

Why is EPA interested?The Clean Water Act

- Clean Water Act, Section 101(a) Purpose: “to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters”.
- Increased use of biological data in many Clean Water Act programs.

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Why is EPA interested?

...The Puget Sound Initiative

- EPA receives federal funding to support efforts to protect and restore Puget Sound.
- Most of the funds are used for financial assistance to state, local and tribal governments for their efforts to implement the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda.
- We funded this project to enhance and standardize Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring and Analysis Tools for Puget Sound.



- This project was funded under the Scientific Studies and Technical Investigations Assistance part of the Puget Sound Initiative.
- This funding is intended to support technical studies to help guide and evaluate implementation of the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda.
- We received many, many proposals for this funding.
- One of the reasons this project was selected is because it employs partnerships to produce useful scientific products in support of major initiatives and decisions.

