

Puget Sound Recovery and the Department of Fish and Wildlife



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Key Messages

- WDFW delivers ongoing programs and new actions to advance Puget Sound recovery
- WDFW is a leader in Puget Sound recovery and provides critical expertise
- WDFW expertise directs federal funding to priority marine and nearshore projects



WDFW Contributions to Recovery

- WDFW Leads
 - Hatchery actions
 - Fish passage barrier removal
 - HPA effectiveness and improvements
 - PSNERP and ESRP projects
 - Invasive species prevention and response
 - Oil spill response for species
 - Prairie and Oak Woodland Restoration
 - Fish and Wildlife Action Plan and individual species plans



WDFW Contributions to Recovery

- WDFW Supports
 - Instream flows in priority watersheds
 - Local governments use PHS to improve Shoreline Master Programs and critical area ordinances
 - Marine protected areas protect threatened species and habitats
 - Removing derelict nets and gear with the Northwest Straits Foundation



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WDFW & Puget Sound Recovery



Structure of Puget Sound Recovery

- Puget Sound Partnership and advisors
 - Leadership Council
 - Ecosystem Coordination Board
 - State Caucus
 - Caucuses of other partners
 - Science Panel
 - Action Areas and Local Integrating Organizations
- Action Agenda identifies work to clean up, protect, and restore Puget Sound by 2020



Action Agenda for Puget Sound

Element of Strategic Approach

Measurement

Goals and Objectives

- 2020 ecosystem recovery targets
- Long-term benchmarks

Intermediate Results

of implementation strategies or strategic initiatives

- Interim Milestones

Sub-strategies and Actions

- Performance measures for near-term actions



Marine and Nearshore Lead Organization

- Secured funding from the EPA National Estuary Program to protect and restore marine and nearshore habitat
- 6-year cooperative agreement for up to \$48 m to pass through to priority projects
- Partnership with DNR
- To date, \$12.1 m and more than 25 projects to local and tribal governments, NGOs, state



Marine and Nearshore Lead Organization

Protecting and Restoring Shorelines

- These projects protect and restore shorelines to benefit forage fish, juvenile salmon, and other marine life
- \$2.2 m to 9 local jurisdictions and NGOs improves compliance and effectiveness of regulations
- Research to measure effects of armoring on shorelines
- Marketing strategy highlights shoreline restoration and stewardship by landowners
- Incentives for landowners to protect shorelines



Marine and Nearshore Lead Organization

Toxics in Biota

- Results will help protect marine life from water pollution
- A priority for Ecology and permittees monitoring pollution in stormwater
- WDFW scientists leveraging partners and local resources for common goals
 - 50+ volunteers via CERVIS
 - \$66,000 local funds to add 47 sites
 - Donations by Penn Cove Shellfish LLC

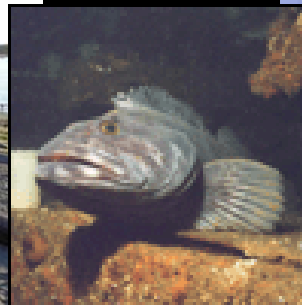


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Questions?

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