

RESOLUTION NO. 23 -2010

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A LOCAL INTEGRATING ORGANIZATION FOR APPROVAL BY THE PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE SAN JUAN ACTION AREA

BACKGROUND

- A. In 2007 the Washington State Legislature recognized the declining condition of Puget Sound and established the Puget Sound Partnership for the purpose of developing a strategy to restore and protect Puget Sound and the Salish Sea.
- B. Throughout 2008 Puget Sound Partnership developed and adopted an Action Agenda dated December 1, 2008 with separate chapters for each action area and developed a profile for the San Juan Action Area, which is coterminous with the boundaries of San Juan County.
- C. Pursuant to RCW 90.71.360, the Washington State Legislature by the establishment of the Puget Sound Partnership or the Action Agenda did not create a legal enforceable duty upon local governments.
- D. San Juan County, as a home rule county, desires to reserve to itself all powers granted under state law and the County Charter and does not intend by this resolution to waive or cede any responsibility that is granted to it to any other group or organization.
- E. San Juan County recognizes the value to its citizens and the good stewardship of the marine resources that comes from organized and coordinated actions in a priority that reflects the needs of the local people and the demand on local resources, together with the objective of implementing a strategy to restore and protect Puget Sound and the Salish Sea.
- F. The Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council desires that the San Juan County Council and Native American Tribes with Treaty Rights in San Juan County to propose a structure for a group called a "Local Integrating Organization" and the County Council desires to offer such a structure to the Leadership Council for its consideration.
- G. According to the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, the purpose of the Local Integrating Organization is to:
- Advise the Partnership on local priorities in the Action Agenda.
 - Provide assistance to enhance the implementation of work by local groups.
 - Work cooperatively to implement strategic actions by the Action Agenda.
 - Base work on the best scientific information available, including information from tribal, local, state, federal and Puget Sound Partnership's scientific staff and the science panel.
 - Evaluate progress implementing the Action Agenda at the local scale.

- H. The County Council recognizes the desire of the PSP Leadership Council to have local integrating organizations that have strong support from the local community and are broadly inclusive. They further recognize that persons selected to the membership of the group should have a strong capacity to execute roles, responsibilities, and the scope of work using a robust public process.
- I. The County Council recognizes that the Action Agenda sets out priorities for the next decade and that the funding and efficiencies of the priorities are subject to future evaluation and adjustment as part of an adaptively managed process.
- J. In October 2009 the San Juan County Council selected a Steering Committee to develop a report and recommendation for a local integrating organization for consideration by the San Juan County Council and the Tribes.
- K. The Steering Committee issued a Final Report on April 14, 2010.
- L. The Steering Committee established three objectives to address:
- Ensure that the new structure improves coordination and does not duplicate existing work.
 - Ensure that citizens are engaged, all citizens are involved, and the local integrating organization has public support.
 - Support the idea of a local/regional partnership without ceding local control.
- M. The County Council has reviewed and considered the name, structure and membership and duties of the proposed local integrating organization, as suggested by the Steering Committee, and desires to accept and recommend to the Tribes and Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council the group structure as modified and shown on Exhibit 1, with the understanding that persons selected for membership may not be available due to other time commitments, and in such case the member may appoint an alternate to serve in his or her place.
- N. The County Council desires that the first work of the local integrating organization is to review the Action Agenda dated December 1, 2008 and assure that the Oversight Committee agrees with or modifies the stated priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, as follows:

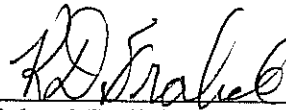
The County Council requests that the Puget Sound Leadership Council recognize the proposed Action Agenda Oversight Group as the local integrating organization within San Juan County, Washington.

It is further RESOLVED that the County Council reserves the right to withdraw or revoke its involvement in the Action Agenda Oversight Group if a majority of the County Council concludes that continued involvement is not in the best interest of San Juan County.

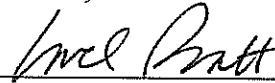
ADOPTED this 25TH day of MAY 2010.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


ATTEST: Clerk of the Council



Richard Fralick, Chair
District 4, Orcas West/Waldron



Lovel Pratt, Vice-Chair
District 1, San Juan South

By: 
Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk
Date: 5.25.2010

OPPOSED

Richard Peterson
District 2, San Juan North



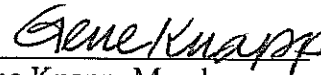
Howard Rosenfeld, Member
District 3, Friday Harbor

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ADMINISTRATOR

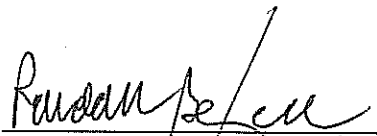


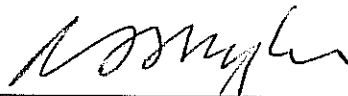
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Gene Knapp, Member
District 5, Orcas East

By: 
Date 5/25/2010



Bob Myhr, Member
District 6, Lopez/Shaw

EXHIBIT 1

Name: Action Agenda Oversight Group

Overview:

The Group being recommended for the San Juan Local Integrating Organization consists of an Accountability Oversight Committee, an Implementation Committee, an Ad-hoc Technical Committee and a Policy Committees. It is expected that staff support will be paid by the Puget Sound Partnership. The existing authority of local governments will not be limited or altered by the Partnership or the actions of the LIO in its implementation of the Action Agenda strategies. In conducting their work, the committees and subcommittees should provide opportunities for public comment at every meeting.

The Oversight Committee

Role: The primary role of the Oversight Committee is to provide strategic direction, be responsible for establishing overall priorities and serve to provide local accountability. The Oversight Committee will inform the Partnership on local priorities in the Action Agenda; provide assistance to enhance the implementation of work by local groups; work cooperatively to implement strategic actions by the Action Agenda; base work on the best scientific information recognized in by the San Juan County Council and evaluate progress implementing the Action Agenda within San Juan County.

Membership: Membership would consist of the following:

- County Council members (2 appointed by County Council)
- Tribal members (2-3 agreed upon by tribes)
- PSP Leadership Council member (appointed by Leadership Council chair)

Voting: The county council members collectively have one vote and the tribal members collectively have one vote. Both votes would be needed for action. The PSP Leadership Council member would hold an ex-officio position and would not have voting privileges.

The Implementation Committee

The Implementation Committee would provide prioritization of funding and improve coordination between groups working on Action Agenda implementation. Members will be recommended by their respective entities and subject to approval by the Oversight Committee. It is the desire to not include members of advocacy groups on the Implementation Committee but to gather their perspectives through subcommittees and other processes.

Membership: Except where indicated, one member from each of the following groups:

- Two representatives of the Marine Resources Committee

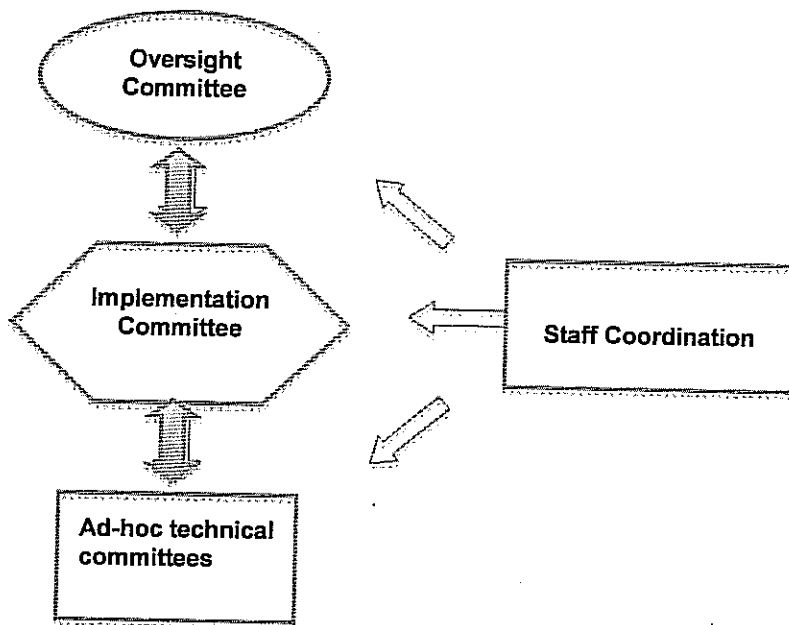
- Salmon Recovery Lead Entity
- Director of Planning
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Environmental Health
- Water Resources Committee (Community Representative)
- Tribal Representative
- Economic Development Council
- Conservation District
- Friday Harbor Laboratories
- San Juan ECONet
- Town of Friday Harbor

Ad-hoc Technical and Policy Committees:

Ad hoc technical and policy committees will be formed by the implementation committee as needed and will include one or more implementation committee members, and may include state, tribal, or federal agency representatives, members of advocacy groups, and other community members.

Staff Coordination Function

A locally based part-time staff person will eventually coordinate all functions of the oversight, implementation, and ad-hoc committees, and carry out necessary work tasks assigned by these groups. The Puget Sound Partnership is seeking funding to support this position. In the interim, the Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator will staff all committees.



Potential Model: San Juan Local Integrating Organization

