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Call for Nominations to the Puget Sound Partnership Science Panel

The Leadership Council of the Puget Sound Partnership is seeking nominations to the Puget Sound Partnership's Science Panel. Qualified individuals are invited to nominate themselves for appointment to this board. The Washington State Academy of Sciences will review the nominations to advise the Leadership Council's appointment of Science Panel members.

The Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) was established as a state agency by the 2007 Legislature and the Governor to develop and implement an ambitious action agenda for restoring the health and resilience of Puget Sound. Nominations are due by March 31, 2020. Appointment will be made in June 2020.

Overview of the Science Panel

The role of the Science Panel is to provide independent, nonrepresentational scientific advice to the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, and Executive Director of the Partnership on issues related to Puget Sound's ecological and human wellbeing.

The Science Panel's responsibilities include the following:

- Assist the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, and Executive Director in carrying out the obligations of the Puget Sound Partnership, including preparing and updating the Action Agenda;
- Provide recommendations on scientific issues identified by the Partnership and evaluate the technical merit of scientific and technical projects proposed to the Partnership;
- Assist the Partnership in developing an ecosystem-level strategic science program that:
 - addresses monitoring, modeling, data management, and primary research;
 - identifies indicators of ecosystem status and trends;
 - identifies science priorities and recommended improvements to ongoing science in quadrennial science work plans.
- Provide input to the Executive Director in developing implementation strategies; and
- Offer an ecosystem-wide perspective on the scientific work being conducted in Puget Sound and by the Partnership.
- Provide support in the development of sessions, tracks, and the overall program for the biennial Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference.
- Guide the implementation and coordination of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) and communicate the value PSEMP can contribute to science priorities.
- Engage discussion across science-policy interfaces and communicate scientific results to the public and policymakers.

The Science Panel meets in person four times a year, for one or two days at various locations in the Puget Sound area. Outside of meetings, Panel members will fulfill the duties of the Panel, including conducting and convening scientific review; writing up findings, conclusions and recommendations from syntheses; and communicating scientific understandings to the Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, and the broader Puget Sound community.

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The Leadership Council will make appointments to the Science Panel at their June 9-10, 2020 meeting. Newly appointed members will serve terms that begin immediately and end on November 30, 2023. Science Panel members may be reappointed after their initial term but no member may serve longer than 12 years.

Panel members shall serve without compensation. However, members will be reimbursed for their travel expenses, per WA State per diem rates.

Do I Qualify?

Candidates for the Science Panel **must meet** the following criteria:

1. Ability to participate in most in person meetings; contribute to Science Panel work products; collaborate with colleagues from other disciplines; and be comfortable reviewing material from areas outside their expertise.
2. Knowledge, recognized expertise and achievement in a relevant discipline, which could include natural sciences – such as terrestrial and marine ecology, wildlife biology, genetics, toxicology, fisheries, hydrology, oceanography, climate sciences, river geomorphology, epidemiology; social sciences – such as land use planning, economics, anthropology, sociology, psychology, institutional analysis; and engineering.
3. Clear understanding of the distinction between policy decisions and the scientific analyses/conclusions that can be used to guide policy decisions.
4. Recent hands-on experience as an investigator or manager of research, monitoring, or other studies.

Each member **should have** one or more of the following:

1. A record of scientific achievement documented by contributions to peer-reviewed literature or other evidence of success in creative scientific endeavor.
2. Experience in ecosystem modeling, risk assessment, decision support, social marketing or other application of science and engineering in support of ecosystem recovery.
3. A demonstrated ability to inform policymakers so they are able to forge creative solutions to complex management problems.

How Do I Apply?

Applications and must contain: 1) a letter of interest, 2) a CV, and 3) brief statements of support from (or contact information for) two or three references.

Submit materials described by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** to: deborah.hagen@psp.wa.gov

An email will be sent confirming that the information has been received.

For questions on the Science Panel appointment process, contact Debb Hagen, Special Assistant to the Boards, at 360.819.0057 or by e-mail deborah.hagen@psp.wa.gov.

More information on the Partnership and Science Panel is available at our Web site:

<http://www.psp.wa.gov>

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