

Legislative Update



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Topics

- This year's session and how to engage
- Review the Partnership's Legislative Priorities
- Review the Partnership's Budget Priorities
- Discuss Legislation Watch List
- Partnership Legislative Resources

What's Different/How to Engage

- Session will be held remotely, and campus will not be open to the public.
- Helpful tips on how to access: [this sheet](#)
- Up to date information on Legislature's website at: <https://leg.wa.gov/>



ACCESSING THE LEGISLATURE REMOTELY

The resources listed below have been gathered to provide quick reference in navigating the Washington State Legislature's remote 2021 Legislative Session. We believe this information will be helpful and you are always welcome to reach out to the Legislative Information Center for assistance (360) 786-7573.



1 Understanding the Process:

New to how the Legislature operates? Start here!

[Legislative Process \(Video\)](#)

[How a Bill Becomes a Law \(text\)](#)

[Overview of Legislative Process \(text\)](#)

Cutoff Calendar: <https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/cutoff.aspx>

The cutoff calendar shows dates and deadline of significance in the legislative process

[Glossary of Legislative Terms](#)

2 Watching and Participating: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all legislative buildings are closed to the public

See all the action and have your voice heard

Watch gavel to gavel coverage of legislative session on [TVW streaming](#) or on [Television](#)

Watch [TVW Coverage of Senate Sessions](#)

Contact Your Legislators

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Not sure what Legislative District you are in?

[Click here to find out.](#)

Cut Off Dates

- Monday, **February 15, 2021**, will be the final day to read in committee reports in the house of origin, with the exception of reports from fiscal & transportation committees
- Monday, **February 22, 2021**, will be the final day to read in reports from fiscal & transportation committees in the house of origin
- Tuesday, **March 9, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**, will be the final time to consider bills in their house of origin;
- Friday, **March 26, 2021**, will be the final day to read in committee reports on bills from the opposite house, with the exception of reports from fiscal & transportation committees
- Friday, **April 2, 2021**, will be the final day to read in reports from fiscal & transportation committees on bills from the opposite house
- **After 5:00 p.m.** on Sunday, **April 11, 2021**, neither house may consider any bills, memorials, or joint resolutions except initiatives to the legislature and alternatives to such initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, matters of differences between the two houses, and matters incident to the interim and to the closing of the business of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature
- **April 25, 2021** is the last day of the regular session.

PSP Legislative Priorities

Specific Proposals that the Agency will Support:

- Establish Clean Fuels Standard (HB 1091/SB 5231)
- Authorize Department of Ecology to regulate greenhouse gases
- Bring smaller dams under state control (Puyallup Tribe)
- HEAL Act/recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force (SB 5141)
- Permit streamlining bill
- Reauthorize the Invasive Species Council (RCO request) (HB 1056/SB 5063)
- Require consideration of the least impactful alternative for the protection of fish life when replacing residential marine shoreline armoring

Major issues PSP is tracking

Common Sense Proposals that won't change the world, but make good sense:

- Authorize the Fish and Wildlife Commission to indemnify the federal government to enable DFW to access federal funding for major habitat restoration projects like PSNERP (DFW request)(SB 5146)
- Exempt governmental grants provided for habitat restoration activities from business and occupation (B&O) tax and sales tax (Department of Revenue request) (SB 5220)
- Revise the Open Public Meetings Act to authorize virtual meetings in emergency situations (HB 1056)

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Big Ideas

These are concepts we really like the sound of and might show up in different bills:

- Carbon pricing to support reducing GHG emissions, climate change resilience and adaptation
- Net ecological gain (now included in HB 1117)
- Growth Management Act (GMA) improvements

Budget Priorities

- Fund priorities in the Puget Sound Budget rankings
- Defend against cuts to natural resource budgets
- Protect dedicated Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) revenue from diversion to other purposes

Ranking of State Agency Budget Requests

- As required by a **proviso** in the 2019–21 state operating budget, the Partnership developed a **prioritized list** of state agency 2021-2023 capital and operating budget requests related to Puget Sound restoration.
- The primary **criterion** the Partnership used to prioritize agency budget requests was how strongly the requests **align with the 2018-2022 Action Agenda (NTAs, regional priorities, ongoing programs)**. Also considered science Work Plan priorities.
- Although the operating budget proviso directed us to prepare a **single prioritized list**, we also ranked the requests by **budget type: operating, capital, and transportation**. This year, we also prioritized **budget reduction packages**
- Link to full list: [full ranked list](#)

Ranked Operating Budget requests

(NOTE: The **bold** numbers are in the Governor's budget. The others are requested amounts only.)

1. Safer Products Washington (ECY)		\$1.5M
1. Puget Sound Scientific Research (PSP) (fund shift)		\$933K
3. Antifouling Paint Technical Review (ECY)		\$377K
4. North of Falcon Habitat Commitments (WDFW)	\$4.35M	
Governor's budget:		\$0
4. Dairy Nutrient Management Program Staffing (WSDA) (non-GF-S)		\$304K
6. Aquatic Invasive Species Threats (WDFW)		\$2.8M
6. Coastal and Freshwater Monitoring (WDFW)		\$2.5M
8. 15% Reduction Shift GF-S to MTCA (ECY) (fund shift)		\$8.8M
8. Marine Mammal Management (WDFW)		\$2.7M
10. Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) Landowner Assistance (WDFW)	\$2.5M	
Governor's budget:		\$1.8M

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Ranked Operating Budget requests (PSP)

((NOTE: The **bold** numbers are in the Governor's budget. The others are requested amounts only.)

14. Monitoring to Accelerate Recovery (PSP)	\$112K
14. Equity & Justice (PSP)	\$576K
16. Puget Sound Info Hosting & M&O (PSP)	\$436K
21. Promote Accountability Measures (PSP)	\$112K

Ranked Capital Budget Requests

((NOTE: The **bold** numbers are in the Governor's budget. The others are requested amounts only.)

1. Floodplains by Design (FbD) (ECY)		\$70M
1. Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) (RCO/WDFW)		\$20M
3. Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) (RCO/PSP)	\$69.9M	
Governor's budget:		\$50M
3. Centennial Clean Water Program (ECY)	\$80M	
Governor's budget:		\$40M

Ranked Capital Budget Requests (Con't)

5. Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) (ECY)	\$52.7M	
Governor's budget:		\$75M
5. Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs (SRFB) (RCO)	\$80M	
Governor's budget:		\$40M
7. Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Program (WDFW)	\$59.5M	
Governor's budget:		\$34.8M
7. Coastal Wetlands Federal Funds (ECY)		\$8M
7. Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) (RCO/WDFW)	\$65.6M	
Governor's budget:		\$38.5M
10. Improve Shellfish Growing Areas (SCC)		\$4M
25. Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant Program		\$9M

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General Approach to Evaluating Legislation

The Partnership will support proposals that advance recovery in alignment with

- the 2018-2022 Action Agenda,
- the 2020-2024 Science Work Plan,
- the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan,
- the recommendations of the Orca Task Force,
- Local Integrating Organization plans, and
- tribal habitat priorities.

We will oppose proposals that hinder Puget Sound recovery.

This Week in the Legislature

House Appropriations

1/18/2021 3:30 PM

- **Work Session:** Overview of the [State Operating Budget](#).

House Environment & Energy

1/19/2021 8:00 AM

- **Executive Session:** [HB 1053](#) - Delaying the implementation of restrictions on carryout bags.
- **Public Hearing:** [HB 1099](#) - Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework.

House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources

1/19/2021 10:00 AM

- **Public Hearing:** [HB 1143](#) - Authorizing the placement of water rights banked pursuant to RCW 90.92.070 into the trust water rights program

Senate Environment, Energy & Technology

1/19/2021 10:30 AM

- **Public Hearing:** [SB 5126](#) - Concerning the Washington climate commitment act.

Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

1/19/2021 1:30 PM

- **Work Session:**
 1. Precision agriculture.
 2. Electric Utilities Wildland Fire Prevention Task Force report.
- **Public Hearing:** [SB 5158](#) - Concerning the utility wildland fire prevention advisory committee.

Watch List

- Long “watch list” of bills in House and Senate.
- Not going through the all here but they are available in this presentation after the Q&A Slide, with links to bill language
- Best way to learn about bills is to tune into our weekly legislative calls!

How You Can Participate

- Weekly Emails (sign up on [website](#))
- Partnership Legislative Update Calls
 - Fridays 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Partnership Legislative [Website](#)

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Watch List

House

- [HB 1025](#) – Concerning local parks funding options – Enable local governments to increase funding for local parks
- [HB 1036](#) - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel - Reduce carbon intensity of fuel by: directing ECY to create rules for the production, transportation, combustion of transportation fuels. (exceptions provided). Allows for the generation of credits. (Fitzgibbon)
- [HB 1046](#) - Concerning community solar programs - Incentivize community solar
- [HB 1050](#) - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases - Reduce emissions of HFCs refrigerants
- [HB 1069](#) - Concerning local government fiscal flexibility. - Flexibility for local govts in use of funds. Does not appear to divert any funds from Puget Sound protection

Watch List (con't)

House

- [HB 1075](#) - Reducing emissions from vehicles associated with on-demand transportation services - Reducing GHG from on demand transportation services by creating a baseline and then ECY setting reduction targets.
- [HB 1080](#) (SB 5083)– 2021-23 capital budget (Gov)
- [HB 1081](#) - Concerning state general obligation bonds & related accounts
- [HB 1084](#) (SB 5093)- Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings (Gov)
- [HB 1091](#) – Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel. (Gov)
- [HB 1093](#) (SB 5091) – 2019-21 2nd supplemental operating budget (Gov)
- [HB 1094](#) (SB 5092) – 2021-23 operating budget (Gov)
- [HB 1099](#) - Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework

Watch List (con't)

House

- [HB 1103](#) – Improving environmental and social outcomes with the production of building materials
- [HB 1114](#) – Encouraging utility mitigation of urban heat island effects.
- [HB 1117](#) – Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework. (Lekanoff)
- [HB 1125](#) - Incentivizing investment in energy conservation and efficiency measures and expanding opportunities for energy rate discounts to, among other objectives, reduce the energy burden of low-income customers and vulnerable populations.
- [HB 1130](#) - Concerning consumer affordability and reliability in energy supply.
- [HB 1132](#) - Concerning the protection of water supply for farming and rural economic development.
- [HB 1135](#) – 2021-23 Transportation Budget (Gov)
- [HB 1136](#) – 2019-21 Supplemental Transportation Budget (Gov)
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Watch List (con't)

House

- [HB 1143](#) - Trust water rights program
- [HB 1144](#) - Growth mngmt board standing
- [HB 1145](#) - Carryout bags/nonwood fiber
- [HB 1147](#) - Office of resiliency
- [HB 1168](#) - Long-term forest health
- [HB 1172](#) - Tribal fishing rights
- [HB 1184](#) - Risk-based water standards
- [HB 1193](#) - Dredged material disposal
- [HB 1200](#) - Sewerage systems/private op.
- [HB 1201](#) - Found. public health funding
- [HB 1204](#) - Transp. Electrification
- [HB 1211](#) - Salmon-safe communities
- [HB 1216](#) - Urban and community forestry
- [HB 1232](#) - GMA/affordable housing plans
- [HB 1233](#) - Intensive rural development
- (Review 1225-1229)

Watch List (con't)

Senate

- [SB 5000](#) - Creating a hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle pilot sales and use tax exemption program.
- [SB 5006](#) - Concerning local parks funding options - Enable local governments to increase funding for local parks
- [SB 5022](#) - Establishing extended producer responsibility requirements for plastic packaging
- [SB 5028](#) - Limiting state and local taxes, fees, and other charges relating to vehicles - \$30 car tabs....
- [SB 5042](#) - Concerning the **effective date of certain actions taken under the growth management act** - New language would be added to the GMA that would set the effective date of these planning actions at sixty days after notice of their adoption is published. Providing more time for review of growth planning decisions before development rights vest. Stated rationale is to slow sprawl and poorly planned growth.

Watch List (con't)

Senate

- [SB 5052](#) - Concerning the creation of **health equity zones** - Directing DOH to create health equity zones to address significant health disparities
- [SB 5058](#) - Making technical changes to certain natural resources-related accounts - Technical changes to accounts. No effect yet but put it here to track in case other accounts get added
- [SB 5060](#) - Concerning the preservation of water rights for farmland and economic development - Making water resource laws more friendly to Ag so that they don't waste water because they are worried about losing their allocation.
- [SB 5063](#) - **Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council.**
- [SB 5081](#) - Concerning the burden of proof in disputes involving enforcement actions by certain regulatory agencies
- [SB 5083](#) - **2021-23 capital budget** (Gov)

Watch List (con't)

Senate

- [SB 5084](#) - Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts (Gov)
- [SB 5085](#) - Modifying certain alternative fuel vehicles fees
- [SB 5087](#) - Concerning risk-based water quality standards for on-site non-potable water systems
- [SB 5091](#) – 2019-21 2nd supplemental operating budget (Gov)
- [SB 5092](#) – 2021-23 operating budget (Gov)
- [SB 5093](#) - Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings
- [SB 5125](#) – Affirming the process for disposing of dredged materials for federal navigation channel maintenance and improvement
- [SB 5126](#) – Concerning the Washington Climate Commitment Act. (Carlyle)

Watch List (con't)

Senate

- [SB 5141](#) - Env. justice task force recs
- [SB 5145](#) - Seabed mining/hard minerals
- [SB 5146](#) - Fish and wildlife/indemnify
- [SB 5149](#) - Found. public health funding
- [SB 5159](#) - WDFW payments/property tax
- [SB 5165](#) - Transp. budget 2021-2023
- [SB 5192](#) - Electric vehicle equipment
- [SB 5199](#) - Tribal fishing rights
- [SB 5207](#) - Environmental permits
- [SB 5211](#) - Tax increment financing
- [SB 5219](#) - Plastic packaging materials
- [SB 5220](#) - Salmon recovery grants/tax
- [SB 5225](#) - Direct appeals/APA, land use

Watch List (con't)

Senate

- [SB 5230](#) - Groundwater agreements
- [SB 5231](#) - Transportation fuel/carbon

Other:

1. Quiet Sound Funding Need – “Quiet Sound” is a proposed collaboration between Ports, government, industry, and others to reduce underwater noise levels from large vessels in Puget Sound.

- *State funding ask: \$100-200k, to support partnership with other funders and establish a fully funded program in 2021.*

2. Puget Sound Kelp Recovery and Conservation Plan (DNR)

3. Green Crab – funding for Sea Grant

4. Tire Wear Particles - 6PPD, used to keep tires from breaking down too quickly, reacts with ozone, transforming it into multiple chemicals, including 6PPD-quinone, the toxic chemical that is responsible for killing coho salmon.

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