PUGET SOUND DAY ON THE HILL

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PUGET SOUND: A LABORATORY FOR INNOVATION

Puget Sound protection and recovery efforts are a model of innovation and efficient partnerships for creating thriving and resilient communities.

- ▶ Federal funds are carefully integrated with, and complementary to, significant investments by local, state, non-profit, private sector, and tribal partners, resulting in greater impact than the sum of the parts.
- ▶ This deliberate approach creates tremendous leveraging of funds and magnification of impacts. For example, every \$1 million spent on watershed restoration results in 15 to 33 new or sustained jobs and generates \$2.2 to \$2.5 million in total economic activity.

Withdrawal of federal support at this critical time would result in degradation of water quality and infrastructure, job loss, damage to multiple industries, and potentially irreversible ecosystem loss.

- Chinook salmon and the resident orca whales, which depend upon the Chinook for their survival, are on the brink of dropping to unrecoverable population numbers.
- Federal disinvestment would result in job loss and loss of economic activity.
 - In the Puget Sound Basin, 26.7 percent of employment is in water-dependent sectors, responsible for nearly \$200 billion in output.
 - In Washington state, commercial and recreational fishing are estimated to support 16,000 jobs and \$540 million in personal income.

Federal investment in Puget Sound recovery and protection helps fulfill treaty-based responsibilities.

- Puget Sound is the ancestral home to 17 Native American tribes that have treaty-reserved rights, including those to natural resources. These natural resources will continue to decline without ongoing and proactive action.
- ▶ Puget Sound tribal governments provide significant leadership, expertise, and resources toward achieving recovery and protection goals.
- ▶ Puget Sound is part of the Salish Sea, which extends into Canada. We work across this boundary to preserve the health and wellbeing of millions of people and enterprises, including 77 sovereign tribes and First Nations.

CRITICAL PATHWAYS FOR OUR SUCCESS INCLUDE:

The Puget Sound Geographic Program (U.S. EPA)

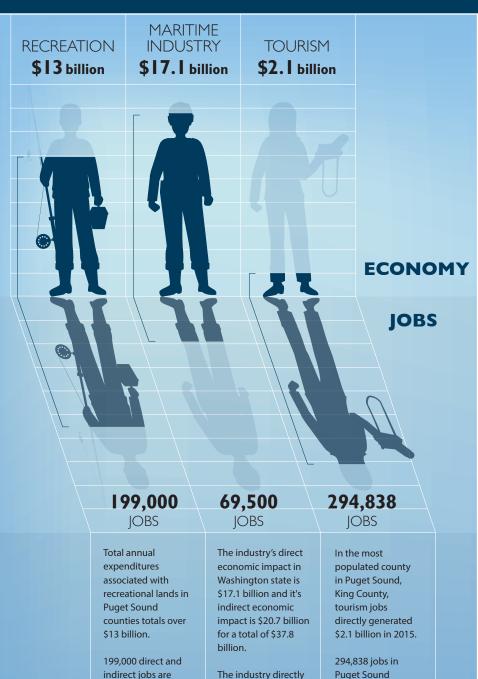
National Estuary Program/ Coastal Waterways (U.S. EPA)

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (NOAA)









supported 69,500 jobs

in 2015.

counties are related

to travel and tourism.

supported in

Washington.

TRIBAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Tribes contribute in many ways, including tribal hatcheries that annually produce about 40 million salmon.

SALMON RECOVERY

Salmon restoration funding has resulted in more than \$1.1 billion in total economic activity.

VETERANS

The Washington Veterans
Conservation Corps (VCC) employs
veterans in transition from military
service. The Northwest Straits
Commission worked with the VCC
for cleanup efforts that removed
91,863 pounds (41.13 tons) of
derelict marine debris.

SHELLFISH

Washington state is the leading U.S. producer of farmed shellfish.

The value of Puget Sound shellfish aquaculture is more than \$72 million.