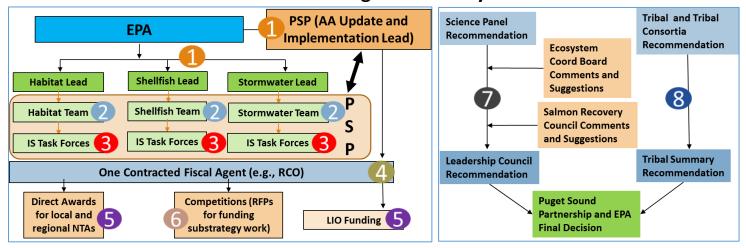
How Did Roles Change Under the New EPA Funding Model?

See back of this page for a primer on the new funding model structure

Entity	Role in the Previous Model	Role in the New Model
Leadership Council (LC)	On an annual basis, the LC was	Makes final recommendations to EPA on
()	briefed on the funding "themes" for	funding priorities, and allocation
	the Lead Organizations. The LC	percentages. Formally adopts
	wrote a comment letter to EPA on	Implementation Strategies and LIO-scale
	funding themes.	Recovery plans.
Ecosystem Coordination Board	Each year, the ECB was briefed on the	Makes recommendation to LC on funding
(ECB)	funding "themes" for each Lead	priorities and allocation percentages.
	Organization. Members of the ECB	Recommends adoption of Implementation
	had an opportunity to provide	Strategies and LIO-scale recovery plans.
	comment.	
Science Panel	Annual briefing on funding themes	Recommends science-based funding
	and an opportunity to provide	priorities to ECB/LC. Review of
	comment.	Implementation Strategies and LIO-scale
		recovery plans. Makes formal adoption
		recommendations to ECB/LC.
Salmon Recovery Council	No specific role	Makes recommendation to LC on funding
(SRC)	_	priorities and allocation percentages.
Tribes	Tribal Lead Organization and	Specific opportunity for government-to-
	participation in SP, ECB, SRC, and	government discussions with EPA on
	LC.	funding priorities. Tribal Lead
		Organization and participation in SP, ECB,
		SRC, LC, Strategic Initiative Teams, and
		Implementation Strategy Teams.
Lead Organization State	Worked with EPA and Lead	Four Lead Organizations become three
Agencies	Organization Core Groups to create	Strategic Initiative Teams (Habitat,
 Toxics – Ecology 	six-year funding strategies that were	Shellfish, and Stormwater). State agencies
• Pathogens - Health	updated annually. Annually briefed	may compete to serve as Strategic Initiative
 Marine and Nearshore - Fish 	management conference on funding	Team lead. Whether or not a state agency is
and Wildlife and Natural	themes for the coming year.	a Strategic Initiative Team lead, they will
Resources		participate on Strategic Initiative Teams,
 Watersheds – Ecology and 		Implementation Strategy Teams, Science
Commerce		Panel, SRC, and ECB.
Puget Sound Partnership	Action Agenda Implementation and	Action Agenda Implementation Lead.
	Stewardship Lead Organization.	Participate with EPA to support EPA's final
	Participated on Lead Organization	funding allocation decision based on LC
	Core Teams. Supported LIOs in	recommendation. Serve as co-applicant
	development of local Near Term	with Strategic Initiative Team Leads.
	Actions. Fostered annual briefing of	Support Implementation Strategy
	SP, ECB, and LC on funding themes.	development. Solicit/review content for
		Action Agenda updates. Support LIOs in
		local recovery plan development. Help in
		development of direct funding mechanism.
Local Integrating Organizations	LIOs worked with Partnership staff to	Each LIO will be a voting member of the
(LIOs)	develop local Near Term Actions for	ECB, participate on Strategic Initiative
	the Action Agenda. LIOs received	Teams, Implementation Strategy Teams,
	\$75K in capacity funding and could	and will complete LIO-scale recovery plans.
	compete for other Lead Organization	Additional capacity funding (amount TBD)
	funds.	and opportunity for direct funds.
Non-Governmental	Participation on ECB and SRC.	Participation on ECB, SRC, Strategic
Organizations		Initiative Teams, Implementation Strategy
		Teams, and may compete to serve as
		Strategic Initiative Team lead.

New EPA Funding Model – Key Points



- The Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), will be an applicant on four new agreements with EPA (in addition to the National Estuary Program base grant (usually about \$600,000/year)). The new agreements include:
 - 1. Action Agenda Update and Implementation Lead (includes our Action Agenda work, Local Integrating Organization (LIO) coordination, monitoring, science, and performance management)
 - 2. Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
 - 3. Shellfish Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
 - 4. Stormwater Strategic Initiative Lead (PSP likely co-applicant with another agency or entity)
- The three Strategic Initiative Lead agreement recipients will each convene a long-standing Strategic Initiative Team. These will be similar to the current Lead Organization Core Teams, but will include greater participation by LIOs and tribes. To ensure active, continuing participation by the needed membership, participants on the Strategic Initiative Teams will be compensated for their time.
- The three Strategic Initiative Teams will convene short-term task forces to develop Implementation Strategies for the Puget Sound Vital Signs. The first Implementation Strategies to be developed are for Estuaries, Shellfish, and Chinook. After each Implementation Strategy is developed, the task force will disband and another will be formed to develop an Implementation Strategy for another Vital Sign.
- EPA expects that PSP's Action Agenda Update and Implementation Agreement and all three of the Strategic Initiative Lead agreements will use a single fiscal agent; likely the State Recreation and Conservation Office. This is intended to provide uniformity to grant solicitations, schedules, applications, review processes, agreements, and reporting requirements.
- EPA recognizes the importance of planning at the local level and is increasing the funding to LIOs. This funding will initially be for developing consistent LIO-level plans, which will then be eligible for direct implementation funding once approved by the Leadership Council.
- 6 For priority work identified by the three Strategic Initiative Teams that is not specified in an Implementation Strategy or a specific action in a LIO-level plan, the Strategic Initiative Leads will likely conduct a competition for funding.
- The EPA designated Management Conference Science Panel, Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB), Salmon Recovery Council, and Leadership Council will have a formal role in reviewing and recommending to EPA; 1) biennial funding priorities (percentages among initiatives or implementation strategies), 2) the criteria-based order for Implementation Strategy development, 3) approved Implementation Strategies eligible for direct funding, and 4) LIO- level plans eligible for direct funding.
- 8 EPA will develop a separate, government-to-government process for garnering tribal recommendations related to necessary actions and funding priorities. The tribes will also participate directly in the LIO and Management Conference efforts.