

A G E N D A
Biodiversity Council Fall Retreat
Olympia, Washington
September 24 and 25, 2008

Wednesday, September 24th

8:45 ***Coffee, breakfast snacks, and networking***

9:00 **Convene and Welcome**

- Introductions
- Overview agenda and materials
- Announcements
- Public comments (agenda only)

9:30 **Council Business Items**

- Approve June Meeting Minutes
- 2008 Budget and Workplan Update

10:00 Western Governor's Association **Wildlife Corridors Initiative** and the Washington Habitat Connectivity Working Group.
 John Mankowski (Governor's Natural Resource Policy Advisor) and Kelly McAllister (WSDOT)

10:15 **Early Action Projects: Status and Funding**

 Review funding status and proposed new projects

10:45 ***Break***

11:00 **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION**

Building the Case for a Leadership Model

- Describe approach for next two days.
- Introduce Proposed Outline for Report to Governor.
- Leadership Working Group; summary of materials developed to frame discussion.
- Summary of other state biodiversity programs
- Revisit Strategy recommendations

12:15 ***Lunch***

1:00 **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION (continued)**

Roles, functions and essential attributes of a leadership entity.

What does this entity need to do to effectively guide implementation of the Strategy?

Introduce options for leadership model

2:00 ***Small group discussion***

Which options are most compelling? Explore how the various options address key questions and criteria:

- Capacity for convening, coordinating and facilitating
- Appropriate role for science and science panel
- Political feasibility
- Capacity to perform critical functions
- Role of private interest groups

2:30 ***Break***

2:45 ***Selection of Viable Options***

- Council members to select 1-3 most viable options.
- Discuss rationale
- Discuss key characteristics

3:45 **Council Outreach and Biodiversity Video**

- Outreach Plan
- Goals and audience for a biodiversity video

4:30 ***Adjourn***

5:00 Optional walk/field trip around Capitol Lake

5:45- **Evening Session**

7:30 Continue leadership discussion at the Water Street Café. Light dinner provided.
Guest Speaker: Gordon Orians, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington

Thursday, September 25th

8:00 **Coffee, breakfast snacks, and networking**

8:30 **Convene and Welcome**

8:30 **Council Business Items**

- 2009-2011 Budget Proposal
- Council Member Recruitment Update

9:15 **Fighting “eco-depression”**

How do we create a sense of hope and optimism in the face of often discouraging news about the state of the environment?

Introduction by Senator Ken Jacobsen, followed by discussion.

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Council Workgroups; Update**

Review objectives and membership for each of the Council's working groups.

Revisit working group membership.

- Leadership (Ron Shultz)
- Outreach (Ikuno Masterson)
- Science (Rob Fimbel)
- Incentives (Ron Shultz)
- Land Use (Leonard Bauer)

10:45 **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION**

Flesh out Selected Option(s)

- Rationale for selection; how do we “sell” this option to policy makers?
- Design considerations; how should the organizational model(s) be designed to maximize effectiveness? What key characteristics need to be included?

12:00 **Lunch**

12:45 ***Legislative and Budget considerations of the Leadership Proposal.***

- What legislative and budget actions do we want to recommend in our proposal to the Governor?
- Stakeholder endorsement; who is critical to have on board?

1:30 **Outline for Leadership Report to be delivered to Governor**

Questions, comments, suggestions

2:15 **Review Meeting Outcomes; Next Steps**

Meeting Evaluation

2:35 **Public Comment**

2:45 **ADJOURN**