



ADDENDUM: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The 2014/2015 Action Agenda for Puget Sound

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Strategic Initiatives for 2014/2015

The near-term actions most critical for achieving the Strategic Initiatives over the next 2 years were identified through a collaborative process in summer of 2014. This process involved three sub-committees evaluating the near-term actions from the *2014/2015 Action Agenda for Puget Sound* (2014/2015 Action Agenda) and recommending to the Ecosystem Coordination Board specific actions to prioritize under each of the Strategic Initiatives. Sub-committee members were recruited from a broad cross section of interests, including local governments, state and federal agencies, tribes, environmental organizations, the Puget Sound Partnership (topic experts), and local integrating organizations. Each volunteer was given the opportunity to select which of the sub-committees they would like to participate in, and some chose more than one. The process was completed through a series of five facilitated meetings, which included one meeting for each of the Strategic Initiatives and two meetings with all participants. The goal was to develop a set of logical recommendations through a fair and transparent process. At the outset, the sub-committees reached general agreement on the following assumptions to build on the past work (from 2012) and to provide a good starting point for moving forward.

- **No change to sub-strategies.** Include all sub-strategies that have been identified as important to the Strategic Initiatives and do not add any additional sub-strategies.
- **Retain all previously identified near-term actions.** Near-term actions previously designated as part of a strategic initiative will continue to be identified as such.
- **Develop and use agreed criteria in considering new near-term actions.** Near-term action candidates must be linked to the sub-strategies that have been identified as important to the Strategic Initiatives (see first bullet) and must meet established evaluation criteria (listed below).

During the first meeting, the sub-committees developed and agreed on the following series of evaluation criteria for candidate near-term actions.

1. Is the near-term action nested under a **high-priority sub-strategy** in the Action Agenda?
2. Is the near-term action a **logical next step** under the designated sub-strategy?
3. Does the near-term action provide **multi-initiative benefits**?
4. Does the near-term action appear to be **achievable within the next 2 to 3 years** based on political support, availability, or probability of funding, and steps laid-out in the performance measures?
5. Is the near-term action of particular regional or watershed importance because it is:
 - a. **Related to a lagging vital sign(s)** and including it in a strategic initiative could **increase the profile** of this issue or help achieve the vital sign in the next 2 to 3 years, or
 - b. **“Emblematic”** and can help to build support for preservation or recovery of Puget Sound?

The sub-committees parsed near-term actions by sub-strategies associated with each of the Strategic Initiatives (see Section 2 of the 2014/2015 Action Agenda for details) and then applied the evaluation criteria. Work group meetings and follow-up e-mail communications provided the opportunity to hone

the lists. The depth of expertise represented in each of the groups provided a high degree of engagement and professional insight that resulted in a strong set of recommendations. The final lists and discussion points were presented to the Ecosystem Coordination Board and Leadership Council in August and September 2014 for review and approval.

The sections that follow introduce the Strategic Initiatives and present the final lists of near-term actions (by sub-strategy) associated with each.

In addition, as discussed at the beginning of Section 2 of the 2014/2015 Action Agenda, the Strategic Initiatives must be supported by an overarching funding strategy and an outreach strategy to be successful. Working through the Ecosystem Coordination Board and the Leadership Council, the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) has developed a funding strategy in 2014 with eight specific recommendations for providing long-term coordinated investment in the Strategic Initiatives.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Prevention of Pollution from Urban Stormwater Runoff

This strategic initiative entails specific sub-strategies and near-term actions that will have the greatest effect on reducing polluted stormwater runoff. The strategies and actions in this strategic initiative focus on taking a watershed approach to management, preventing new problems, fixing existing problems, controlling sources of pollution, and providing education. The priority actions aligned to this strategic initiative are generally associated with the sub-strategies that were ranked the highest by technical experts using ecological criteria (see Appendix E of the 2014/2015 Action Agenda for these ranked lists).

Participants in the stormwater sub-committee noted that stormwater impacts vary throughout the Puget Sound: typically managing stormwater is more critical in highly urbanized areas versus rural areas due to the amount of impervious surface. Time constraints for this update did not allow for an analysis to refine the geographic focus of this strategic initiative, but participants were advised that the 2016/2017 Action Agenda will have greater geographic focus as implementation strategies are developed.

This strategic initiative includes 13 near-term actions: eight were carried over from the 2012/2013 Action Agenda and five were added. These priority near-term actions are listed below under their associated strategies and sub-strategies

Strategy C1. Prevent, reduce, and control the sources of contaminants entering Puget Sound

Sub-Strategy C1.1. Implement and strengthen authorities and programs to prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound environment.

Near-Term Action C1.1.3. Fish consumption rates. Ecology will finalize a technical report on fish consumption rates. Ecology will initiate rulemaking to develop Human Health Criteria for Washington and advance a related rule that will provide options for permit holders to comply with water quality standards. In one other related action, Ecology will complete changes to the Sediment Management Standards rule to include methods and policies for establishing sediment cleanup standards based on human health protection.

Strategy C2. Use a comprehensive approach to manage urban stormwater runoff at the site and landscape scales

Sub-Strategy C2.1. Manage urban runoff at the basin and watershed scale.

Near-Term Action C2.1.2. Protect best remaining streams. King County, in cooperation with agencies populating the Puget Sound Stream Benthos database, will identify and map remaining streams with Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity scores of at least 42 to 46 and develop an overall strategy and tailored actions to protect these areas.

Near-Term Action C2.1.SS6. South Puget Sound nutrient reduction strategy. Implement nutrient reduction strategies as recommended in the Ecology dissolved oxygen study or as indicated from modeling results based on that report.

Sub-Strategy C2.2. Prevent problems from new development at the site and subdivision scale.

Near-Term Action C2.2.1. NPDES municipal permits. Ecology will issue municipal permits for western Washington and provide financial assistance to permittees for implementation, particularly for code changes, stormwater system mapping, operations and **maintenance**, inspections and enforcement. This will require additional resources to Ecology for permit oversight, technical assistance, and enforcement. Ecology will provide incentives to NPDES permittees who, by interlocal agreement, lead or carry out regional or watershed scale NPDES implementation.

Near-Term Action C2.2.3. Stormwater management outside permitted areas. Ecology, in coordination with DOH, will identify two high priority shellfish growing areas degraded by urban stormwater discharges and work with local governments and other key parties to reduce these impacts to the areas.

Sub-Strategy C2.3. Fix problems caused by existing development.

Near-Term Action C2.3.1. Stormwater retrofit projects. Ecology will lead a process to identify high priority retrofit projects that will contribute to the recovery of Puget Sound and complete conceptual design to a stage sufficient to seek project implementation funding. The work will build on retrofit prioritization work by WSDOT, King County and others, and will be replicable in other urban and suburban areas around the Sound.

Near-Term Action C2.3.2. Map, prioritize, and restore degraded streams. King County, in cooperation with agencies populating the Puget Sound Stream Benthos database, will identify and map stream drainages with “fair” Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity scores, and develops a prioritized list, strategies and actions to improve scores of 30 of these streams.

Near-Term Action C2.3.HC4. HCCC stormwater retrofit plan. Stormwater retrofit and Low Impact Development practices improve water quality, help protect shellfish beds, decrease flooding risks, and increase aquifer recharge. HCCC is developing a Hood Canal Regional Stormwater Retrofit Plan to coordinate stormwater and Low Impact Development retrofit efforts on a regional scale. The plan will include conceptual designs for 10 to 12 retrofit projects in the Hood Canal Action Area, which will be implemented by the county governments or other partners as funding is available.

Near-Term Action C2.3.SC6. Identify, guide, and fund stormwater retrofits.

- Complete WRIA 9 retrofit study and promote it as a model.
- Advocate locally and sound-wide through the LIO for increased funding for priority stormwater retrofit projects.
- Develop a list of high-priority stormwater retrofit projects to support local investments and state funding request in 2014 and 2015, using upcoming guidance from Ecology and findings from the WRIA 9 study on stormwater retrofit priorities.
- Participate in the Commerce’s technical assistance and study of examples of urban-specific implementation or stormwater retrofit projects.
- Support ECO Net endorsed education and outreach efforts for this near-term action.

Sub-Strategy C2.4. Control sources of pollutants.

Near-Term Action C2.4.1. Compliance assurance program. Ecology and local governments will increase inspection, technical assistance, and enforcement programs for high-priority businesses and at construction sites.

Sub-Strategy C2.5. Provide focused stormwater-related education, training, and assistance.

Near-Term Action C2.5.1. Low Impact Development training and certification. Ecology will provide focused training for local government staff on Low Impact Development project review, and inspections and approvals, as well as to local government staff and private sector on maintenance. Develop new professional certification for stormwater maintenance specialists. Provide business staff and contractors with training on source control, spill recognition, spill response, and erosion control.

Near-Term Action C2.5.2. Education for the next generation of stormwater professionals. The Tulalip Tribes will develop a near-term plan to provide sustainable water resource management academic curriculum in all Puget Sound counties for future stormwater professionals that is inclusive of tribal treaty rights, history, civics, and emphasizes continuing improvements in stormwater management in the context of the larger issues of sustainable water resource management and climate change.

Strategy D6. Build issue awareness and understanding to increase public support and engagement in recovery actions

Sub-Strategy D6.1. Implement a long-term, highly visible, coordinated public-awareness effort using the Puget Sound Starts Here brand to increase public understanding of Puget Sound’s health, status, and threats; conduct regionally scaled communications to provide a foundation for local communications efforts; conduct locally scaled communications to engage residents in local issues and recovery efforts.

Near-Term Action D6.1.1. Phase 2 of Puget Sound Starts Here. PSP and partners implement Phase 2 of Puget Sound Starts Here campaign. PSP, STORM, and Ecology ensure that messages reflect the demography, regional identity and issues facing the Puget Sound.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Protection and Restoration of Habitat

This strategic initiative is intended to highlight the most important sub-strategies and near-term actions that will have the greatest benefits for protecting and restoring salmon habitat. The habitat sub-committee acknowledged that these are not the only actions that need to be taken to protect and restore habitat, but they are the most critical to making more rapid progress toward recovery goals. They also emphasized that both protection and restoration are important to regional ecosystem recovery.

The strategies and actions in this strategic initiative focus on protecting habitat through regulations and incentives (including acquisition) and restoring habitat. The priority actions aligned to this strategic initiative are generally associated with the sub-strategies that were ranked the highest by technical experts using ecological criteria (see Appendix E of the 2014/2015 Action Agenda).

All near-term actions associated with the following four sub-strategies were categorically included as priority actions within this strategic initiative. The sub-committee agreed that these sub-strategies are of critical importance throughout the Puget Sound, and as a result, it was not possible to select among the related regional and local actions.

- **A4.2:** Provide infrastructure and incentives to accommodate new development and re-development in urban growth areas.
- **A6.1:** Implement high priority projects identified in each salmon recovery 3-year work plan.
- **A7.1:** Update Puget Sound instream flow rules to encourage conservation.

The Ecosystem Coordination Board and the Leadership Council recognized that oil spill preparedness is also of critical importance for protection of existing habitat. They directed the Partnership to work with local and regional partners to bring forth a near-term action that addresses regional oil spill response. The new near-term actions will be a separate addendum to the 2014/2015 Action Agenda once finalized and approved by the Leadership Council.

The priority near-term actions are listed below under their associated strategies and sub-strategies.

Strategy A1. Focus land development away from ecologically important and sensitive areas

Sub-Strategy A1.2. Support local governments to adopt and implement plans, regulations, and policies consistent with protection and recovery targets, and incorporate climate change forecasts.

Near-Term Action A1.2.1. Land use planning barriers, best management practices, and example policies.

Commerce and Ecology, working with local governments, will identify the primary barriers to incorporating policies consistent with implementation of the Action Agenda into local land use planning and decisions and identify best practices and assistance needed to overcome these barriers. This will address implementation of protection strategies, encouraging compact growth patterns, increased density, water quality standards, redevelopment, and rural lands protection. Commerce and Ecology will distribute example growth policies that include best practices that are consistent with protection and recovery targets and the Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act.

Sub-Strategy Action A1.3. Improve, strengthen, and streamline implementation and enforcement of laws, plans, regulations, and permits consistent with protection and recovery targets.

Near-Term Action A1.3.1. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council addresses regulatory exemptions.

The Salmon Recovery Council will address regulatory exemptions to provide effective oversight and mitigation sequencing for activities that impact the ecosystem.

Strategy A4. Encourage compact regional growth patterns and create dense attractive mixed-use and transit-oriented communities

Sub-Strategy A4.2. Provide infrastructure and incentives to accommodate new development and re-development within urban growth areas.

All near-term actions under this sub-strategy are categorically included.

Strategy A5. Protect and restore floodplain function

Sub-Strategy A5.1. Improve data and information to accelerate floodplain protection, restoration, and flood hazard management.

Near-Term Action A5.1.2. Regional floodplain vision and program. Identify the goals, capital project plans and funding needs associated with achieving the floodplain recovery goal.

Sub-Strategy A5.3. Protect and maintain intact and functional floodplains.

Near-Term Action A5.3.4. Levee vegetation. PSP will continue to support King County and Whatcom County, in coordination with the Corps and regional partners, to craft a prioritized list of floodplain capital projects addressing flood risk and habitat issues and, as needed, variances for specified segments of levees through the system-wide improvement framework (SWIF) pilot projects being led by each county. Upon completion of the SWIF pilot projects and working with the pilot leads and the Corps, PSP will develop lessons learned and technical and process best practices for conducting integrated flood risk and habitat capital planning, and share this information through all appropriate means. PSP will work with pilot leads, the Corps, and additional regional entities to identify policy issues emerging from the work as related to Puget Sound recovery and consider appropriate actions to address them.

Strategy A6. Protect and recover salmon

Sub-Strategy A6.1. Implement high priority projects identified in each salmon recovery 3-year work plan.

All near-term actions under this sub-strategy are categorically included.

Strategy A7. Protect and conserve freshwater resources to increase and sustain water availability for instream flows

Sub-Strategy A7.1. Update Puget Sound instream flow rules to encourage conservation.

All near-term actions under this sub-strategy are categorically included.

Strategy B1. Focus development away from ecologically important and sensitive nearshore areas and estuaries

Sub-Strategy B1.2. Support local governments to adopt and implement plans, regulations, and policies that protect the marine nearshore and estuaries, and incorporate climate change forecasts.

Near-Term Action B1.2.1. Update and implement local shoreline master programs. Ecology will provide funding and, with WDFW, technical assistance to local jurisdictions to update local shoreline master programs by current deadlines, with all updates complete by 2014. A key deliverable for Ecology and local governments is to implement shoreline master programs in a manner that validates achievement of no net loss of ecological function and guides Puget Sound toward shoreline armoring target.

Sub-Strategy B1.3. Improve, strengthen, and streamline implementation and enforcement of laws, regulations, and permits that protect the marine and nearshore ecosystems and estuaries.

Near-Term Action B1.3.2. Hydraulic code rules revision. WDFW will use best available science to revise Hydraulic Code Rules (220-110 WAC) and clarify conditions under which hydraulic projects must be conducted to prevent or mitigate the impacts to fish life and habitat.

Strategy B2. Protect and restore nearshore and estuary ecosystems

Sub-Strategy B2.1. Permanently protect priority nearshore physical and ecological processes and habitat, including shorelines, migratory corridors, and vegetation particularly in sensitive areas such as eelgrass beds and bluff backed beaches.

Near-Term Action B2.1.1. Protect 10% of bluff-backed beaches. PSP will promote acquisitions, easements, or other protective covenants to permanently protect at least 10% of bluff-backed beaches with high sediment supply or other priority nearshore habitats facing potential shoreline development pressure.

Sub-Strategy B2.2. Implement prioritized nearshore and estuary restoration projects and accelerate projects on public lands.

Near-Term Action B2.2.1. Implementation of projects identified by Puget Sound Nearshore Estuarine Restoration Program. WDFW and the Corps will advance implementation of projects identified by Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project, including those described in the Strategic Restoration Conceptual Engineering Final Design Report. Implementation will occur both through Corps programs as anticipated through the General Investigation process, and through other non-Corps federal, state, tribal and local programs.

Near-Term Action B2.2.4. Creosote piling inventory and removal. DNR will complete a derelict creosote piling inventory of Puget Sound. DNR has removed 10,000 pilings since 2007, prioritizing removals near important herring spawning beds.

Sub-Strategy B5.3. Prevent and rapidly respond to the introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

Near-Term Action B5.3.2. Invasive species early detection and monitoring. Washington Invasive Species Council, in consultation with WSDA, will develop an early detection and monitoring program plan for priority invasive species in Puget Sound. The Council will coordinate the plan and implementation efforts with the Puget Sound Coordinated Ecosystem Monitoring Program.

Strategy C8. Effectively prevent, plan for, and respond to oil spills

Sub-Strategy C8.1. Prevent and reduce the risk of oil spills.

Near-Term Action C8.1.2. Promote and coordinate the proactive use of maritime risk assessments. The Puget Sound Partnership will share findings from its 2010 Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment and related studies in policy forums: like the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee, the National Energy Board of Canada (supporting Ecology, the Makah Tribe and other interveners) and various other regional and local groups in order to further develop and inform vetted recommendations that promote continuous improvements in safe shipping.

Near-Term Action C8.1.SJI4. Expand and maintain Derelict Vessel Compliance Program (Near-Term Major Oil Spills Action IV).

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Recovery of Shellfish Beds

This strategic initiative is intended to highlight the most important sub-strategies and near-term actions that will have the greatest effects on reducing contamination of shellfish beds. The strategies and actions in this strategic initiative focus on preventing pollution through existing regulations and programs and through incentives, and encouraging beneficial use of shellfish.

Consistent with the shellfish recovery goal to increase the area of harvestable shellfish beds to 10,800 acres by 2020, the shellfish sub-committee considered one additional criterion for selecting actions to include with this strategic initiative.

- Will this near-term action significantly add to the number of acres of harvestable shellfish beds?

A number of Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program near-term actions were candidates for this strategic initiative. These local programs are considered a cornerstone for recovering shellfish growing areas; however, the shellfish sub-committee chose not to prioritize all of the PIC programs, because some programs were narrow in scope and others were for locations that would not contribute significantly to the recovery goal. In recognition of the importance of PIC programs to accelerate progress towards the 2020 shellfish recovery goal, the Washington State Department of Health is developing near-term actions for the Drayton Harbor and Portage Bay (Whatcom County) and Samish (Skagit County) areas to better align the 2014/2015 Action Agenda with the state shellfish initiative and address geographic gaps in action. The new near-term actions would be in a separate addendum to the 2014/2015 Action Agenda once finalized and approved by the Leadership Council.

This strategic initiative includes 15 near-term actions: 11 were carried over from 2012/2013 Action Agenda and four were added. These priority near-term actions are listed below under their associated strategies and sub-strategies.

Strategy B3. Protect and restore marine ecosystems

Sub-Strategy B3.1. Protect intact marine ecosystems particularly in sensitive areas and for sensitive species.

Near-Term Action B3.1.2. Outfall strategy on state-owned aquatic lands. DNR, in collaboration with Tribal Governments, Ecology, WDFW, and DOH, will develop and implement a strategy to reduce impacts from outfalls on state-owned aquatic lands in Puget Sound.

Strategy C1. Prevent, reduce, and control the sources of contaminants entering Puget Sound

Sub-Strategy C1.5. Control wastewater and other sources of pollution such as oil and toxics from boats and vessels.

Near-Term Action C1.5.1. No Discharge Zone evaluation and petition. Ecology, in collaboration with State Parks and EPA, will administer grants to fund the development of a petition to EPA to establish a No Discharge Zone to prohibit recreational and commercial vessels from discharging sewage in all or parts of Puget Sound.

Sub-Strategy C1.6. Implement and strengthen authorities C6 and programs to prevent toxic chemicals from entering the Puget Sound environment.

Near-Term Action C1.6.3. Water quality enforcement. Ecology, working with DOH, will increase the capacity for enforcement, and enforce all regulations pertaining to pathogens and contaminants that pollute waters of the state to ensure achievement of approved shellfish growing water certification.

Strategy C3. Prevent, reduce, and control agricultural runoff

Sub-Strategy C3.2. Ensure compliance with regulatory programs designed to reduce, control, or eliminate pollution from working farms.

Near-Term Action C3.2.1. Priority Areas for voluntary incentive and regulatory programs. WSCC, WSDA, Ecology, and DOH will identify priority areas to better target and coordinate implementation of voluntary incentive and regulatory programs for rural landowners, small-acreage landowners, and working farms.

Near-Term Action C3.2.4. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit. Ecology will issue an updated Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit by December 2016.

Strategy C5. Prevent, reduce, and/or eliminate pollution from decentralized wastewater treatment systems

Sub-Strategy C5.3. Improve and expand funding for onsite sewage systems and local onsite sewage system programs.

Near-Term Action C5.3.1. Regional onsite sewage system homeowner loan program. DOH and Ecology and the PSP will help evaluate options and support proposals to fund a unified, self-sustaining, low-interest loan program in the Puget Sound region to help onsite sewage system owners repair and replace their systems.

Near-Term Action C5.3.2. Regional onsite sewage system program funding source. DOH will evaluate approaches and mechanisms (e.g., a regional flush tax or sewer surcharge) to generate and distribute funds to Puget Sound counties to implement their onsite sewage system management plans and programs.

Near-Term Action C5.3.SS1. Mason County enhanced septic repair grant and loan program. Achieve a self-sustaining septic repair loan program through a partnership with Craft3, expressly targeting shellfish reopening and/or preserved open status in Oakland Bay, North Bay, Hammersley, Totten, and Little Skookum Inlet watersheds.

Near-Term Action C5.3.SS2. Thurston County enhanced septic repair grant and loan program. Achieve a self-sustaining septic repair grant and loan program, expressly targeting shellfish reopening and/or preserved open status in Henderson and Eld Inlet watersheds.

Near-Term Action C5.3.SS3. Pierce County enhanced septic repair grant and loan program. Achieve a self-sustaining septic repair grant and loan programs, expressly targeting shellfish reopening and/or preserved open status in Nisqually, Case, Pickering, Carr and Island Inlet watersheds.

Strategy C7. Ensure abundant, healthy shellfish for ecosystem health and for commercial, subsistence, and recreational harvest consistent with ecosystem protection

Sub-Strategy C7.1. Improve water quality to prevent downgrade and achieve upgrades of important current tribal, commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting areas.

Near-Term Action C7.1.3. Local clean water programs. Ecology, working with WSDA, DOH, EPA, and the tribes will form a Pollution Control Action Team to respond quickly when areas are identified where water quality problems threaten shellfish areas. They will initiate community outreach and education, pollution identification, inspection, technical assistance to local agencies and landowners and finally, enforcement. The team will focus its work in priority areas and support pollution identification and correction programs where they are established. The first effort will be in Drayton Harbor and Portage Bay.

Sub-Strategy C7.3. Ensure environmentally responsible shellfish aquaculture based on sound science.

Near-Term Action C7.3.3. Shellfish Model Permitting Program. Ecology will work with the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance to lead and facilitate a state team to develop and implement a Model Permitting Program that ensures early and continued coordination among state and federal agencies, tribes and local governments for permitting and licensing of shellfish aquaculture.

Strategy C9. Address and clean up cumulative water pollution impacts in Puget Sound

Sub-Strategy C9.4. Develop and implement local and tribal pollution identification and correction programs.

Near-Term Action C9.4.1. Pollution Identification and Correction Programs. DOH and Ecology will administer EPA grants to help counties and tribes set up sustainable programs to identify and correct nonpoint pollution sources to improve and protect water quality in shellfish growing areas and at marine swimming beaches. These sustainable programs will have ongoing monitoring to identify pollution sources and assess effectiveness of efforts, a local sustainable funding source, and a compliance assurance component.

Near-Term Action C9.4.HC3. Hood Canal Pollution Identification and Correction Program. By April 2014, HCCC will complete Phase I of a regional Hood Canal Pollution Identification and Correction Program to determine the needs for a comprehensive regional program and advance funding proposal(s) for implementation. If funding is secured, Phase II of the program will be advanced. Phase II may include (depending on funds), program work in priority areas, monitoring, and education and outreach. The program will provide information about the sources of pollution, including failing septic systems.

Near-Term Action C9.4.STRT2. Implementation of water quality cleanup plans for Sequim-Dungeness Bay and East Jefferson County Clean Water Districts. Implement Sequim-Dungeness Bay and East Jefferson County Clean Water District Cleanup Plans and projects according to implementation strategies, onsite sewage system management plans, monitoring, and other activities required in Marine Recovery Areas under RCW 70.118A.
