

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1144

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of the 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:

11 “(1) COASTAL NONPOINT POLLUTION CONTROL
12 PROGRAM.—The term ‘Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
13 Control Program’ means the State of Washington’s
14 Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program ap-
15 proved under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act
16 Reauthorization Amendments of 1990.

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

19 “(3) FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—The term ‘Fed-
20 eral Action Plan’ means the plan developed under
21 subsection (c)(3)(B).

22 “(4) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—The
23 term ‘International Joint Commission’ means the
24 International Joint Commission established by the
25 Treaty relating to the boundary waters and ques-
26 tions arising along the boundary between the United

1 States and Canada, signed at Washington January
2 11, 1909, and entered into force May 5, 1910 (36
3 Stat. 2448; TS 548; 12 Bevans 319).

4 “(5) PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION.—The term
5 ‘Pacific Salmon Commission’ means the Pacific
6 Salmon Commission established by the United
7 States and Canada under the Treaty concerning Pa-
8 cific salmon, with annexes and memorandum of un-
9 derstanding, signed at Ottawa January 28, 1985,
10 and entered into force March 18, 1985 (TIAS
11 11091; 1469 UNTS 357) (commonly known as the
12 ‘Pacific Salmon Treaty’).

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

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

1 “(8) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
2 TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Puget Sound Federal
3 Leadership Task Force’ means the Puget Sound
4 Federal Leadership Task Force established under
5 subsection (c).

6 “(9) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—
7 The term ‘Puget Sound Federal Task Force’ means
8 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force established in
9 2016 under a memorandum of understanding among
10 9 Federal agencies.

11 “(10) PUGET SOUND NATIONAL ESTUARY PRO-
12 GRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.—The term
13 ‘Puget Sound National Estuary Program Manage-
14 ment Conference’ means the management conference
15 for the Puget Sound convened pursuant to section
16 320.

17 “(11) PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP.—The term
18 ‘Puget Sound Partnership’ means the State agency
19 created under the laws of the State of Washington
20 (section 90.71.210 of the Revised Code of Wash-
21 ington), or its successor agency that has been des-
22 ignated by the Administrator as the lead entity to
23 support the Puget Sound National Estuary Program
24 Management Conference.

25 “(12) PUGET SOUND REGION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘Puget
2 Sound region’ means the land and waters in the
3 northwest corner of the State of Washington
4 from the Canadian border to the north to the
5 Pacific Ocean on the west, including Hood
6 Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

7 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘Puget Sound
8 region’ includes all watersheds that drain into
9 the Puget Sound.

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

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

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

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

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 that
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) PUGET SOUND RECOVERY NATIONAL PROGRAM
17 OFFICE.—

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

22 “(2) DIRECTOR.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Di-
24 rector of the Program Office, who shall have

1 leadership and project management experience
2 and shall be highly qualified to—

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

7 “(ii) align numerous, and possibly
8 competing, priorities to accomplish visible
9 and measurable outcomes under the Action
10 Agenda.

11 “(B) POSITION.—The position of Director
12 of the Program Office shall be a career reserved
13 position, as such term is defined in section
14 3132 of title 5, United States Code.

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

20 “(4) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

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

1 “(B) coordinate activities related to the
2 restoration and protection of the Puget Sound
3 across the Environmental Protection Agency;

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

9 “(D) promote the efficient use of Environ-
10 mental Protection Agency resources in pursuit
11 of the restoration and protection of the Puget
12 Sound;

13 “(E) serve on the Puget Sound Federal
14 Leadership Task Force and collaborate with,
15 help coordinate, and implement activities with
16 other Federal agencies that have responsibilities
17 involving the restoration and protection of the
18 Puget Sound;

19 “(F) provide or procure such other advice,
20 technical assistance, research, assessments,
21 monitoring, or other support as is determined
22 by the Director to be necessary or prudent to
23 most efficiently and effectively fulfill the objec-
24 tives and priorities of the Action Agenda, the
25 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at

1 Risk Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
2 tion Control Program, consistent with the best
3 available science, to ensure the health of the
4 Puget Sound ecosystem;

5 “(G) track the progress of the Environ-
6 mental Protection Agency towards meeting the
7 agency’s specified objectives and priorities with-
8 in the Action Agenda and the Federal Action
9 Plan;

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

15 “(I) serve as liaison and coordinate activi-
16 ties for the restoration and protection of the
17 Salish Sea with Canadian authorities, the Pa-
18 cific Salmon Commission, and the International
19 Joint Commission; and

20 “(J) carry out such additional duties as
21 the Director determines necessary and appro-
22 priate.

23 “(c) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
24 FORCE.—

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

3 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

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

7 “(i) The following individuals ap-
8 pointed by the Secretary of Agriculture:

9 “(I) A representative of the Na-
10 tional Forest Service.

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

14 “(ii) A representative of the National
15 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
16 appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.

17 “(iii) The following individuals ap-
18 pointed by the Secretary of Defense:

19 “(I) A representative of the
20 Corps of Engineers.

21 “(II) A representative of the
22 Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

23 “(III) A representative of the
24 Commander, Navy Region Northwest.

1 “(iv) The Director of the Program Of-
2 fice.

3 “(v) The following individuals ap-
4 pointed by the Secretary of Homeland Se-
5 curity:

6 “(I) A representative of the
7 Coast Guard.

8 “(II) A representative of the
9 Federal Emergency Management
10 Agency.

11 “(vi) The following individuals ap-
12 pointed by the Secretary of the Interior:

13 “(I) A representative of the Bu-
14 reau of Indian Affairs.

15 “(II) A representative of the
16 United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
17 ice.

18 “(III) A representative of the
19 United States Geological Survey.

20 “(IV) A representative of the Na-
21 tional Park Service.

22 “(vii) The following individuals ap-
23 pointed by the Secretary of Transpor-
24 tation:

1 “(I) A representative of the Fed-
2 eral Highway Administration.

3 “(II) A representative of the
4 Federal Transit Administration.

5 “(viii) Representatives of such other
6 Federal agencies, programs, and initiatives
7 as the other members of the Puget Sound
8 Federal Leadership Task Force determines
9 necessary.

10 “(B) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members ap-
11 pointed under this paragraph shall have experi-
12 ence and expertise in matters of restoration and
13 protection of large watersheds and bodies of
14 water, or related experience that will benefit the
15 restoration and protection of the Puget Sound.

16 “(C) CO-CHAIRS.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The following
18 members of the Puget Sound Federal
19 Leadership Task Force shall serve as Co-
20 Chairs of the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
21 ership Task Force:

22 “(I) The representative of the
23 National Oceanic and Atmospheric
24 Administration.

1 “(II) The Director of the Pro-
2 gram Office.

3 “(III) The representative of the
4 Corps of Engineers.

5 “(ii) LEADERSHIP.—The Co-Chairs
6 shall ensure the Puget Sound Federal
7 Leadership Task Force completes its du-
8 ties through robust discussion of all rel-
9 evant issues. The Co-Chairs shall share
10 leadership responsibilities equally.

11 “(3) DUTIES.—

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

14 “(i) uphold Federal trust responsibil-
15 ities to restore and protect resources cru-
16 cial to Tribal treaty rights, including by
17 carrying out government-to-government
18 consultation with Indian tribes when re-
19 quested by such tribes;

20 “(ii) provide a venue for dialogue and
21 coordination across all Federal agencies
22 represented by a member of the Puget
23 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force to
24 align Federal resources for the purposes of
25 carrying out the requirements of this sec-

1 tion and all other Federal laws that con-
2 tribute to the restoration and protection of
3 the Puget Sound, including by—

4 “(I) enabling and encouraging
5 such agencies to act consistently with
6 the objectives and priorities of the Ac-
7 tion Agenda, the Salmon Recovery
8 Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Ini-
9 tiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pol-
10 lution Control Program;

11 “(II) facilitating the coordination
12 of Federal activities that impact such
13 restoration and protection;

14 “(III) facilitating the delivery of
15 feedback given by such agencies to the
16 Puget Sound Partnership during the
17 development of the Action Agenda;

18 “(IV) facilitating the resolution
19 of interagency conflicts associated
20 with such restoration and protection
21 among such agencies;

22 “(V) providing a forum for ex-
23 changing information among such
24 agencies regarding activities being
25 conducted, including obstacles or effi-

1 ciencies found, during restoration and
2 protection activities; and

3 “(VI) promoting the efficient use
4 of government resources in pursuit of
5 such restoration and protection
6 through coordination and collabora-
7 tion, including by ensuring that the
8 Federal efforts relating to the science
9 necessary for such restoration and
10 protection are consistent, and not du-
11 plicative, across the Federal Govern-
12 ment;

13 “(iii) catalyze public leaders at all lev-
14 els to work together toward shared goals
15 by demonstrating interagency best prac-
16 tices coming from such agencies;

17 “(iv) provide advice and support on
18 scientific and technical issues and act as a
19 forum for the exchange of scientific infor-
20 mation about the Puget Sound;

21 “(v) identify and inventory Federal
22 environmental research and monitoring
23 programs related to the Puget Sound, and
24 provide such inventory to the Puget Sound

1 National Estuary Program Management
2 Conference;

3 “(vi) ensure that Puget Sound res-
4 toration and protection activities are as
5 consistent as practicable with ongoing res-
6 toration and protection and related efforts
7 in the Salish Sea that are being conducted
8 by Canadian authorities, the Pacific Salm-
9 on Commission, and the International
10 Joint Commission;

11 “(vii) ensure that Puget Sound res-
12 toration and protection activities are con-
13 sistent with national security interests;

14 “(viii) establish any working groups or
15 committees necessary to assist the Puget
16 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force in
17 its duties, including relating to public pol-
18 icy and scientific issues; and

19 “(ix) raise national awareness of the
20 significance of the Puget Sound.

21 “(B) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL ACTION

22 PLAN.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5
24 years after the date of enactment of this
25 section, the Puget Sound Federal Leader-

1 ship Task Force shall develop and approve
2 a Federal Action Plan that leverages Fed-
3 eral programs across agencies and serves
4 to coordinate diverse programs and prior-
5 ities for the restoration and protection of
6 the Puget Sound.

7 “(ii) REVISION OF PUGET SOUND
8 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN.—Not less often
9 than once every 5 years after the date of
10 approval of the Federal Action Plan under
11 clause (i), the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
12 ership Task Force shall review, and revise
13 as appropriate, the Federal Action Plan.

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

21 “(i) further the goals, targets, and ac-
22 tions of the Action Agenda, the Salmon
23 Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk
24 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollu-
25 tion Control Program;

1 “(ii) as applicable, implement and en-
2 force this Act, the Endangered Species Act
3 of 1973, and all other Federal laws that
4 contribute to the restoration and protection
5 of the Puget Sound, including those that
6 protect Tribal treaty rights;

7 “(iii) prevent the introduction and
8 spread of invasive species;

9 “(iv) protect marine and wildlife habi-
10 tats;

11 “(v) protect, restore, and conserve for-
12 ests, wetlands, riparian zones, and near-
13 shore waters;

14 “(vi) promote resilience to climate
15 change and ocean acidification effects;

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

18 “(viii) preserve biodiversity;

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

23 “(x) improve water quality, including
24 by preventing and managing stormwater
25 runoff, incorporating erosion control tech-

1 niques and trash capture devices, using
2 sustainable stormwater practices, and miti-
3 gating and minimizing nonpoint source
4 pollution, including marine litter.

5 “(4) PARTICIPATION OF STATE ADVISORY COM-
6 MITTEE AND PUGET SOUND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT
7 CONFERENCE.—The Puget Sound Federal Leader-
8 ship Task Force shall carry out its duties with input
9 from, and in collaboration with, the State Advisory
10 Committee and the Puget Sound Tribal Manage-
11 ment Conference, including by seeking advice and
12 recommendations on the actions, progress, and
13 issues pertaining to the restoration and protection of
14 the Puget Sound.

15 “(5) MEETINGS.—

16 “(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Puget
17 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force shall
18 meet not later than 180 days after the date of
19 enactment of this section—

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

22 “(ii) to establish the bylaws of the
23 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task
24 Force;

1 “(iii) to establish necessary working
2 groups or committees; and

3 “(iv) to determine subsequent meeting
4 times, dates, and logistics.

5 “(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the
6 initial meeting, the Puget Sound Federal Lead-
7 ership Task Force shall meet, at a minimum,
8 twice per year to carry out the duties of the
9 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

10 “(C) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.—A
11 meeting of any established working group or
12 committee of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
13 ship Task Force shall not be considered a bian-
14 nual meeting for purposes of subparagraph (B).

15 “(D) JOINT MEETINGS.—The Puget Sound
16 Federal Leadership Task Force—

17 “(i) shall offer to meet jointly with
18 the Puget Sound National Estuary Pro-
19 gram Management Conference and the
20 Puget Sound Tribal Management Con-
21 ference, at a minimum, once per year; and

22 “(ii) may consider such a joint meet-
23 ing to be a biannual meeting of the Puget
24 Sound Federal Leadership Task Force for
25 purposes of subparagraph (B).

1 “(E) QUORUM.—A simple majority of the
2 members of the Puget Sound Federal Leader-
3 ship Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

4 “(F) VOTING.—For the Puget Sound Fed-
5 eral Leadership Task Force to take an official
6 action, a quorum shall be present, and at least
7 a two-thirds majority of the members present
8 shall vote in the affirmative.

9 “(6) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP
10 TASK FORCE PROCEDURES AND ADVICE.—

11 “(A) ADVISORS.—The Puget Sound Fed-
12 eral Leadership Task Force may seek advice
13 and input from any interested, knowledgeable,
14 or affected party as the Puget Sound Federal
15 Leadership Task Force determines necessary to
16 perform its duties.

17 “(B) COMPENSATION.—A member of the
18 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
19 shall receive no additional compensation for
20 service as a member on the Puget Sound Fed-
21 eral Leadership Task Force.

22 “(C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Travel expenses
23 incurred by a member of the Puget Sound Fed-
24 eral Leadership Task Force in the performance
25 of service on the Puget Sound Federal Leader-

1 ship Task Force may be paid by the agency
2 that the member represents.

3 “(7) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL TASK FORCE.—

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

8 “(B) USE OF PREVIOUS WORK.—The
9 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force
10 shall, to the extent practicable, use the work
11 product produced, relied upon, and analyzed by
12 the Puget Sound Federal Task Force in order
13 to avoid duplicating the efforts of the Puget
14 Sound Federal Task Force.

15 “(d) STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
17 State Advisory Committee.

18 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The State Advisory Com-
19 mittee shall consist of up to seven members des-
20 ignated by the governing body of the Puget Sound
21 Partnership, in consultation with the Governor of
22 Washington, who will represent Washington State
23 agencies that have significant roles and responsibil-
24 ities related to the restoration and protection of the
25 Puget Sound.

1 “(e) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The
2 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, State Advi-
3 sory Committee, and any working group or committee of
4 the Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force, shall
5 not be considered an advisory committee under the Fed-
6 eral Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

7 “(f) PUGET SOUND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP TASK
8 FORCE BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUGET SOUND RESTORA-
9 TION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of enactment of this section, and biennially
12 thereafter, the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
13 Task Force, in collaboration with the Puget Sound
14 Tribal Management Conference and the State Advi-
15 sory Committee, shall submit to the President, Con-
16 gress, the Governor of Washington, and the gov-
17 erning body of the Puget Sound Partnership a re-
18 port that summarizes the progress, challenges, and
19 milestones of the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
20 Task Force relating to the restoration and protec-
21 tion of the Puget Sound.

22 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under
23 paragraph (1) shall include a description of the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(A) The roles and progress of each State,
2 local government entity, and Federal agency
3 that has jurisdiction in the Puget Sound region
4 relating to meeting the identified objectives and
5 priorities of the Action Agenda, the Salmon Re-
6 covery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk Initia-
7 tive, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
8 trol Program.

9 “(B) If available, the roles and progress of
10 Tribal governments that have jurisdiction in the
11 Puget Sound region relating to meeting the
12 identified objectives and priorities of the Action
13 Agenda, the Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty
14 Rights at Risk Initiative, and the Coastal
15 Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

16 “(C) A summary of specific recommenda-
17 tions concerning implementation of the Action
18 Agenda and the Federal Action Plan, including
19 challenges, barriers, and anticipated milestones,
20 targets, and timelines.

21 “(D) A summary of progress made by
22 Federal agencies toward the priorities identified
23 in the Federal Action Plan.

24 “(g) CROSSCUT BUDGET REPORT.—

1 “(1) FINANCIAL REPORT.—As soon as prac-
2 ticable, but not later than 2 years after the date of
3 enactment of this section, and every 5 years there-
4 after, the Director of the Office of Management and
5 Budget, in consultation with the Puget Sound Fed-
6 eral Leadership Task Force, shall, in conjunction
7 with the annual budget submission of the President
8 to Congress for the year under section 1105(a) of
9 title 31, United States Code, submit to Congress
10 and make available to the public, including on the
11 internet, a financial report that is certified by the
12 head of each agency represented by a member of the
13 Puget Sound Federal Leadership Task Force.

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

17 “(A) the proposed funding for any Federal
18 restoration and protection activity to be carried
19 out in the succeeding fiscal year, including any
20 planned interagency or intra-agency transfer,
21 for each of the Federal agencies that carry out
22 restoration and protection activities;

23 “(B) the estimated expenditures for Fed-
24 eral restoration and protection activities from

1 the preceding 2 fiscal years, the current fiscal
2 year, and the succeeding fiscal year; and

3 “(C) the estimated expenditures for Fed-
4 eral environmental research and monitoring
5 programs from the preceding 2 fiscal years, the
6 current fiscal year, and the succeeding fiscal
7 year.

8 “(3) INCLUDED RECOVERY ACTIVITIES.—With
9 respect to activities described in the report, the re-
10 port shall only describe activities that have a total
11 Federal cost of more than \$100,000.

12 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In ad-
13 dition to any other funds authorized to be appropriated
14 for activities related to the Puget Sound, there is author-
15 ized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

17 “(i) TRIBAL RIGHTS AND CONSULTATION.—

18 “(1) PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL TREATY
19 RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section affects, or is in-
20 tended to affect, any right reserved by treaty be-
21 tween the United States and one or more Indian
22 tribes.

23 “(2) CONSULTATION.—Nothing in this section
24 affects any authorization or obligation of a Federal

1 agency to consult with an Indian tribe under any
2 other provision of law.

3 “(j) CONSISTENCY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Actions authorized or im-
5 plemented under this section shall be consistent
6 with—

7 “(A) the Salmon Recovery Plans;

8 “(B) the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
9 trol Program; and

10 “(C) the water quality standards of the
11 State of Washington approved by the Adminis-
12 trator under section 303.

13 “(2) FEDERAL ACTIONS.—All Federal agencies
14 represented on the Puget Sound Federal Leadership
15 Task Force shall act consistently with the protection
16 of Tribal, treaty-reserved rights and, to the greatest
17 extent practicable given such agencies’ existing obli-
18 gations under Federal law, act consistently with the
19 objectives and priorities of the Action Agenda, the
20 Salmon Recovery Plans, the Treaty Rights at Risk
21 Initiative, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Con-
22 trol Program, when—

23 “(A) conducting Federal agency activities
24 within or outside the Puget Sound that affect
25 any land or water use or natural resources of

1 the Puget Sound region, including activities
2 performed by a contractor for the benefit of a
3 Federal agency;

4 “(B) interpreting and enforcing regulations
5 that impact the restoration and protection of
6 the Puget Sound;

7 “(C) issuing Federal licenses or permits
8 that impact the restoration and protection of
9 the Puget Sound; and

10 “(D) granting Federal assistance to State,
11 local, and Tribal governments for activities re-
12 lated to the restoration and protection of the
13 Puget Sound.”.

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