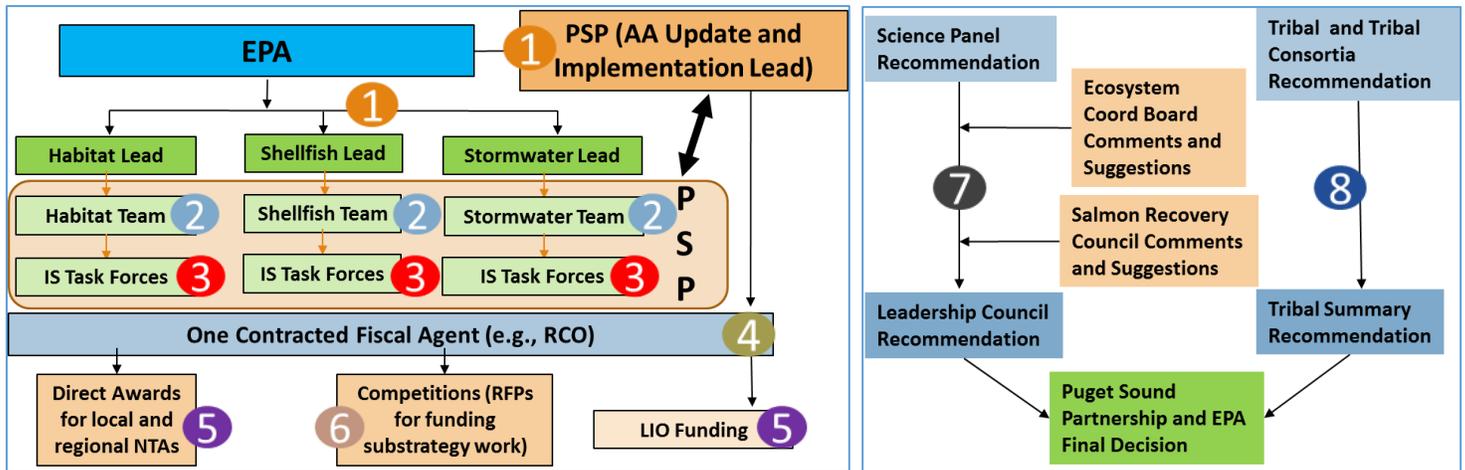


## How Did Roles Change Under the New EPA Funding Model?

*See back of this page for a primer on the new funding model structure*

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Role in the Previous Model</b>	<b>Role in the New Model</b>
Leadership Council (LC)	On an annual basis, the LC was briefed on the funding “themes” for the Lead Organizations. The LC wrote a comment letter to EPA on funding themes.	Makes final recommendations to EPA on funding priorities, and allocation percentages. Formally adopts Implementation Strategies and LIO-scale Recovery plans.
Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB)	Each year, the ECB was briefed on the funding “themes” for each Lead Organization. Members of the ECB had an opportunity to provide comment.	Makes recommendation to LC on funding priorities and allocation percentages. Recommends adoption of Implementation Strategies and LIO-scale recovery plans.
Science Panel	Annual briefing on funding themes and an opportunity to provide comment.	Recommends science-based funding priorities to ECB/LC. Review of Implementation Strategies and LIO-scale recovery plans. Makes formal adoption recommendations to ECB/LC.
Salmon Recovery Council (SRC)	No specific role	Makes recommendation to LC on funding priorities and allocation percentages.
Tribes	Tribal Lead Organization and participation in SP, ECB, SRC, and LC.	Specific opportunity for government-to-government discussions with EPA on funding priorities. Tribal Lead Organization and participation in SP, ECB, SRC, LC, Strategic Initiative Teams, and Implementation Strategy Teams.
Lead Organization State Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toxics – Ecology</li> <li>• Pathogens - Health</li> <li>• Marine and Nearshore - Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources</li> <li>• Watersheds – Ecology and Commerce</li> </ul>	Worked with EPA and Lead Organization Core Groups to create six-year funding strategies that were updated annually. Annually briefed management conference on funding themes for the coming year.	Four Lead Organizations become three Strategic Initiative Teams (Habitat, Shellfish, and Stormwater). State agencies may compete to serve as Strategic Initiative Team lead. Whether or not a state agency is a Strategic Initiative Team lead, they will participate on Strategic Initiative Teams, Implementation Strategy Teams, Science Panel, SRC, and ECB.
Puget Sound Partnership	Action Agenda Implementation and Stewardship Lead Organization. Participated on Lead Organization Core Teams. Supported LIOs in development of local Near Term Actions. Fostered annual briefing of SP, ECB, and LC on funding themes.	Action Agenda Implementation Lead. Participate with EPA to support EPA’s final funding allocation decision based on LC recommendation. Serve as co-applicant with Strategic Initiative Team Leads. Support Implementation Strategy development. Solicit/review content for Action Agenda updates. Support LIOs in local recovery plan development. Help in development of direct funding mechanism.
Local Integrating Organizations (LIOs)	LIOs worked with Partnership staff to develop local Near Term Actions for the Action Agenda. LIOs received \$75K in capacity funding and could compete for other Lead Organization funds.	Each LIO will be a voting member of the ECB, participate on Strategic Initiative Teams, Implementation Strategy Teams, and will complete LIO-scale recovery plans. Additional capacity funding (amount TBD) and opportunity for direct funds.
Non-Governmental Organizations	Participation on ECB and SRC.	Participation on ECB, SRC, Strategic Initiative Teams, Implementation Strategy Teams, and may compete to serve as Strategic Initiative Team lead.

## New EPA Funding Model – Key Points



- 1 The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), will be an applicant on four new agreements with EPA (in addition to the National Estuary Program base grant (usually about \$600,000/year)). The new agreements include:
  1. Action Agenda Update and Implementation Lead (includes our Action Agenda work, Local Integrating Organization (LIO) coordination, monitoring, science, and performance management)
  2. Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
  3. Shellfish Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
  4. Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
- 2 The three Strategic Initiative Lead agreement recipients will each convene a long-standing Strategic Initiative Team. These will be similar to the current Lead Organization Core Teams, but will include greater participation by LIOs and tribes. To ensure active, continuing participation by the needed membership, participants on the Strategic Initiative Teams will be compensated for their time.
- 3 The three Strategic Initiative Teams will convene short-term task forces to develop Implementation Strategies for the Puget Sound Vital Signs. The first Implementation Strategies to be developed are for Estuaries, Shellfish, and Chinook. After each Implementation Strategy is developed, the task force will disband and another will be formed to develop an Implementation Strategy for another Vital Sign.
- 4 EPA expects that PSP's Action Agenda Update and Implementation Agreement and all three of the Strategic Initiative Lead agreements will use a single fiscal agent; likely the State Recreation and Conservation Office. This is intended to provide uniformity to grant solicitations, schedules, applications, review processes, agreements, and reporting requirements.
- 5 EPA recognizes the importance of planning at the local level and is increasing the funding to LIOs. This funding will initially be for developing consistent LIO-level plans, which will then be eligible for direct implementation funding once approved by the Leadership Council.
- 6 For priority work identified by the three Strategic Initiative Teams that is not specified in an Implementation Strategy or a specific action in a LIO-level plan, the Strategic Initiative Leads will likely conduct a competition for funding.
- 7 The EPA designated Management Conference - Science Panel, Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB), Salmon Recovery Council, and Leadership Council – will have a formal role in reviewing and recommending to EPA; 1) biennial funding priorities (percentages among initiatives or implementation strategies), 2) the criteria-based order for Implementation Strategy development, 3) approved Implementation Strategies eligible for direct funding, and 4) LIO- level plans eligible for direct funding.
- 8 EPA will develop a separate, government-to-government process for garnering tribal recommendations related to necessary actions and funding priorities. The tribes will also participate directly in the LIO and Management Conference efforts.