

PUGET SOUND VITAL SIGNS

VITAL SIGN GOOD GOVERNANCE



The Good Governance Vital Sign provides information on the health of our management process and the degree to which we are effectively engaging the Puget Sound community in the recovery effort. Measures of governance go beyond the basic functions of government to inform us about the broader formal and informal mechanisms for decision-making and policy implementation. These measures are the adjectives describing the decision-making process. According to the United Nations, "Good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable, and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, accounts for the views of minorities and assures that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society."

Engagement with local residents through the pilot projects revealed that some of the primary sources of individual stress revolve around not feeling empowered to access and make decisions about natural resources, particularly for those in rural areas.

Reporting Lead

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Key Messages

Coming soon!

Strategies, Actions, And Effectiveness

- Actions proposed in the Action Agenda that advance this Vital Sign (*let us know if we missed any!*):
 - Engaging the community to address air pollution in the Duwamish Valley
 - HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan-Adaptive Management and Monitoring
 - Connecting Hood Canal communities to conservation through the Hood Canal Watershed Education Network
 - Low English Proficiency Outreach Tool Kit

Background Documents

- Leadership Council Resolution 2015-02, Human Health and Quality of Life Vital Signs and Indicators
- Human Wellbeing Vital Signs and Indicators for Puget Sound Recovery

Other Resources

- Articles related to [quality of life](#) in the Encyclopedia of Puget Sound

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