The biennial Puget Sound Georgia Basin Ecosystem Conference is the largest, most comprehensive scientific research and policy conference in the Salish Sea region. Next year’s conference, hosted by the Puget Sound Partnership and Environment Canada, will build upon the experience of previous conferences by connecting scientific research and management techniques to priorities for meaningful action. Mark your calendar for the 2009 conference in Seattle, Washington, and be sure not to miss this unprecedented opportunity!

The 2009 conference theme is The Future of the Salish Sea: A Call to Action. Since 2003, the conference has moved from chronicling science research to exploring the science/policy interface. The 2009 conference theme captures this progression from sound science to informed action. Conference participants will have the opportunity to apply shared knowledge by developing priorities and a commitment to post-conference engagement.

Who: Scientists, policymakers, Coast Salish Tribes and First Nations, resource managers, business leaders, elected officials, non-profit organizations, educators, students, and concerned citizens.

Conference objectives:
- To promote a sense of place in the Salish Sea, irrespective of political borders
- To inform participants of current scientific research and management techniques in the Salish Sea and to motivate participants to engage in needed research and actions
- To foster collaboration and understanding between scientists and policy makers
- To transfer knowledge about successes and challenges of ecosystem management activities
- To identify priority research and management approaches and foster a commitment to action

Conference sub-themes include:
- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Ecosystem Management Strategies and Techniques
- Habitat, Land Use, and Species
- Marine and Freshwater Resources