

**Tulalip Joint Conference Proposal**  
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**Issue:** 30 years of accommodating growth with the expectation that regulation and restoration will be enough to get us to recovery. It's not working.

**Now we are facing:**

- Population growth in Puget Sound is likely to double in the next 30 years.
- Climate change is already happening and will continue into the foreseeable future.

**Current status:**

All jurisdictions have binding legal, economic, and regulatory commitments and demands.

1. Increasing Hazard and Liabilities: Flooding, Drought, Landslide, Water quantity and quality
2. Climate adaptation and greater resilience will require new information, policy, and planning
3. Salmon and Puget Sound recovery goals need to be measurable.

**What is needed:**

Better alignment of regulations across jurisdictions

1. Bundling/streamlining to make it easier for local governments to meet state and federal requirements
2. Address Gaps and Inconsistencies
3. Regulation tied to measurable recovery goals

**Joint Conference Concept:**

1. Look for where we can agree on a handful of regulations that will make a difference to tribal and local government objectives.
2. Identify barriers and opportunities of regulatory alignment.
3. Set measurable goals and measure progress, both gains and losses. Agree upon and adopt a means of measuring current and future conditions, tied to land use policy/regulations.
4. Create a table for ongoing engagement around direction, monitoring/evaluation, climate scenario forecasting, adaptive management and decision-making for ecosystem recovery and climate adaptation.

**Proposed Approach:**

1. Agree on an issue area(s) to pilot regulatory alignment.
2. Develop a means of setting measurable goals and measuring gains and losses to evaluate regulatory effectiveness.
3. Create the table now. Complexity and uncertainty will only increase. This is for future generations.