



local chapters are due), they will work with other watersheds and stakeholders in the Puget Sound to integrate science and social policy into the regional recovery plan. The regional consensus process ensures the plan ultimately reflects local needs and priorities while meeting ESA requirements.

*We can do things now to create the future we want for our region where people and salmon co-exist.*

**Does the Shared Strategy Coordinate with Other Efforts?**

Yes. Far from adding another level of bureaucracy, Shared Strategy builds on assessments, processes, programs, and regulations already underway and knits them together into a comprehensive strategy to recover salmon at a regional scale. Relevant elements from the 2514 watershed plans, from the 2496 strategies, from the Forest and Fish Agreement, from the Growth Management Act and Shorelines Management Act (to name only a few of the most significant processes) will contribute to salmon recovery in Puget Sound. For the



first time ever, the plan will also ensure that habitat, hatchery and harvest management complement each other to restore naturally sustainable salmon populations to harvestable levels.

**Who leads Shared Strategy?**

Shared Strategy draws from a base of diverse leadership, ranging from volunteers organizing local river restoration efforts, to local elected officials providing resources and building support among their constituents, to some of Puget Sound's most accomplished and treasured figures. Shared Strategy enjoys the engaged involvement of Bill Ruckelshaus, chair of the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the first head of the Environmental Protection Agency under President Nixon. He is joined by Billy Frank Jr., whose unrelenting commitment remains the driving force behind the nationally recognized effort to protect and restore the Nisqually River watershed, and Ralph Munro, who recently retired after serving as Washington's beloved Secretary of State for more than 20 years.

**What is the Timeline for a Recovery Plan?**

We are in the third step of a five-step process that began in 2001. The steps are:

1. Develop recovery plan outline.
2. Develop planning ranges and targets for fish populations and initial recovery criteria.
3. Identify actions and commitments for all H's to achieve local watershed goals.
4. Develop regional implementation scenarios for recovery based on local chapters.
5. Finalize regional recovery plan.

The Shared Strategy is on schedule to deliver a recovery plan by June 2005.

Strong leadership at the regional level is needed to keep Shared Strategy on course to build a region-wide plan. But local decision making and action will drive formation of the plan and the people living and working in the watersheds of Puget Sound will ultimately decide whether