

SSB 5372 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2726.1/07) 191  
By Senators Stevens, Morton

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1 On page 6, line 31 of the amendment, after "implementation;" strike  
2 "and"

3 On page 6, line 34 of the amendment, after "77.85.090" insert "  
4 and

5 (t) To the greatest extent possible, adopt the prioritized ranking  
6 recommendations of action agenda items by the science advisors in  
7 accordance with section 106(2)(a) of this act"

8 Beginning on page 9, line 9 of the amendment, strike all of section  
9 105 and insert the following:

10 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 105. PUGET SOUND SCIENCE ADVISORS--STRUCTURE--  
11 PROCEDURES. (1) By January 31, 2008, the council shall appoint a  
12 maximum of three science advisors whose duties are described in section  
13 106 of this act.

14 (2) The council shall solicit nominations from at a minimum:

15 (a) Federal and state agencies;

16 (b) The business community;

17 (c) The environmental community; and

18 (d) The academic community.

19 (3) The council shall submit the nominations to the Washington  
20 academy of sciences for recommendation as to scientific qualifications.  
21 The recommendations shall be based on expertise in the technical  
22 experience and scientific disciplines needed to protect and recover the  
23 Puget Sound ecosystem.

24 (4) All nominees must fully disclose all existing conflicts of  
25 interest before their appointment.

26 (5)(a) The science advisors serve at the pleasure of the council.

27 (b) A science advisor shall be appointed or removed on a vote of  
28 two-thirds of the full council.

1 (c) The science advisors report directly to the chair or vice-chair  
2 of the council. Science advisors shall receive administrative support  
3 from the executive director as requested by the council.

4 (d) The science advisors shall be contract employees to the council  
5 and shall receive fair and adequate compensation.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** PUGET SOUND SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE--  
7 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES. (1) The science advisors shall advise the  
8 council and executive director on matters of science that affect the  
9 obligations of the partnership to recover and protect Puget Sound.

10 (2) The science advisors are responsible for:

11 (a) Coordinating with other state government agency scientific  
12 personnel;

13 (b) Collaborating with tribal and federal agency scientific  
14 organizations;

15 (c) Collaborating with local governments' scientific staff;

16 (d) Collaborating with nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations on  
17 scientific issues;

18 (e) Recommending research projects that will meet partnership  
19 goals;

20 (f) Reviewing and advising the council on performance of council-  
21 approved and funded projects;

22 (g) Working with the executive director to develop a strategic  
23 science program as provided in section 104 of this act;

24 (h) Consulting with and supporting the executive director in  
25 updating the strategic science program;

26 (i) Providing advice, review, and assistance to the executive  
27 director in the development of the action agenda, as described in  
28 section 112 of this act;

29 (j) Assisting the council and the executive director in developing  
30 and regularly updating or revising the action agenda. In particular,  
31 the science advisors shall provide a prioritized ranking of action  
32 agenda actions based on a scientific assessment of which actions will  
33 yield the greatest restoration and/or protection return on investment.  
34 The science advisors may also recommend updates to the action agenda as  
35 it deems appropriate based on new scientific information;

36 (k) Consolidating and interpreting information in support of  
37 council actions;

1 (1) Providing legislative briefing on request of the council or  
2 governor; and

3 (m) Promoting science in K-12 education in support of partnership  
4 goals.

5 (3) The council may, on the recommendations of the science  
6 advisors, contract for scientific support when necessary to fill  
7 information gaps or provide services necessary to partnership goals.  
8 All contracts shall be for fixed term and shall contain specific  
9 performance criteria. The council chair or vice-chair shall appoint a  
10 science advisor to monitor the progress on each contract and report  
11 periodically to the council.

12 (4) By July 31, 2008, the science advisors shall identify  
13 environmental indicators of the health of Puget Sound and establish  
14 environmental benchmarks that need to be achieved to meet the goals of  
15 a healthy Puget Sound by 2020.

16 (5) One science advisor shall participate, as provided by the  
17 Washington academy of sciences charter, to ensure coordination of  
18 scientific activities.

19 (6) The science advisors shall monitor and comment on the  
20 development of the action agenda. The science advisors shall submit an  
21 analysis of the action agenda to the legislature, which may include  
22 both majority and minority reports, on the effectiveness of the  
23 proposed actions from a scientific perspective.

24 (7) The council science advisors may provide technical assistance  
25 to entities identified by the council as supporting the 2020 plan  
26 goals."

27 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
28 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Deletes the Science Advisory Committee section and  
replaces it with:

a. A procedure for stakeholders to nominate individuals for the  
Leadership Council's consideration and selection of three council  
science advisors. Nominees would be screened for qualification by the  
Washington Academy of Sciences.

b. The Leadership Council would be best served by a consistent and reliable source of scientific information and interpretation--to be accomplished by fairly and adequately compensated science advisors.

c. Science advisors are vested with the ability to provide the Leadership Council with a prioritized ranking of action agenda actions, based on a scientific assessment, of which actions will yield the greatest restoration or protection return on investment.

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