

VSP WORK PLAN PRACTICE POINTERS

The following practice pointers (listed in no particular order) were identified by the Voluntary Stewardship Program's Technical Panel. The pointers can be used by VSP county work groups to help in the creation and successful submittal of their work plans to the Technical Panel.

- A. Provide a cover sheet or a cross-walk table with the work plan that lists each element of RCW 36.70A.720(1) (a)-(l) and where to find it in the work plan.
- B. The nexus between the goals, benchmarks and monitoring and adaptive management actions should be clearly and specifically demonstrated. Perhaps consider using consistent language between the plan narrative and adaptive management matrix.
- C. A clearly identified section of the work plan should be identified and include an explanation of how the July 22, 2011 baseline was established.
- D. Clearly explain monitoring, adaptive management, and reporting requirements in the work plan.
- E. Clearly identify and explain adaptive management thresholds in the work plan.
- F. Clearly identify active and inactive VPS participants (or direct and indirect – those participating in VSP and those not) in the work plan, expected numbers of each, and how those participants will interact with the work plan.
- G. Datasets used for monitoring purposes should be repeatable for subsequent analysis.
- H. Clearly set out how agricultural practices will protect critical area functions and how that compares to practices used at the baseline.
- I. Clearly relate monitoring goals and benchmarks to data collected during monitoring.
- J. For ease of reference, please provide sequential page numbers for the work plan and all appendices.