



**SHARED STRATEGY
FOR PUGET SOUND**

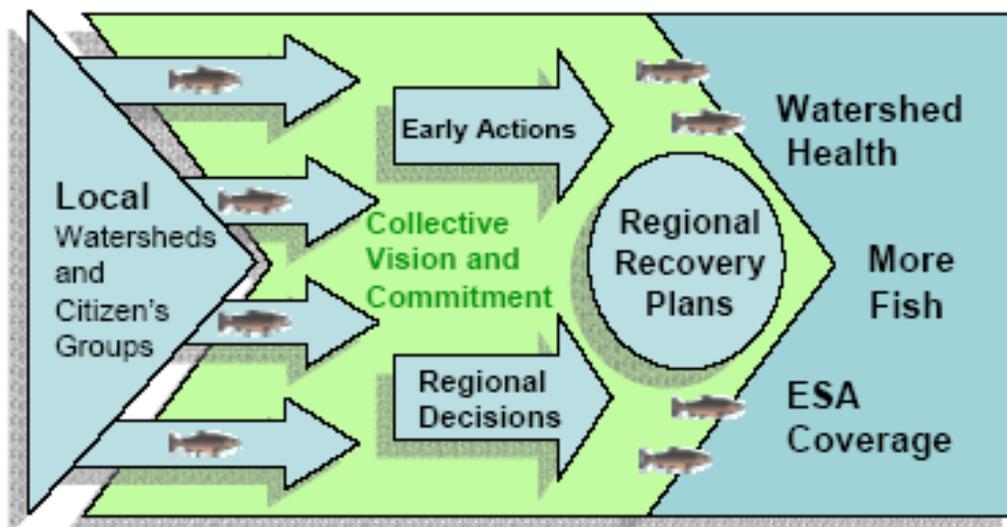
working with communities to restore salmon

How is Recovery Planning Structured in the Puget Sound?

The Shared Strategy for Puget Sound (SSPS) is a collaborative initiative to restore and protect salmon runs across Puget Sound. Shared Strategy partners are committed to leaving a legacy of improving watershed health while promoting economic prosperity and maintaining community and cultural vitality. SSPS includes:

- **Local watershed salmon recovery forums.**
- **Federal, tribal, state and local governments.**
- **Businesses such as the timber, agricultural, maritime, fishing, and development industries.**
- **Conservation groups.**

1. People and organizations participating in SSPS at the local level are shaping the content of their recovery plan chapters. Fourteen watersheds plus a nearshore-marine group are identifying actions to recover salmon and obtain commitments needed to achieve them. They will incorporate results from related efforts as appropriate (e.g. watershed planning (HB2514), forest and fish agreement, Lead Entity efforts (HB2496), and other citizen initiatives). They will also work with state and tribal co-managers to incorporate hatchery and harvest actions to ensure these are consistent with salmon recovery.
2. Meanwhile, early action habitat protection and restoration projects are underway all over the Sound, as are improvements in harvest and hatchery management practices.
3. A non-profit organization staffs and facilitates the salmon recovery process at the regional scale. SSPS staff provides tailored assistance and support to watersheds. Additionally, they are convening experts to develop a long-term financing plan for implementing recovery actions; working to broaden federal, state and local support among elected officials and the public; developing means to foster vibrant agricultural communities that support fish; and facilitating the regional consensus process to build the regional plan.
4. The regional scale also includes policy decision-makers (The SSPS Development Committee) representing all levels of government, tribes, businesses and conservation groups. The Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team (TRT) is an independent group of scientists providing ESA delisting criteria and technical guidance for the recovery plan.
5. Local efforts will come together at the regional scale where a regional consensus process will roll up local actions into a region-wide plan.



Local consensus and early actions feed regional decision and the results