

## APPROVED STRATEGIES FOR THE 2022-2026 ACTION AGENDA

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A strategy describes an effective approach for advancing progress toward one or more desired outcomes, which in turn benefit multiple Vital Signs and advance overall recovery. Each strategy represents a suite of actions that will align and leverage efforts across the recovery community and deliver transformational change. Strategies address a 5-50 year time horizon and describe the types of policies, actions, and approaches that could be applied by many groups in many different areas. Strategies will serve as the basis for identifying specific actions and policy recommendations in the Action Agenda and will guide and support efforts to advance Puget Sound recovery over the next four years.

	<b>Strategy</b>
1	Advance <b>smart development</b> and protect intact habitats and processes by channeling population growth into attractive, transit-oriented urban centers with easy access to natural spaces
2	Reduce pressure for land conversion by supporting the long-term viability and sustainability of <b>agricultural lands and working forests</b> through resilience and integrated management planning, improved incentives, and improved land use regulations
3	Protect and restore <b>marine shorelines</b> by improving compliance, incentives, and strategic planning rooted in an understanding of coastal processes, with a focus on bluff backed beaches
4	Protect and restore <b>riparian areas</b> by improving regulatory frameworks and incentives
5	Protect and restore <b>floodplains and estuaries</b> (including associated riparian habitats) by advancing integrated river basin management planning, policies and regulations and accelerating implementation of reach-scale plans
6	Address <b>fish passage</b> barriers and reopen salmon habitat by accelerating strategic planning and sequenced implementation of projects
7	Understand and plan for future <b>freshwater availability</b> and implement regulations, projects, and voluntary approaches to reduce water demand and encourage conservation, as well as reclaim and reuse wastewater where appropriate
8	Prevent pollution by promoting the development and use of safer alternatives to <b>toxic chemicals</b> and improving regulatory frameworks and incentives
9	Address <b>cumulative water pollution</b> impacts on Puget Sound through TMDL (total maximum daily load) plans, PIC (pollution identification and correction) programs, and other mechanisms
10	Manage <b>stormwater runoff and legacy contamination</b> by improving regulatory frameworks and incentives, including using a comprehensive approach at the site and landscape scales
11	Reduce pollutants released from and prevent pollutants from entering <b>wastewater systems</b> (i.e., treatment plants, large and small on-site septic) by improving regulatory frameworks and incentives and investing in new technology
12	Reduce and prevent <b>non-point source pollutants</b> from agricultural and forest lands by improving outreach and incentive programs and ensuring compliance with policies

13	Implement targeted and adaptive maritime <b>oil spill</b> prevention and safety measures, and improve spill response readiness and capacity
14	Monitor and rapidly respond to the introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic <b>invasive species</b>
15	Implement <b>harvest, hatchery</b> , and adaptive management elements of salmon recovery
16	Protect and restore <b>submerged aquatic vegetation</b> by expanding public outreach, education, and voluntary programs, ensuring regulatory protection, and implementing restoration projects
17	Promote <b>best practices by boaters</b> to protect water quality and life in Puget Sound
18	Understand and build <b>awareness of the effects of changing climate</b> and ocean conditions on Puget Sound
19	Advance and support efforts to reduce <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> and increase carbon sequestration
20	Integrate <b>climate adaptation and resilience</b> into all strategies to protect and restore ecosystems and human wellbeing
21	Ensure that the <b>wellbeing derived from place attachments</b> among all residents of Puget Sound is recognized, understood, and respected
22	Expand and promote equitable access to information and opportunities for engagement for responsible outdoor <b>recreation and stewardship</b> actions
23	Promote <b>transparent and inclusive governance</b> that engages all peoples equitably, with a focus on expanding trust and inclusion of underrepresented communities
24	Engage with communities to identify, protect, and enhance opportunities for <b>cultural practices</b> and access to safe and abundant local foods
25	Implement policies and programs that maximize benefits and minimize adverse impacts to both ecosystems and <b>natural resource industries</b> and livelihoods
26	Protect <b>human health</b> , considering disproportionate impacts on sensitive populations, through programs that educate communities and limit harmful exposures from air and water contaminants.

Strategies to maintain strong institutional support to advance Puget Sound recovery (in the final Action Agenda, these strategies will be presented separately from the other strategies to clarify that they serve a different purpose).

	<b>Strategy</b>
A	Explore and utilize new sources of <b>funding</b> , enhance existing sources of funding, and increase overall funding for Puget Sound recovery
B	Promote strategic <b>leadership and collaboration</b> to support Puget Sound recovery
C	Coordinate and invest in <b>research and monitoring</b> to support Puget Sound recovery
D	Expand partnerships between the <b>K-12 education</b> and restoration communities at state and local levels to increase participation by youth, families, teachers and communities in Puget Sound recovery actions
E	Build <b>issue awareness</b> to increase public support for Puget Sound recovery and cultivate stewardship behaviors that benefit Puget Sound