

PUGET SOUND ACTION AGENDA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOCUS



The Puget Sound Action Agenda is a comprehensive, science-informed roadmap to Puget Sound recovery. This regional plan identifies the actions needed to advance recovery efforts. Three region-wide initiatives guide this priority work.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Setting priorities involves balancing ecological, economic and human well-being factors so that the region invests in actions that will make the biggest difference for the time and resources spent. These Strategic Initiatives encompass priority actions that address the most serious threats to Puget Sound health, improve quality of life, and support economic development and job creation.



Polluted runoff from roads, roofs, parking lots, and other paved areas is the biggest threat to Puget Sound's water quality. Land development practices have a big impact on water quality, but so do residential activities such as how we wash our cars or fertilize our lawns. Actions include: take a watershed approach to management, prevent new problems, fix existing problems, control sources of pollution, and education.



Restoring damaged shorelines and protecting salmon habitat along the many rivers and streams that flow into Puget Sound is necessary to save salmon and honor tribal treaty rights. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that Puget Sound's native habitats and the species that depend upon them are sustained for the use and enjoyment of future generations. Actions include: protecting habitat through regulations, restoring habitat through incentives, and removing barriers to restoration and protection efforts.



Shellfish harvesting is a vital industry in our region, supporting more than 3,200 jobs and bringing an estimated \$270 million to the region. It is also a tribal treaty right and a treasured tradition for countless Northwest families. These assets are threatened by pollution that has halted harvest on thousands of acres of shellfish beds. Shellfish health begins on land, through reduction of pollution from rural and agricultural lands and maintenance and repair of failing septic tanks. Actions include: preventing pollution through existing regulations and programs, preventing pollution through incentives, and encouraging beneficial use of shellfish.

PUGET SOUND FEDERAL FUNDING PRIORITIES



AGENCY	FUNDING PROGRAM			
EPA	Puget Sound Geographic Program	X	X	X
	National Estuary Program /Coastal Waterways	X	X	X
	Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants	X		
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	X		
	Performance Partnership Grants	X		
	Beaches Protection Categorical Grants	X		X
NOAA	Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program		X	
	Community-based Restoration Program		X	X
	NMFS - Species Recovery Grants		X	
	Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program		X	X
	National Estuarine Research Reserve (at Padilla Bay)		X	X
	Sea Grant		X	X
	NOS - Coastal Zone Management - Grants to States		X	X
	Regional Ocean Partnerships			X
USFWS	Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program		X	X
	Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund		X	
	North American Wetlands Conservation Fund		X	
	State and Tribal Wildlife Grants		X	X
USACE	Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration GI Project		X	X
	Puget Sound Adjacent Waters		X	
	Duwamish/Green Ecosystem Restoration Program		X	
	Skokomish Study		X	
USFS	Legacy Roads Restoration Initiative	X	X	
INTERIOR	Land & Water Conservation Grants – Stateside and Federal		X	

OTHER PRIORITIES

- ▶ Support initiatives in the Congressional Puget Sound Recovery Caucus Working White Paper (August 2014)
- ▶ Identify and advance coordinated investment opportunities among agencies with overlapping interests in Puget Sound, including EPA, NOAA, USFWS, and USDA