

**Why this study:** The 2007 Legislature created a state agency called the Partnership to oversee efforts to recover Puget Sound by 2020, and directed JLARC to conduct performance audits in 2011 and 2016. The Partnership is directed to coordinate, prioritize, and monitor actions of partner organizations.

## The Partnership improved the information it shares with the Legislature and public



Sets recovery targets linked to legislative goals



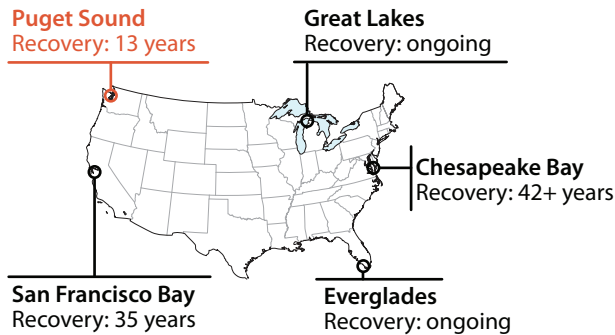
Prioritizes some recovery actions



Reports the status of the recovery effort

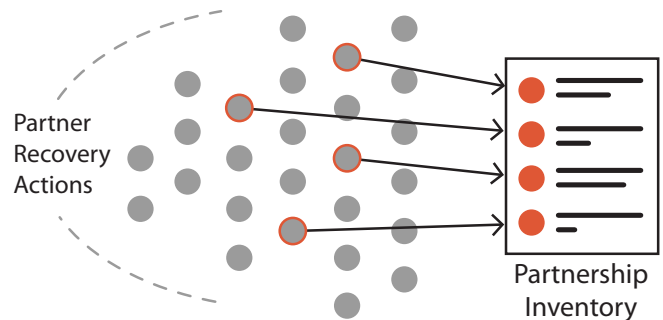
## However, recovery effort is hindered by 3 structural issues:

### 1 Statutory timeframes for recovery & planning are short compared to other recovery efforts.



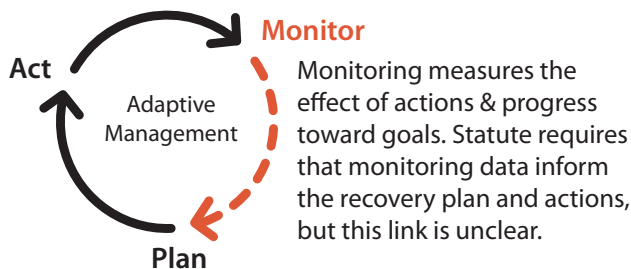
**Puget Sound will not be recovered by 2020.**

### 2 Partnership has an incomplete inventory of actions & funding.



**This limits its ability to evaluate & prioritize recovery efforts.**

### 3 Monitoring approach does not clearly link monitoring data to actions in the recovery plan.



### Monitoring approach does not fully meet certain essential requirements identified in 2008 by a panel of experts.

No	Clear governance
Mixed	Comprehensive science
	Easily accessible information
	Links between science and decisions
	Transparency

**Recommendations:** The Partnership should submit 3 plans to the Legislature:

1. Address changes needed to the planning and recovery timeframes
2. Detail how it, and OFM, will create a more complete inventory of actions and funding
3. Address monitoring program deficiencies

The complete report is on the JLARC web site. For more information, contact:

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