

GLOSSARY

Some terms defined in this glossary are unique to the Action Agenda. Others are generally related to recovery planning.

TERM	DEFINITION
Action Agenda Report Card	Provides online status of Near Term Actions.
Action Agenda	Provides long-term strategies and Near Term Actions for Puget Sound recovery.
adaptive management	Process of applying knowledge gained from ongoing plans and actions to future plans and actions.
Science Work Plan	Sets priorities for scientific work required for Puget Sound recovery.
Comprehensive Plan	One of two components of the Action Agenda; outlines the strategies, actions, and funding necessary for Puget Sound recovery.
Ecosystem Coordination Board	One of the Puget Sound Partnership’s three boards, provides strategic and implementation oversight for the Action Agenda.
LIO Ecosystem Recovery Plan	Action-based recovery plan developed by a Local Integrating Organization.
effectiveness assessment	Review of data to determine whether recovery actions had the intended or expected results.
Guiding Principles for Ecosystem Management	Rules or frameworks for decisions in ecosystem management that set the priorities for ecosystem recovery.
human well-being	Human well-being refers to everything that allows humans to thrive. It includes familiar topics such as physical and psychological health, as well as governance, social, cultural and economic well-being. For the purposes of Puget Sound recovery, the focus is on human well-being as it relates to human engagement with the natural environment of Puget Sound.
Implementation Plan	One of two components of the Action Agenda; identifies actions to be implemented in the two-year timeframe.

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Implementation Strategy	Recovery plans for accelerating progress toward achieving the 2020 ecosystem recovery targets for the Vital Signs.
Lead Entity	Watershed-based organization that oversees implementation of watershed chapters of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan .
Leadership Council	One of the Puget Sound Partnership’s four boards, appointed by the Governor to set policy and strategy for the Partnership.
Local Integrating Organization	A consortia of local and tribal organizations that guides the planning and implementation of actions at the ecosystem scale and prioritizes local actions for investment in one of nine geographical areas around Puget Sound.
Management Conference	Directs governance for each estuary program in the National Estuary Program. The governing structure of the Puget Sound Partnership serves as the Management Conference.
Near Term Action	Trackable and measurable activity to reduce pressures and contribute to achieving the recovery targets. Identified in the Implementation Plan . Developed at the regional and local scale and begin implementation within two years.
ongoing programs	Continuing efforts—regulatory, oversight, technical support, guidance—that provide the foundation for Puget Sound ecosystem protection and recovery and align with the Action Agenda priorities.
Open Standards	The Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation link science, policy, and performance management, and are the foundation of the adaptive management framework for the recovery efforts coordinated by the Puget Sound Partnership.
Partnership Tribal Co-Management Council	Provides opportunities for early and frequent involvement of the tribes in Puget Sound Partnership activities.
pressures	Human activities that stress the ecosystem but may benefit humans. As reported in the Puget Sound Pressures Assessment , there are 41 critical ecosystem pressures (species and habitats).

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Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program	A network of people and organizations that collaborate to provide scientific advice to advance Puget Sound recovery.
Puget Sound Partnership	State agency that coordinates actions for Puget Sound recovery, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading development of the Action Agenda • Maintaining the shared measurement and monitoring infrastructure that enables learning and constant improvement • Supporting partners in implementation by mobilizing funding for recovery actions, assisting to remove barriers to implementation, and helping educate key decision-makers and influencers
Puget Sound Pressures Assessment	Summarizes pressures on specific endpoints in Puget Sound ecosystems and identifies ecosystem vulnerabilities.
Puget Sound Recovery Atlas	Provides online updates on project implementation and ongoing programs.
Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council	Advises the Leadership Council on decisions related to salmon recovery.
Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan	Adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2007 to guide recovery of salmon species in Puget Sound.
Puget Sound Vital Signs Website	Online tool that tracks health of the 25 Vital Signs.
recovery	Encompasses the protection and restoration of essential resources and functions.
recovery goals	Six statutory goals that guide the work of the Puget Sound Partnership.
recovery targets, 2020	Quantitative targets for recovering a specific Vital Sign by 2020. Established for 16 Vital Signs.
Regional Priority and Regional Priority approach	Regional Priorities describe the specific approaches, desired outcomes, and action ideas that are a priority for recovery of the Vital Signs over the next 4 years. Regional Priority approaches provide a description of how the Regional Priority should be addressed. Regional Priority approaches constitute the basis for identifying priority actions in this Implementation Plan .

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science-informed decision-making	Structured approach to deciding on actions and strategies for Puget Sound recovery that are informed by scientific information.
Science Panel	One of the Puget Sound Partnership’s three boards; provides independent scientific advice to the Leadership Council.
State of the Sound	Summarizes recovery progress, challenges, and investment every two years.
Strategic Initiative	Important focal areas that help prioritize implementation and funding of Near Term Actions. The three Strategic Initiatives address stormwater, habitat, and shellfish.
Strategic Initiative Lead	Organization with technical expertise that supports development of the Action Agenda and Implementation Strategies in support of a Strategic Initiative. Leads are charged with taking input from advisory teams, developing investment plans, making funding recommendations, and administering funds for Near Term Actions.
Strategic Initiative Advisory Team	Committee of technical experts who advise the Strategic Initiative Lead.
Strategic Science Plan	Framework for coordinating the science required for Puget Sound recovery as outlined in the Action Agenda.
strategy	A high-level approach to address pressures on the Puget Sound ecosystem and achieve recovery targets. There are 29 strategies.
sub-strategy	A specific approach to address pressures on the Puget Sound ecosystem and achieve recovery targets. There are 106 sub-strategies.
supporting organizations	Key agencies, organizations, and advisory bodies that support the work of the Puget Sound Partnership.
Puget Sound Vital Signs	Twenty-five signs that gauge the health and recovery of Puget Sound.
Vital Sign indicators	One or more specific and measurable metrics for each Vital Sign.