY RIGHTS AT RISK INITIATIVE.—
24 The term ‘Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative’ means
25 the report from the treaty Indian tribes of western

1 Washington entitled ‘Treaty Rights at Risk: Ongo-
2 ing Habitat Loss, the Decline of the Salmon Re-
3 source, and Recommendations for Change’ and
4 dated July 14, 2011, or its successor report, which
5 outlines issues and offers solutions for the protection
6 of Tribal treaty rights, recovery of salmon habitat,
7 and management of sustainable treaty and nontreaty
8 salmon fisheries, including through tribal salmon
9 hatchery programs.

10 “(b) CONSISTENCY.—All Federal agencies rep-
11 resented on the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
12 Force shall act consistently with the protection of Tribal,
13 treaty-reserved rights and, to the greatest extent prac-
14 ticable given such agencies’ existing obligations under
15 Federal law, act consistently with the objectives and prior-
16 ities of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans, the
17 Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint
18 Pollution Control Program, when—

19 “(1) conducting Federal agency activities within
20 or outside Puget Sound that affect any land or
21 water use or natural resources of Puget Sound and
22 its tributary waters, including activities performed
23 by a contractor for the benefit of a Federal agency;

1 “(2) interpreting and enforcing regulations that
2 impact the restoration and protection of Puget
3 Sound;

4 “(3) issuing Federal licenses or permits that
5 impact the restoration and protection of Puget
6 Sound; and

7 “(4) granting Federal assistance to State, local,
8 and Tribal governments for activities related to the
9 restoration and protection of Puget Sound.

10 “(c) PUGET SOUND RECOVERY NATIONAL PROGRAM
11 OFFICE.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
13 the Environmental Protection Agency a Puget
14 Sound Recovery National Program Office to be lo-
15 cated in the State of Washington.

16 “(2) DIRECTOR.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
18 Program Office shall be a career reserved posi-
19 tion, as such term is defined in section
20 3132(a)(8) of title 5, United States Code.

21 “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Director of
22 the Program Office shall have leadership and
23 project management experience and shall be
24 highly qualified to—

1 “(i) direct the integration of multiple
2 project planning efforts and programs
3 from different agencies and jurisdictions;
4 and

5 “(ii) align numerous, and often con-
6 flicting, needs toward implementing a
7 shared Action Agenda with visible and
8 measurable outcomes.

9 “(3) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; STAFFING.—
10 Using amounts made available pursuant to sub-
11 section (i), the Administrator shall delegate to the
12 Director such authority and provide such staff as
13 may be necessary to carry out this section.

14 “(4) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

15 “(A) coordinate and manage the timely
16 execution of the requirements of this section,
17 including the formation and meetings of the
18 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force;

19 “(B) coordinate activities related to the
20 restoration and protection of Puget Sound
21 across the Environmental Protection Agency;

22 “(C) coordinate and align the activities of
23 the Administrator with the Action Agenda,
24 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at

1 Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
2 tion Control Program;

3 “(D) promote the efficient use of Environ-
4 mental Protection Agency resources in pursuit
5 of Puget Sound restoration and protection;

6 “(E) serve on the Puget Sound Federal
7 Leadership Task Force and collaborate with,
8 help coordinate, and implement activities with
9 other Federal agencies that have responsibilities
10 involving Puget Sound restoration and protec-
11 tion;

12 “(F) provide or procure such other advice,
13 technical assistance, research, assessments,
14 monitoring, or other support as is determined
15 by the Director to be necessary or prudent to
16 most efficiently and effectively fulfill the objec-
17 tives and priorities of the Action Agenda, Salm-
18 on Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk
19 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
20 Control Program consistent with the best avail-
21 able science and to ensure the health of the
22 Puget Sound ecosystem;

23 “(G) track the progress of the Environ-
24 mental Protection Agency towards meeting the
25 Agency’s specified objectives and priorities with-

1 in the Action Agenda and the Federal Action
2 Plan;

3 “(H) implement the recommendations of
4 the Comptroller General, set forth in the report
5 entitled ‘Puget Sound Restoration: Additional
6 Actions Could Improve Assessments of
7 Progress’ and dated July 19, 2018;

8 “(I) serve as liaison and coordinate activi-
9 ties for the restoration and protection of the
10 Salish Sea, with Canadian authorities, the Pa-
11 cific Salmon Commission, and the International
12 Joint Commission; and

13 “(J) carry out such additional duties as
14 the Administrator determines necessary and ap-
15 propriate.

16 “(d) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
17 FORCE.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
19 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

20 “(2) DUTIES.—

21 “(A) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Puget
22 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall—

23 “(i) uphold Federal trust responsibil-
24 ities to restore and protect resources cru-
25 cial to Tribal treaty rights, including by

1 carrying out government-to-government
2 consultation with Indian tribes when re-
3 quested by such tribes;

4 “(ii) provide a venue for dialogue and
5 coordination across all Federal agencies on
6 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
7 Force to align Federal resources for the
8 purposes of carrying out the requirements
9 of this section and all other Federal laws
10 that contribute to the restoration and pro-
11 tection of Puget Sound, including by—

12 “(I) enabling and encouraging
13 the Federal agencies represented on
14 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
15 Task Force to act consistently with
16 the objectives and priorities of the Ac-
17 tion Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans,
18 the Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative,
19 and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
20 Control Program;

21 “(II) facilitating the coordination
22 of Federal activities that impact the
23 restoration and protection of Puget
24 Sound;

1 “(III) facilitating the delivery of
2 feedback given by Federal agencies to
3 the Puget Sound Partnership during
4 the development of the Action Agen-
5 da;

6 “(IV) facilitating the resolution
7 of interagency conflicts associated
8 with the restoration and protection of
9 Puget Sound among the agencies rep-
10 resented on the Puget Sound Federal
11 Leadership Task Force;

12 “(V) providing a forum for ex-
13 changing information among agencies
14 regarding activities being conducted,
15 including obstacles or efficiencies
16 found, during Puget Sound restora-
17 tion and protection activities; and

18 “(VI) promoting the efficient use
19 of government resources in pursuit of
20 Puget Sound restoration and protec-
21 tion through coordination and collabo-
22 ration, including by ensuring that the
23 Federal efforts relating to the science
24 necessary for restoration and protec-
25 tion of Puget Sound are consistent,

1 and not duplicative, across the Fed-
2 eral Government;

3 “(iii) catalyze public leaders at all lev-
4 els to work together toward shared goals
5 by demonstrating interagency best prac-
6 tices coming from the members of the
7 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
8 Force;

9 “(iv) provide advice and support on
10 scientific and technical issues and act as a
11 forum for the exchange of scientific infor-
12 mation about Puget Sound;

13 “(v) identify and inventory Federal
14 environmental research and monitoring
15 programs related to Puget Sound, and pro-
16 vide such inventory to the Puget Sound
17 National Estuary Program Management
18 Conference;

19 “(vi) ensure that Puget Sound res-
20 toration and protection activities are as
21 consistent as practicable with ongoing res-
22 toration and protection and related efforts
23 in the Salish Sea that are being conducted
24 by Canadian authorities, the Pacific Salm-

on Commission, and the International
Joint Commission;

“(vii) establish any necessary working
groups or advisory committees necessary to
assist the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
Task Force in its duties, including public
policy and scientific issues;

“(viii) raise national awareness of the
significance of Puget Sound;

“(ix) work with the Office of Manage-
ment and Budget to give input on the
crosscut budget under subsection (h); and

“(x) submit a biennial report under
subsection (g) on the progress made to-
ward carrying out the Federal Action Plan.

“(B) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL ACTION
PLAN.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5
years after the date of enactment of this
section, the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
ship Task Force shall develop and approve
a Federal Action Plan that leverages Fed-
eral programs across agencies and serves
to coordinate diverse programs on a spe-

1 cific suite of priorities on Puget Sound re-
2 covery.

3 “(ii) REVISION OF PUGET SOUND
4 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—Not less often
5 than once every 5 years after the date of
6 completion of the Federal Action Plan de-
7 scribed in clause (i), the Puget Sound Fed-
8 eral Leadership Task Force shall review,
9 and revise as appropriate, the Federal Ac-
10 tion Plan.

11 “(C) FEEDBACK BY FEDERAL AGEN-
12 CIES.—In facilitating feedback under subpara-
13 graph (A)(ii)(III), the Puget Sound Federal
14 Leadership Task Force shall request Federal
15 agencies to consider, at a minimum, possible
16 Federal actions designed to—

17 “(i) further the goals, targets, and ac-
18 tions of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recov-
19 ery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Ini-
20 tiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
21 Control Program;

22 “(ii) implement and enforce this Act,
23 the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and
24 all other Federal laws that contribute to
25 the restoration and protection of Puget

1 Sound, including those that protect Tribal
2 treaty rights;

3 “(iii) prevent the introduction and
4 spread of invasive species;

5 “(iv) prevent the destruction of ma-
6 rine and wildlife habitats;

7 “(v) protect, restore, and conserve for-
8 ests, wetlands, riparian zones, and near-
9 shore waters that provide marine and wild-
10 life habitat;

11 “(vi) promote resilience to climate
12 change and ocean acidification effects;

13 “(vii) conserve and recover endan-
14 gered species under the Endangered Spe-
15 cies Act of 1973;

16 “(viii) restore fisheries so that they
17 are sustainable and productive;

18 “(ix) preserve biodiversity;

19 “(x) restore and protect ecosystem
20 services that provide clean water, filter
21 toxic chemicals, and increase ecosystem re-
22 silience; and

23 “(xi) improve water quality and re-
24 store wildlife habitat, including by pre-
25 venting and managing stormwater runoff,

1 incorporating erosion control techniques
2 and trash capture devices, using sustain-
3 able stormwater practices, and mitigating
4 and minimizing nonpoint source pollution,
5 including marine litter.

6 “(3) PARTICIPATION OF STATE ADVISORY COM-
7 MITTEE AND PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT
8 CONFERENCE.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Puget Sound
10 Federal Leadership Task Force shall carry out
11 its duties with input from, and in collaboration
12 with, the State Advisory Committee and Puget
13 Sound Tribal Management Conference.

14 “(B) SPECIFIC ADVICE AND RECOMMENDA-
15 TIONS.—The Puget Sound Federal Leadership
16 Task Force shall seek the advice and rec-
17 ommendations of the State Advisory Committee
18 and Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-
19 ference on the actions, progress, and issues per-
20 taining to restoration and protection of Puget
21 Sound.

22 “(4) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 “(A) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members ap-
24 pointed under this paragraph shall have experi-
25 ence and expertise in matters of restoration and

1 protection of large watersheds and bodies of
2 water or related experience that will benefit the
3 restoration and protection effort of Puget
4 Sound.

5 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The Puget Sound
6 Federal Leadership Task Force shall be com-
7 posed of the following members:

8 “(i) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—
9 The following individuals appointed by the
10 Secretary of Agriculture:

11 “(I) A representative of the Na-
12 tional Forest Service.

13 “(II) A representative of the
14 Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
15 ice.

16 “(ii) SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—A
17 representative of the National Oceanic and
18 Atmospheric Administration appointed by
19 the Secretary of Commerce.

20 “(iii) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The
21 following individuals appointed by the Sec-
22 retary of Defense:

23 “(I) A representative of the
24 Corps of Engineers.

1 “(II) A representative of the
2 Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

3 “(III) A representative of the
4 Navy Region Northwest.

5 “(iv) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the
6 Program Office.

7 “(v) SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SE-
8 curity.—The following individuals ap-
9 pointed by the Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity:

11 “(I) A representative of the
12 Coast Guard.

13 “(II) A representative of the
14 Federal Emergency Management
15 Agency.

16 “(vi) SECRETARY OF THE INTE-
17 rior.—The following individuals appointed
18 by the Secretary of the Interior:

19 “(I) A representative of the Bu-
20 reau of Indian Affairs.

21 “(II) A representative of the
22 United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
23 ice.

24 “(III) A representative of the
25 United States Geological Survey.

1 “(IV) A representative of the Na-
2 tional Park Service.

3 “(vii) SECRETARY OF TRANSPOR-
4 TATION.—The following individuals ap-
5 pointed by the Secretary of Transpor-
6 tation:

7 “(I) A representative of the Fed-
8 eral Highway Administration.

9 “(II) A representative of the
10 Federal Transit Administration.

11 “(viii) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Rep-
12 resentatives of such other agencies, pro-
13 grams, and initiatives as the Puget Sound
14 Federal Leadership Task Force determines
15 necessary.

16 “(5) LEADERSHIP.—The Co-Chairs shall ensure
17 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
18 completes its duties through robust discussion of all
19 relevant issues. The Co-Chairs shall share leadership
20 responsibilities equally.

21 “(6) CO-CHAIRS.—The following members of
22 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
23 appointed under paragraph (5) shall serve as Co-
24 Chairs of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
25 Force:

1 “(A) The representative of the National
2 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

3 “(B) The representative of the Puget
4 Sound Recovery National Program Office.

5 “(C) The representative of the Corps of
6 Engineers.

7 “(7) MEETINGS.—

8 “(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Puget
9 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall
10 meet not later than 180 days after the date of
11 enactment of this section—

12 “(i) to determine if all Federal agen-
13 cies are properly represented;

14 “(ii) to establish the bylaws of the
15 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
16 Force;

17 “(iii) to establish necessary working
18 groups or committees; and

19 “(iv) to determine subsequent meeting
20 times, dates, and logistics.

21 “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the
22 initial meeting, the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
23 ership Task Force shall meet, at a minimum,
24 twice per year to carry out the duties of the
25 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

1 “(C) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.—Meet-
2 ings of any established working groups or com-
3 mittees of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
4 Task Force shall not be considered a biannual
5 meeting for purposes of subparagraph (B).

6 “(D) JOINT MEETINGS.—The Puget Sound
7 Federal Leadership Task Force shall offer to
8 meet jointly with the Puget Sound National Es-
9 tuary Program Management Conference and
10 the Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-
11 ference, at a minimum, once per year. A joint
12 meeting under this subparagraph may be con-
13 sidered a biannual meeting of the Puget Sound
14 Federal Leadership Task Force for purposes of
15 subparagraph (B), if agreed upon.

16 “(E) QUORUM.—A majority number of the
17 members of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
18 ship Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

19 “(F) VOTING.—For the Puget Sound Fed-
20 eral Leadership Task Force to pass a measure,
21 a two-thirds percentage of the quorum must
22 vote in the affirmative.

23 “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
24 TASK FORCE PROCEDURES AND ADVICE.—

1 “(A) ADVISORS.—The Puget Sound Fed-
2 eral Leadership Task Force, and any working
3 group of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
4 Task Force, may seek advice and input from
5 any interested, knowledgeable, or affected party
6 as the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
7 Force or working group, respectively, deter-
8 mines necessary to perform its duties.

9 “(B) COMPENSATION.—A member of the
10 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
11 shall receive no additional compensation for
12 service as a member on the Puget Sound Fed-
13 eral Leadership Task Force.

14 “(C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Travel expenses
15 incurred by a member of the Puget Sound Fed-
16 eral Leadership Task Force in the performance
17 of service on the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
18 ship Task Force may be paid by the agency or
19 department that the member represents.

20 “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On the date of enact-
22 ment of this section, the 2016 memorandum of
23 understanding establishing the Puget Sound
24 Federal Task Force shall cease to be effective.

1 “(B) USE OF PREVIOUS WORK.—The
2 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
3 shall, to the extent practicable, use the work
4 product produced, relied upon, and analyzed by
5 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force in order
6 to avoid duplicating the efforts of the Puget
7 Sound Federal Task Force.

8 “(e) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

9 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
10 State Advisory Committee.

11 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The committee shall con-
12 sist of up to seven members designated by the gov-
13 erning body of the Puget Sound Partnership, in con-
14 sultation with the Governor of Washington, who will
15 represent Washington State agencies that have sig-
16 nificant roles and responsibilities related to Puget
17 Sound recovery.

18 “(f) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The
19 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, State Advi-
20 sory Committee, and any working group of the Puget
21 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall not be con-
22 sidered an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory
23 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

1 “(g) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
2 FORCE BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUGET SOUND RECOVERY
3 ACTIVITIES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of enactment of this section, and biennially
6 thereafter, the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
7 Task Force, in collaboration with the Puget Sound
8 Tribal Management Conference and the State Advisory
9 Committee, shall submit to the President, Congress,
10 the Governor of Washington, and the governing body of the
11 Puget Sound Partnership a report that summarizes the progress,
12 challenges, and milestones of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
13 Task Force on the restoration and protection of
14 Puget Sound.
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16 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph
17 (1) shall include a description of the following:

18 “(A) The roles and progress of each State,
19 local government entity, and Federal agency
20 that has jurisdiction in the Puget Sound region
21 toward meeting the identified objectives and
22 priorities of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recovery
23 Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative,
24 and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control
25 Program.

1 “(B) If available, the roles and progress of
2 Tribal governments that have jurisdiction in the
3 Puget Sound region toward meeting the identi-
4 fied objectives and priorities of the Action
5 Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty
6 Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal
7 Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

8 “(C) A summary of specific recommenda-
9 tions concerning implementation of the Action
10 Agenda and Federal Action Plan, including
11 challenges, barriers, and anticipated milestones,
12 targets, and timelines.

13 “(D) A summary of progress made by
14 Federal agencies toward the priorities identified
15 in the Federal Action Plan.

16 “(h) CROSSCUT BUDGET REPORT.—

17 “(1) FINANCIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1
18 year after the date of enactment of this section, and
19 every 5 years thereafter, the Director of the Office
20 of Management and Budget, in consultation with the
21 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall,
22 in conjunction with the annual budget submission of
23 the President to Congress for the year under section
24 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, submit to
25 Congress and make available to the public, including

1 on the internet, a financial report that is certified by
2 the head of each agency represented by the Puget
3 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

4 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report shall contain an
5 interagency crosscut budget relating to Puget Sound
6 restoration and protection activities that displays—

7 “(A) the proposed funding for any Federal
8 restoration and protection activity to be carried
9 out in the succeeding fiscal year, including any
10 planned interagency or intra-agency transfer,
11 for each of the Federal agencies that carry out
12 restoration and protection activities;

13 “(B) the estimated expenditures for Fed-
14 eral restoration and protection activities from
15 the preceding 2 fiscal years, the current fiscal
16 year, and the succeeding fiscal year; and

17 “(C) the estimated expenditures for Fed-
18 eral environmental research and monitoring
19 programs from the preceding 2 fiscal years, the
20 current fiscal year, and the succeeding fiscal
21 year.

22 “(3) INCLUDED RECOVERY ACTIVITIES.—With
23 respect to activities described in the report, the re-
24 port shall only describe activities that have funding
25 amounts more than \$100,000.

1 “(4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Director
2 of the Office of Management and Budget shall sub-
3 mit the report to—

4 “(A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
5 Committee on Natural Resources, the Com-
6 mittee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-
7 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
8 the House of Representatives; and

9 “(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
10 Committee on Environment and Public Works,
11 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
12 Transportation of the Senate.

13 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
14 tion to any other funds authorized to be appropriated for
15 activities related to Puget Sound, there is authorized to
16 be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for
17 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

18 “(j) PRESERVATION OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND
19 EXISTING FEDERAL STATUS.—

20 “(1) TRIBAL TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this
21 section affects, or is intended to affect, any right re-
22 served by treaty between the United States and one
23 or more Indian tribes.

1 “(2) OTHER FEDERAL LAW.—Nothing in this
2 section affects the requirements and procedures of
3 other Federal law.

4 “(k) CONSISTENCY.—Actions authorized or imple-
5 mented under this section shall be consistent with—

6 “(1) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and
7 the Salmon Recovery Plans of the State of Wash-
8 ington;

9 “(2) the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
10 and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Pro-
11 gram;

12 “(3) the water quality standards of the State of
13 Washington approved by the Administrator under
14 section 303; and

15 “(4) other applicable Federal requirements.”.

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