



*The Alliance for*  
**Puget Sound Shorelines**

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**Goal 3: Enhance protection of 1,000 miles of Puget Sound shorelines through strengthened policies, effective implementation, and improved accountability**

While the Alliance's conservation actions will achieve important results on the ground to protect and restore Puget Sound's shorelines, the Alliance will also advocate for strong shoreline safeguards. ***We seek your support to accomplish these goals for Puget Sound shorelines.***

**Key Policy Actions**

1. **Shape strategic opportunities** – Enhance the protection of Puget Sound shorelines by elevating shorelines as a key part of the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative, shaping its development and implementation through recommendations on accountability, governance, funding, and benchmarks for water quality and healthy habitat, as well as elements of a public awareness effort.
2. **Key policy outcomes** – Achieve the following key policy outcomes through Alliance activities:
  - Vegetated buffers along currently undeveloped marine shorelines
  - Reduction in existing shoreline hardening through removal or softening
  - Marine Protected Areas in biodiversity hotspots
  - Significant reduction of polluted runoff entering Puget Sound
  - Accelerated clean up of toxic, contaminated sediment sites
  - Reduction of threats posed by invasive species
  - Reduction of pollution from municipal and industrial discharges,
  - Replacement or cleanup of polluting septic systems with a focus on Hood Canal
  - Greatly strengthened oil spill prevention policies, laws, and programs
3. **Priorities for a Healthy Washington Puget Sound Campaign** – the Alliance has proposed that Puget Sound be named one of the environmental community's four legislative priorities for 2007. Our proposal calls on the 2007 legislature to:
  - Establish a new accountability and governance structure with direct responsibility for success in achieving Puget Sound recovery by 2020 and sustaining it over the long term
  - Set clear goals and benchmarks, with meaningful performance measures that will achieve a clean and healthy Sound by 2020
  - Direct the new accountability entity to take bold action and set the strategy for recovery by 2020
  - Require accountability for current programs focused on improving the health of the Sound
  - Provide adequate funding to achieve the performance measures

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