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South Central Action Area Caucus Group - Puget Sound Recovery Priorities and Strategies

NOTE: Information in the following columns was excerpted directly from the Action Agenda: priority strategies or actions; potential government, agency, and/or organization lead/partners; and, potential local and regional lead/partners.

Priority strategies or actions were categorized according to the following suites of actions (far left column):

- legislative
- seek resources
- local coordination and integration

Within each category, the relative urgency (high, medium, or low) associated with each priority strategy or action was determined by applying the Caucus Group's agreed-upon guiding principles (see the "guiding principles addressed" column) and assessing action area threats based on the South Central Action Area Profile and the rating of regional threats in the Puget Sound Partnership's Identification, Definition and Rating of Threats to the Recovery of Puget Sound technical memorandum (November 2009).

The threats considered to be most applicable and of highest concern based on conditions in the South Central Action Area are:

- Residential, commercial, port and shipyard development
- Surface water loading and runoff from the built environment
- Roads, transportation and utility infrastructure
- Dam, levees, and tidegates
- Climate change

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A: Protect						
Legislative						
L (high)	A: Protect	Implement Pierce and King counties transfer of development rights programs, cluster development, and increase density in urban areas; utilize conservation easements and Public Benefit Rating System	action area priority (profile)	a, b, c, d, e, g, i	King and Pierce counties	
L (high)	A: Protect	Support legislation that seeks to continue to direct growth away from rural and working resource lands and into cities	A.1.3 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, g, i	Commerce	Local Gov't, tribes, WCC, regional councils, Ecology
L (high)	A: Protect	Change SMA statutes and regulations to require a shoreline conditional use permit for: bulkheads and docks associated with all residential development; all new and replaced shoreline hardening; all seawall/bulkhead/revetment repair projects; and new docks or piers	A.2.7 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Puget Sound Partnership	Ecology, Local Gov't, Development interests

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L (medium)	A: Protect	Convene a task force to develop a funding mechanism to rapidly acquire properties with high ecological value and imminent risk of conversion	A.2.2 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Puget Sound Partnership	TNC, CLC, TPL, NFWF, WDFW, DNR, tribes, RCO, Biodiversity Council, Local Gov't
L (medium)	A: Protect	Evaluate and implement solutions to exempt well issues	A.3.5 (near-term action)	c, d, f, g, h, i	Ecology	Local Gov't, Department of Health, Commerce
L (low)	A: Protect	Develop a grey water reuse rule by December 31, 2010	A.3.8 (near-term action)	c, d, e, f, h, i	Ecology	Department of Health, utilities, Local Gov't
Seek Resources						
R (high)	A: Protect	Acquire high priority habitats (e.g., Lower Puyallup transition zone habitat, White River PSE properties, South Prairie Creek, Middle Puyallup forest lands, Middle Green River, Vashon Island)	action area priority (profile)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i		
R (high)	A: Protect	Protect high-value habitat and land at immediate risk of conversion as identified through existing processes such as the salmon recovery plans and others	A.2.1 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	varies by jurisdiction/watershed	varies by project
R (high)	A: Protect	Provide funding and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to update local shoreline master programs by current deadlines, with all updates complete by 2013	A.2.3 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Ecology	Local Gov't, Commerce, WDFW
R (high)	A: Protect	Provide funding and technical assistance to local governments that have not yet completed their CAO updates	A.2.8 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Commerce	Ecology, Local Gov't, WDFW
R (low)	A: Protect	Implement White River Biodiversity Stewardship Plan	action area priority (profile)	c, d, e, f, g	Pierce County	Local Gov't
R (low)	A: Protect	Implement Habitat Conservation Plans (forest and fish plans, Cedar, Green, Tacoma)	action area priority (profile)	c, d, e, f, g, h, i		
Local Coordination and Integration						
C (high)	A: Protect	Implement Vision 2040 Plan	action area priority (profile)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Puget Sound Regional Council	Participating jurisdictions
C (high)	A: Protect	Update and implement regulatory programs: Shoreline Master Program updates (King and Pierce counties, all relevant cities); Critical Area Ordinance updates (all relevant cities); restrict additional shoreline armoring	action area priority (profile)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i		
C (high)	A: Protect	Initiate or complete Action Agenda-based watershed assessment and related maps for each of the watersheds within the Puget Sound basin to identify sites and functions that are the most urgent and important for protection	A.1.2 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Puget Sound Partnership	Ecology, WDFW, DNR, Commerce, Local Gov't, Federal Gov't, tribes, PSNERP

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C (high)	A: Protect	Implement the recommendations from approved watershed plans prepared under the Watershed Planning Act consistent with the Action Agenda and coordinated with other local restoration and protection efforts	A.3.4 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Ecology	Watershed planning groups, utilities, Local Gov't, WDFW, Commerce, WCC, business
C (medium)	A: Protect	Convene a regional planning forum to create a coordinated vision for guiding growth at an ecosystem scale	A.1.1 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Puget Sound Partnership	Cascade Land Conservancy, Quality Growth Alliance, Commerce, DNR, Local Gov't, PSNERP, PSRC, WSDA, Canada
C (medium)	A: Protect	Provide local gov'ts with guidance on how to achieve and measure no net-loss of ecological function as required by the SMA and the SMP guidelines	A.2.6 (near-term action)	d, f, g, h, i	Ecology	Local Gov't, Commerce, WDFW
C (medium)	A: Protect	Support municipal water systems' implementation of DOH's Water Use Efficiency Rule, including establishing water conservation goals, metering, and reporting from all municipal suppliers	A.3.7 (near-term action)	c, d, f, h, i	Department of Health	Utilities, Local Gov't
C (low)	A: Protect	Establish and implement instream flow agreements in Green, White, Cedar, and Puyallup rivers; promote water conservation and reclaimed water use	action area priority (profile)	a, c, d, f, g, h, i		
C (low)	A: Protect	Protect and support long-term stewardship of working farms, forests, and shellfish farms	action area priority (profile)	b, d, g		
C (low)	A: Protect	Support and implement recommendations from the Commerce TDR Policy Advisory Committee	A.2.9 (near-term action)	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i	Commerce	WCC, NGOs, Local Gov't
C (low)	A: Protect	Set flow rules in watersheds that currently do not have instream flow rules, with priority given to critical basins or those with known significant problems meeting instream or out-of-stream demands	A.3.1 (near-term action)	c, d, f, g, h, i	Ecology	WDFW, Watershed Planning Groups
C (low)	A: Protect	Develop and implement the comprehensive basin flow protection and enhancement programs called for in the recovery plans for Puget Sound Chinook and Hood Canal/ Strait of Juan de Fuca summer chum	A.3.3 (near-term action)	c, d, f, g, h, i	Ecology	Ecology, WDFW, watershed planning groups, utilities, flood reservoir managers
C (low)	A: Protect	Establish local water masters in each watershed to increase water code compliance and enforcement	A.3.6 (near-term action)	f, g, h, i	Ecology	Local Gov't

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C (low)	A: Protect	Purchase or transfer development rights or use conservation easements for working lands at immediate risk of conversion	A.4.1 (near-term action)	b, d, g	varies	WCC, TNC, CLC, TPL, Local Gov't, forest groups, agriculture groups, Commerce, WDFW, RCO, SRFB
C (low)	A: Protect	Coordinate with the SSB 5248 project by the Ruckelshaus Center that is working to resolve conflicts between agricultural activities and critical areas regulations.	A.4.2 (near-term action)	b, d, g, h	Ruckelshaus Center/ University of Washington	Local Gov't, agriculture groups, Commerce, WCC
C (low)	A: Protect	Support the Conservation Commission's efforts to protect productive agricultural areas consistent with the Action Agenda priorities.	A.4.3 (near-term action)	c, d, g	WCC	Local Gov't, agriculture groups, Commerce, RCO, Biodiversity Council, WSDA