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1 AN ACT Relating to the Puget Sound action team; and amending RCW
2 90.71.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.71.020 and 1996 c 138 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Puget Sound action team is created. The action team shall
7 consist of: The directors of the departments of ecology; agriculture;
8 (~~natural resources~~) fish and wildlife; and community, trade, and
9 economic development; the secretaries of the departments of health and
10 transportation; the director of the parks and recreation commission;
11 the director of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation; the
12 commissioner of public lands; the administrative officer of the
13 conservation commission designated in RCW 89.08.050; one person
14 representing cities, appointed by the governor; one person representing
15 counties, appointed by the governor; and the chair of the action team.
16 The members representing cities and counties shall each be reimbursed
17 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

18 (2) The action team shall:

1 (a) Prepare a Puget Sound work plan and budget for inclusion in the
2 governor's biennial budget;

3 (b) Coordinate monitoring and research programs as provided in RCW
4 90.71.060;

5 (c) Work under the direction of the action team chair as provided
6 in RCW 90.71.040;

7 (d) Coordinate permitting requirements as necessary to expedite
8 permit issuance for any local watershed plan developed pursuant to
9 rules adopted under this chapter;

10 (e) Identify and resolve any policy or rule conflicts that may
11 exist between one or more agencies represented on the action team;

12 (f) Periodically amend the Puget Sound management plan;

13 (g) Enter into, amend, and terminate contracts with individuals,
14 corporations, or research institutions for the purposes of this
15 chapter;

16 (h) Receive such gifts, grants, and endowments, in trust or
17 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the action team.
18 The action team may expend the same or any income therefrom according
19 to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments;

20 (i) Promote extensive public participation, and otherwise seek to
21 broadly disseminate information concerning Puget Sound;

22 (j) Receive and expend funding from other public agencies;

23 (k) To reduce costs and improve efficiency, review by December 1,
24 1996, all requirements for reports and documentation from state
25 agencies and local governments specified in the plan for the purpose of
26 eliminating and consolidating reporting requirements; and

27 (l) Beginning in December 1998, and every two years thereafter,
28 submit a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
29 legislature that describes and evaluates the successes and shortcomings
30 of the current work plan relative to the priority problems identified
31 for each geographic area of Puget Sound.

32 (3) By July 1, 1996, the action team shall begin developing its
33 initial work plan, which shall include the coordination of necessary
34 support staff.

35 (4) The action team shall incorporate, to the maximum extent
36 possible, the recommendations of the council regarding amendments to
37 the Puget Sound (~~(management)~~) management plan and the work plan.

1 (5) All proceedings of the action team are subject to the open
2 public meetings act under chapter 42.30 RCW.

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