

## Membership Form

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### **Joining the Collaborative**

Membership in the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative is open to local, county, and tribal governments and regional public agencies (“organizations”) in the Puget Sound region with an interest in climate preparedness and a willingness to participate in the mission and activities of the Collaborative. To join the Collaborative, please review this form and complete the required components.

### **Purpose and Mission of the Collaborative**

The Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative was created to enhance coordination and improve the outcomes of climate change preparedness efforts in the Puget Sound region. Through this work, we seek to ensure that our communities, economy, and environment are resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

The Collaborative recognizes that organizations in the Puget Sound region face similar challenges when assessing climate change risks and developing climate preparedness strategies with limited resources. Additionally, organizations are obligated to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer funds in protecting public health and safety, supporting critical infrastructure, promoting economic prosperity, and protecting natural and treaty trust resources. Working together on climate preparedness can help leverage limited resources in ways that build resilience to climate impacts while also enhancing the region’s preparedness for existing natural hazards, including droughts, wildfire, and seismic and extreme weather events.

The Collaborative is a forum for peer-to-peer learning and cross-disciplinary exchange of information, ideas, and opportunities related to climate preparedness. It also serves as a medium for amplifying organizational preparedness priorities, needs, and ideas with other

stakeholders, including state and federal agencies. Current and anticipated Collaborative activities include the following shared actions:

- **Capacity building:** Enhance organizational and regional capacity to prepare for climate change through the development of a shared understanding of regional climate impacts and best practices for climate preparedness.
- **Community engagement:** Collaborate with communities to better understand how climate change will impact public health, safety, and economic opportunities for diverse communities across Puget Sound, with an emphasis on understanding how climate change can worsen existing disparities in health outcomes, economic opportunity, and environmental impacts.
- **Communications:** Develop and communicate consistent, scientifically informed, and easily accessible information on climate impacts and risks in the Puget Sound region that reflects the concerns and priorities of impacted communities.
- **Coordinated research:** Identify and pursue opportunities for joint research and climate impact assessments that can be accomplished more efficiently and effectively through coordinated efforts.
- **Funding and resources:** Jointly pursue grant, foundation, and other funding to support the Collaborative's efforts to strengthen understanding of climate impacts and climate preparedness across the Puget Sound region.
- **Planning:** Build a deeper understanding of climate impacts and risks to public health and safety, critical infrastructure, economy, treaty trust resources, and the natural environment to inform regional planning efforts, and make recommendations to strengthen climate preparedness and community resilience in local, regional, state, tribal, and federal policies and plans.

### **Membership Benefits**

- Focused opportunities to leverage local preparedness activities and peer-to-peer networking and learning related to climate impacts, climate preparedness, and best practices for reducing climate risks.
- Eligibility to participate on the Steering Committee, which provides strategic direction on the Collaborative's work.
- Priority registration for Collaborative events.
- Opportunities to make more efficient and strategic use of your organization's resources for climate preparedness.
- Opportunities to share and amplify your organization's preparedness priorities, needs, and ideas with other organizations.

## Membership Agreement

By signing this Membership Agreement, \_\_\_\_\_  
(organization) commits to supporting the purpose and activities of the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative. We also grant the Collaborative permission to identify our organization as a member on the Collaborative website or in printed materials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of authorized representative* *Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name* *Title*

## Contact Information

The primary contact is the individual serving as a primary point of contact between your organization and the Collaborative.

Primary Contact Name: _____			
Primary Contact Title: _____			
Organization: _____			
Email: _____			
Mailing Address: _____			
City: _____	State: WA	Zip: _____	

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