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## AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting United Gov-  
3 ernment Efforts to Save Our Sound Act” or the “PUGET  
4 SOS Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PUGET SOUND COORDINATED RECOVERY.**

6 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
7 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following:

9 **“SEC. 124. PUGET SOUND.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
11 definitions apply:

12 “(1) COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL  
13 PROGRAM.—The term ‘Coastal Nonpoint Pollution  
14 Control Program’ means the State of Washington’s  
15 Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program ap-  
16 proved by the Secretary of Commerce as required  
17 under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reau-  
18 thorization Amendments of 1990.

19 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
20 the Director of the Program Office.

21 “(3) FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—The term ‘Fed-  
22 eral Action Plan’ means the plan developed under  
23 subsection (d)(2)(B).

24 “(4) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—The  
25 term ‘International Joint Commission’ means the  
26 International Joint Commission established by the

1 United States and Canada under the International  
2 Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 (36 Stat. 2448).

3 “(5) PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION.—The term  
4 ‘Pacific Salmon Commission’ means the Pacific  
5 Salmon Commission established by the United  
6 States and Canada under the Treaty between the  
7 Government of the United States of America and  
8 the Government of Canada Concerning Pacific Salm-  
9 on, signed at Ottawa, January 28, 1985 (commonly  
10 known as the ‘Pacific Salmon Treaty’).

11 “(6) PROGRAM OFFICE.—The term ‘Program  
12 Office’ means the Puget Sound Recovery National  
13 Program Office established by subsection (c).

14 “(7) PUGET SOUND ACTION AGENDA; ACTION  
15 AGENDA.—The term ‘Puget Sound Action Agenda’  
16 or ‘Action Agenda’ means the most recent plan de-  
17 veloped by the Puget Sound National Estuary Pro-  
18 gram Management Conference, in consultation with  
19 the Puget Sound Tribal Management Conference,  
20 and approved by the Administrator as the com-  
21 prehensive conservation and management plan for  
22 Puget Sound under section 320.

23 “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP  
24 TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Federal  
25 Leadership Task Force’ means the Puget Sound

1 Federal Leadership Task Force established under  
2 subsection (d).

3 “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—  
4 The term ‘Puget Sound Federal Task Force’ means  
5 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force established in  
6 2016 under a memorandum of understanding among  
7 9 Federal agencies.

8 “(10) PUGET SOUND NATIONAL ESTUARY PRO-  
9 GRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE; MANAGEMENT  
10 CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound National  
11 Estuary Program Management Conference’ or ‘Man-  
12 agement Conference’ means the management con-  
13 ference for Puget Sound convened pursuant to sec-  
14 tion 320.

15 “(11) PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP.—The term  
16 ‘Puget Sound Partnership’ means the State agency  
17 that is established under the laws of the State of  
18 Washington (section 90.71.210 of the Revised Code  
19 of Washington), or its successor agency, that has  
20 been designated by the Administrator as the lead en-  
21 tity to support the Puget Sound National Estuary  
22 Program Management Conference.

23 “(12) PUGET SOUND REGION.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘Puget  
25 Sound region’ means the land and waters in the

1 northwest corner of the State of Washington  
2 from the Canadian border to the north to the  
3 Pacific Ocean on the west, including Hood  
4 Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

5 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘Puget Sound  
6 region’ includes all of the water that falls on  
7 the Olympic and Cascade Mountains and flows  
8 to meet Puget Sound’s marine waters.

9 “(13) PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT  
10 CONFERENCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Tribal Man-  
11 agement Conference’ means the 20 treaty Indian  
12 tribes of western Washington and the Northwest In-  
13 dian Fisheries Commission.

14 “(14) SALISH SEA.—The term ‘Salish Sea’  
15 means the network of coastal waterways on the west  
16 coast of North America that includes the Puget  
17 Sound, the Strait of Georgia, and the Strait of Juan  
18 de Fuca.

19 “(15) SALMON RECOVERY PLANS.—The term  
20 ‘Salmon Recovery Plans’ means the recovery plans  
21 for salmon and steelhead species approved by the  
22 Secretary of the Interior under section 4(f) of the  
23 Endangered Species Act of 1973.

1           “(16) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The  
2 term ‘State Advisory Committee’ means the advisory  
3 committee established by subsection (e).

4           “(17) TREATY RIGHTS AT RISK INITIATIVE.—  
5 The term ‘Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative’ means  
6 the report from the treaty Indian tribes of western  
7 Washington entitled ‘Treaty Rights at Risk: Ongo-  
8 ing Habitat Loss, the Decline of the Salmon Re-  
9 source, and Recommendations for Change’ and  
10 dated July 14, 2011, or its successor report, which  
11 outlines issues and offers solutions for the protection  
12 of Tribal treaty rights, recovery of salmon habitat,  
13 and management of sustainable treaty and nontreaty  
14 salmon fisheries, including through tribal salmon  
15 hatchery programs.

16          “(b) CONSISTENCY.—All Federal agencies rep-  
17 resented on the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
18 Force shall act consistently with the protection of Tribal,  
19 treaty-reserved rights and, to the greatest extent prac-  
20 ticable given such agencies’ existing obligations under  
21 Federal law, act consistently with the objectives and prior-  
22 ities of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans, the  
23 Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint  
24 Pollution Control Program, when—

1           “(1) conducting Federal agency activities within  
2           or outside Puget Sound that affect any land or  
3           water use or natural resources of Puget Sound and  
4           its tributary waters, including activities performed  
5           by a contractor for the benefit of a Federal agency;

6           “(2) interpreting and enforcing regulations that  
7           impact the restoration and protection of Puget  
8           Sound;

9           “(3) issuing Federal licenses or permits that  
10          impact the restoration and protection of Puget  
11          Sound; and

12          “(4) granting Federal assistance to State, local,  
13          and Tribal governments for activities related to the  
14          restoration and protection of Puget Sound.

15          “(c) PUGET SOUND RECOVERY NATIONAL PROGRAM  
16          OFFICE.—

17                 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
18                 the Environmental Protection Agency a Puget  
19                 Sound Recovery National Program Office to be lo-  
20                 cated in the State of Washington.

21                 “(2) DIRECTOR.—

22                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the  
23                         Program Office shall be a career reserved posi-  
24                         tion, as such term is defined in section  
25                         3132(a)(8) of title 5, United States Code.

1           “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Director of  
2 the Program Office shall have leadership and  
3 project management experience and shall be  
4 highly qualified to—

5           “(i) direct the integration of multiple  
6 project planning efforts and programs  
7 from different agencies and jurisdictions;  
8 and

9           “(ii) align numerous, and often con-  
10 flicting, needs toward implementing a  
11 shared Action Agenda with visible and  
12 measurable outcomes.

13           “(3) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; STAFFING.—  
14 Using amounts made available pursuant to sub-  
15 section (i), the Administrator shall delegate to the  
16 Director such authority and provide such staff as  
17 may be necessary to carry out this section.

18           “(4) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

19           “(A) coordinate and manage the timely  
20 execution of the requirements of this section,  
21 including the formation and meetings of the  
22 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force;

23           “(B) coordinate activities related to the  
24 restoration and protection of Puget Sound  
25 across the Environmental Protection Agency;



1           “(C) coordinate and align the activities of  
2 the Administrator with the Action Agenda,  
3 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at  
4 Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-  
5 tion Control Program;

6           “(D) promote the efficient use of Environ-  
7 mental Protection Agency resources in pursuit  
8 of Puget Sound restoration and protection;

9           “(E) serve on the Puget Sound Federal  
10 Leadership Task Force and collaborate with,  
11 help coordinate, and implement activities with  
12 other Federal agencies that have responsibilities  
13 involving Puget Sound restoration and protec-  
14 tion;

15           “(F) provide or procure such other advice,  
16 technical assistance, research, assessments,  
17 monitoring, or other support as is determined  
18 by the Director to be necessary or prudent to  
19 most efficiently and effectively fulfill the objec-  
20 tives and priorities of the Action Agenda, Salm-  
21 on Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk  
22 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution  
23 Control Program consistent with the best avail-  
24 able science and to ensure the health of the  
25 Puget Sound ecosystem;

1           “(G) track the progress of the Environ-  
2           mental Protection Agency towards meeting the  
3           Agency’s specified objectives and priorities with-  
4           in the Action Agenda and the Federal Action  
5           Plan;

6           “(H) implement the recommendations of  
7           the Comptroller General, set forth in the report  
8           entitled ‘Puget Sound Restoration: Additional  
9           Actions Could Improve Assessments of  
10          Progress’ and dated July 19, 2018;

11          “(I) serve as liaison and coordinate activi-  
12          ties for the restoration and protection of the  
13          Salish Sea, with Canadian authorities, the Pa-  
14          cific Salmon Commission, and the International  
15          Joint Commission; and

16          “(J) carry out such additional duties as  
17          the Administrator determines necessary and ap-  
18          propriate.

19          “(d) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK  
20          FORCE.—

21                 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
22          Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

23                 “(2) DUTIES.—

24                         “(A) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Puget  
25          Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall—

1           “(i) uphold Federal trust responsibil-  
2           ities to restore and protect resources cru-  
3           cial to Tribal treaty rights, including by  
4           carrying out government-to-government  
5           consultation with Indian tribes when re-  
6           quested by such tribes;

7           “(ii) provide a venue for dialogue and  
8           coordination across all Federal agencies on  
9           the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
10          Force to align Federal resources for the  
11          purposes of carrying out the requirements  
12          of this section and all other Federal laws  
13          that contribute to the restoration and pro-  
14          tection of Puget Sound, including by—

15               “(I) enabling and encouraging  
16               the Federal agencies represented on  
17               the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
18               Task Force to act consistently with  
19               the objectives and priorities of the Ac-  
20               tion Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans,  
21               the Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative,  
22               and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution  
23               Control Program;

24               “(II) facilitating the coordination  
25               of Federal activities that impact the

1 restoration and protection of Puget  
2 Sound;

3 “(III) facilitating the delivery of  
4 feedback given by Federal agencies to  
5 the Puget Sound Partnership during  
6 the development of the Action Agen-  
7 da;

8 “(IV) facilitating the resolution  
9 of interagency conflicts associated  
10 with the restoration and protection of  
11 Puget Sound among the agencies rep-  
12 resented on the Puget Sound Federal  
13 Leadership Task Force;

14 “(V) providing a forum for ex-  
15 changing information among agencies  
16 regarding activities being conducted,  
17 including obstacles or efficiencies  
18 found, during Puget Sound restora-  
19 tion and protection activities; and

20 “(VI) promoting the efficient use  
21 of government resources in pursuit of  
22 Puget Sound restoration and protec-  
23 tion through coordination and collabo-  
24 ration, including by ensuring that the  
25 Federal efforts relating to the science

1           necessary for restoration and protec-  
2           tion of Puget Sound are consistent,  
3           and not duplicative, across the Fed-  
4           eral Government;

5           “(iii) catalyze public leaders at all lev-  
6           els to work together toward shared goals  
7           by demonstrating interagency best prac-  
8           tices coming from the members of the  
9           Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
10          Force;

11          “(iv) provide advice and support on  
12          scientific and technical issues and act as a  
13          forum for the exchange of scientific infor-  
14          mation about Puget Sound;

15          “(v) identify and inventory Federal  
16          environmental research and monitoring  
17          programs related to Puget Sound, and pro-  
18          vide such inventory to the Puget Sound  
19          National Estuary Program Management  
20          Conference;

21          “(vi) ensure that Puget Sound res-  
22          toration and protection activities are as  
23          consistent as practicable with ongoing res-  
24          toration and protection and related efforts  
25          in the Salish Sea that are being conducted

1 by Canadian authorities, the Pacific Salm-  
2 on Commission, and the International  
3 Joint Commission;

4 “(vii) establish any necessary working  
5 groups or advisory committees necessary to  
6 assist the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
7 Task Force in its duties, including public  
8 policy and scientific issues;

9 “(viii) raise national awareness of the  
10 significance of Puget Sound;

11 “(ix) work with the Office of Manage-  
12 ment and Budget to give input on the  
13 crosscut budget under subsection (h); and

14 “(x) submit a biennial report under  
15 subsection (g) on the progress made to-  
16 ward carrying out the Federal Action Plan.

17 “(B) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL ACTION  
18 PLAN.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5  
20 years after the date of enactment of this  
21 section, the Puget Sound Federal Leader-  
22 ship Task Force shall develop and approve  
23 a Federal Action Plan that leverages Fed-  
24 eral programs across agencies and serves  
25 to coordinate diverse programs on a spe-

1           cific suite of priorities on Puget Sound re-  
2           covery.

3           “(ii) REVISION OF PUGET SOUND  
4           FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—Not less often  
5           than once every 5 years after the date of  
6           completion of the Federal Action Plan de-  
7           scribed in clause (i), the Puget Sound Fed-  
8           eral Leadership Task Force shall review,  
9           and revise as appropriate, the Federal Ac-  
10          tion Plan.

11          “(C) FEEDBACK BY FEDERAL AGEN-  
12          CIES.—In facilitating feedback under subpara-  
13          graph (A)(ii)(III), the Puget Sound Federal  
14          Leadership Task Force shall request Federal  
15          agencies to consider, at a minimum, possible  
16          Federal actions designed to—

17                 “(i) further the goals, targets, and ac-  
18                 tions of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recov-  
19                 ery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Ini-  
20                 tiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution  
21                 Control Program;

22                 “(ii) implement and enforce this Act,  
23                 the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and  
24                 all other Federal laws that contribute to  
25                 the restoration and protection of Puget

1 Sound, including those that protect Tribal  
2 treaty rights;

3 “(iii) prevent the introduction and  
4 spread of invasive species;

5 “(iv) prevent the destruction of ma-  
6 rine and wildlife habitats;

7 “(v) protect, restore, and conserve for-  
8 ests, wetlands, riparian zones, and near-  
9 shore waters that provide marine and wild-  
10 life habitat;

11 “(vi) promote resilience to climate  
12 change and ocean acidification effects;

13 “(vii) conserve and recover endan-  
14 gered species under the Endangered Spe-  
15 cies Act of 1973;

16 “(viii) restore fisheries so that they  
17 are sustainable and productive;

18 “(ix) preserve biodiversity;

19 “(x) restore and protect ecosystem  
20 services that provide clean water, filter  
21 toxic chemicals, and increase ecosystem re-  
22 silience; and

23 “(xi) improve water quality and re-  
24 store wildlife habitat, including by pre-  
25 venting and managing stormwater runoff,



1 incorporating erosion control techniques  
2 and trash capture devices, using sustain-  
3 able stormwater practices, and mitigating  
4 and minimizing nonpoint source pollution,  
5 including marine litter.

6 “(3) PARTICIPATION OF STATE ADVISORY COM-  
7 MITTEE AND PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT  
8 CONFERENCE.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Puget Sound  
10 Federal Leadership Task Force shall carry out  
11 its duties with input from, and in collaboration  
12 with, the State Advisory Committee and Puget  
13 Sound Tribal Management Conference.

14 “(B) SPECIFIC ADVICE AND RECOMMENDA-  
15 TIONS.—The Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
16 Task Force shall seek the advice and rec-  
17 ommendations of the State Advisory Committee  
18 and Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-  
19 ference on the actions, progress, and issues per-  
20 taining to restoration and protection of Puget  
21 Sound.

22 “(4) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 “(A) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members ap-  
24 pointed under this paragraph shall have experi-  
25 ence and expertise in matters of restoration and

1 protection of large watersheds and bodies of  
2 water or related experience that will benefit the  
3 restoration and protection effort of Puget  
4 Sound.

5 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The Puget Sound  
6 Federal Leadership Task Force shall be com-  
7 posed of the following members:

8 “(i) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—  
9 The following individuals appointed by the  
10 Secretary of Agriculture:

11 “(I) A representative of the Na-  
12 tional Forest Service.

13 “(II) A representative of the  
14 Natural Resources Conservation Serv-  
15 ice.

16 “(ii) SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—A  
17 representative of the National Oceanic and  
18 Atmospheric Administration appointed by  
19 the Secretary of Commerce.

20 “(iii) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The  
21 following individuals appointed by the Sec-  
22 retary of Defense:

23 “(I) A representative of the  
24 Corps of Engineers.

1                   “(II) A representative of the  
2                   Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

3                   “(III) A representative of the  
4                   Navy Region Northwest.

5                   “(iv) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the  
6                   Program Office.

7                   “(v) SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SE-  
8                   CURITY.—The following individuals ap-  
9                   pointed by the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
10                  curity:

11                  “(I) A representative of the  
12                  Coast Guard.

13                  “(II) A representative of the  
14                  Federal Emergency Management  
15                  Agency.

16                  “(vi) SECRETARY OF THE INTE-  
17                  RIOR.—The following individuals appointed  
18                  by the Secretary of the Interior:

19                  “(I) A representative of the Bu-  
20                  reau of Indian Affairs.

21                  “(II) A representative of the  
22                  United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-  
23                  ice.

24                  “(III) A representative of the  
25                  United States Geological Survey.

1                   “(IV) A representative of the Na-  
2                   tional Park Service.

3                   “(vii) SECRETARY OF TRANSPOR-  
4                   TATION.—The following individuals ap-  
5                   pointed by the Secretary of Transpor-  
6                   tation:

7                   “(I) A representative of the Fed-  
8                   eral Highway Administration.

9                   “(II) A representative of the  
10                  Federal Transit Administration.

11                  “(viii) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Rep-  
12                  resentatives of such other agencies, pro-  
13                  grams, and initiatives as the Puget Sound  
14                  Federal Leadership Task Force determines  
15                  necessary.

16                  “(5) LEADERSHIP.—The Co-Chairs shall ensure  
17                  the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force  
18                  completes its duties through robust discussion of all  
19                  relevant issues. The Co-Chairs shall share leadership  
20                  responsibilities equally.

21                  “(6) CO-CHAIRS.—The following members of  
22                  the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force  
23                  appointed under paragraph (5) shall serve as Co-  
24                  Chairs of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
25                  Force:

1           “(A) The representative of the National  
2 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

3           “(B) The representative of the Puget  
4 Sound Recovery National Program Office.

5           “(C) The representative of the Corps of  
6 Engineers.

7           “(7) MEETINGS.—

8           “(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Puget  
9 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall  
10 meet not later than 180 days after the date of  
11 enactment of this section—

12                   “(i) to determine if all Federal agen-  
13 cies are properly represented;

14                   “(ii) to establish the bylaws of the  
15 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
16 Force;

17                   “(iii) to establish necessary working  
18 groups or committees; and

19                   “(iv) to determine subsequent meeting  
20 times, dates, and logistics.

21           “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the  
22 initial meeting, the Puget Sound Federal Lead-  
23 ership Task Force shall meet, at a minimum,  
24 twice per year to carry out the duties of the  
25 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

1           “(C) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.—Meet-  
2           ings of any established working groups or com-  
3           mittees of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
4           Task Force shall not be considered a biannual  
5           meeting for purposes of subparagraph (B).

6           “(D) JOINT MEETINGS.—The Puget Sound  
7           Federal Leadership Task Force shall offer to  
8           meet jointly with the Puget Sound National Es-  
9           tuary Program Management Conference and  
10          the Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-  
11          ference, at a minimum, once per year. A joint  
12          meeting under this subparagraph may be con-  
13          sidered a biannual meeting of the Puget Sound  
14          Federal Leadership Task Force for purposes of  
15          subparagraph (B), if agreed upon.

16          “(E) QUORUM.—A majority number of the  
17          members of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-  
18          ship Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

19          “(F) VOTING.—For the Puget Sound Fed-  
20          eral Leadership Task Force to pass a measure,  
21          a two-thirds percentage of the quorum must  
22          vote in the affirmative.

23          “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP  
24          TASK FORCE PROCEDURES AND ADVICE.—

1           “(A) ADVISORS.—The Puget Sound Fed-  
2           eral Leadership Task Force, and any working  
3           group of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
4           Task Force, may seek advice and input from  
5           any interested, knowledgeable, or affected party  
6           as the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task  
7           Force or working group, respectively, deter-  
8           mines necessary to perform its duties.

9           “(B) COMPENSATION.—A member of the  
10          Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force  
11          shall receive no additional compensation for  
12          service as a member on the Puget Sound Fed-  
13          eral Leadership Task Force.

14          “(C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Travel expenses  
15          incurred by a member of the Puget Sound Fed-  
16          eral Leadership Task Force in the performance  
17          of service on the Puget Sound Federal Leader-  
18          ship Task Force may be paid by the agency or  
19          department that the member represents.

20          “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—

21                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—On the date of enact-  
22                 ment of this section, the 2016 memorandum of  
23                 understanding establishing the Puget Sound  
24                 Federal Task Force shall cease to be effective.

1           “(B) USE OF PREVIOUS WORK.—The  
2           Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force  
3           shall, to the extent practicable, use the work  
4           product produced, relied upon, and analyzed by  
5           the Puget Sound Federal Task Force in order  
6           to avoid duplicating the efforts of the Puget  
7           Sound Federal Task Force.

8           “(e) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

9           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
10          State Advisory Committee.

11          “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The committee shall con-  
12          sist of up to seven members designated by the gov-  
13          erning body of the Puget Sound Partnership, in con-  
14          sultation with the Governor of Washington, who will  
15          represent Washington State agencies that have sig-  
16          nificant roles and responsibilities related to Puget  
17          Sound recovery.

18          “(f) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The  
19          Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, State Advi-  
20          sory Committee, and any working group of the Puget  
21          Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall not be con-  
22          sidered an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory  
23          Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).



1       “(g) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK  
2 FORCE BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUGET SOUND RECOVERY  
3 ACTIVITIES.—

4               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
5 the date of enactment of this section, and biennially  
6 thereafter, the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
7 Task Force, in collaboration with the Puget Sound  
8 Tribal Management Conference and the State Advi-  
9 sory Committee, shall submit to the President, Con-  
10 gress, the Governor of Washington, and the gov-  
11 erning body of the Puget Sound Partnership a re-  
12 port that summarizes the progress, challenges, and  
13 milestones of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership  
14 Task Force on the restoration and protection of  
15 Puget Sound.

16               “(2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph  
17 (1) shall include a description of the following:

18                       “(A) The roles and progress of each State,  
19 local government entity, and Federal agency  
20 that has jurisdiction in the Puget Sound region  
21 toward meeting the identified objectives and  
22 priorities of the Action Agenda, Salmon Recov-  
23 ery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Initiative,  
24 and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control  
25 Program.

1           “(B) If available, the roles and progress of  
2           Tribal governments that have jurisdiction in the  
3           Puget Sound region toward meeting the identi-  
4           fied objectives and priorities of the Action  
5           Agenda, Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty  
6           Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal  
7           Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

8           “(C) A summary of specific recommenda-  
9           tions concerning implementation of the Action  
10          Agenda and Federal Action Plan, including  
11          challenges, barriers, and anticipated milestones,  
12          targets, and timelines.

13          “(D) A summary of progress made by  
14          Federal agencies toward the priorities identified  
15          in the Federal Action Plan.

16          “(h) CROSSCUT BUDGET REPORT.—

17                 “(1) FINANCIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1  
18          year after the date of enactment of this section, and  
19          every 5 years thereafter, the Director of the Office  
20          of Management and Budget, in consultation with the  
21          Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall,  
22          in conjunction with the annual budget submission of  
23          the President to Congress for the year under section  
24          1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, submit to  
25          Congress and make available to the public, including

1 on the internet, a financial report that is certified by  
2 the head of each agency represented by the Puget  
3 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

4 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report shall contain an  
5 interagency crosscut budget relating to Puget Sound  
6 restoration and protection activities that displays—

7 “(A) the proposed funding for any Federal  
8 restoration and protection activity to be carried  
9 out in the succeeding fiscal year, including any  
10 planned interagency or intra-agency transfer,  
11 for each of the Federal agencies that carry out  
12 restoration and protection activities;

13 “(B) the estimated expenditures for Fed-  
14 eral restoration and protection activities from  
15 the preceding 2 fiscal years, the current fiscal  
16 year, and the succeeding fiscal year; and

17 “(C) the estimated expenditures for Fed-  
18 eral environmental research and monitoring  
19 programs from the preceding 2 fiscal years, the  
20 current fiscal year, and the succeeding fiscal  
21 year.

22 “(3) INCLUDED RECOVERY ACTIVITIES.—With  
23 respect to activities described in the report, the re-  
24 port shall only describe activities that have funding  
25 amounts more than \$100,000.

1           “(4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Director  
2 of the Office of Management and Budget shall sub-  
3 mit the report to—

4           “(A) the Committee on Appropriations, the  
5 Committee on Natural Resources, the Com-  
6 mittee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-  
7 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
8 the House of Representatives; and

9           “(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the  
10 Committee on Environment and Public Works,  
11 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
12 Transportation of the Senate.

13       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
14 tion to any other funds authorized to be appropriated for  
15 activities related to Puget Sound, there is authorized to  
16 be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for  
17 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

18       “(j) PRESERVATION OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND  
19 EXISTING FEDERAL STATUS.—

20           “(1) TRIBAL TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this  
21 section affects, or is intended to affect, any right re-  
22 served by treaty between the United States and one  
23 or more Indian tribes.

1           “(2) OTHER FEDERAL LAW.—Nothing in this  
2 section affects the requirements and procedures of  
3 other Federal law.

4           “(k) CONSISTENCY.—Actions authorized or imple-  
5 mented under this section shall be consistent with—

6           “(1) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and  
7 the Salmon Recovery Plans of the State of Wash-  
8 ington;

9           “(2) the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972  
10 and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Pro-  
11 gram;

12           “(3) the water quality standards of the State of  
13 Washington approved by the Administrator under  
14 section 303; and

15           “(4) other applicable Federal requirements.”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 5,  
2020.

Attest:                           CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*