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Agenda

- *Welcome new Shared Strategy staff*
- *Investing in Salmon Recovery*
 - *SRFB allocation decision & “homework” assignment*
 - *Determine ESU-scale criteria to build investment scenarios*
- *Recovery Plan Adoption Process*
- *Strategy re: regional support to implement plan*
 - *Conservation agreement*
 - *Outreach to Governor and legislators*
- *Adaptive Management/All-H Workshop—6/20 & 21*
- *Recovery Council—discussion & decision schedule*





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SRFB Funding Allocation Decision

Puget Sound + Hood Canal Region – 45%

Lower Columbia Region – 15%

Mid-Columbia Region – 10%

Upper Columbia Region – 11%

Snake Region – 9%

Northeast Region – 2%

Coastal Region – 8%



Plan to allocate at least 90% of '06 available funds to regions; reserve 10%--discretionary

SRFB Homework to Regions

1. How will the SRFB be able to ensure the best investments in salmon recovery are being made?
2. How can the SRFB ensure equity in salmon recovery efforts?
3. How can the SRFB assess the performance of regions and lead entities?



SRFB Homework to Regions: Responses due Wednesday, May 17th

1. Process and criteria for allocating funds

- We will involve LE's & ensure their continued viability.
- We will ensure "equitable distribution of funds."
- Partially funded projects handled through 3-year plans.

2. Technical review process

- TRT review in May; will document rationale & results
- Review considers regional and local needs

3. Evaluation process and criteria

- Consistency with recovery plan
- Within and across watersheds
- Will include non-listed species/process TBD

Response to SRFB Questions

- Ensure best investments are made by applying criteria to investment scenarios and developing verification and accountability system
- Equity ensured because no watershed will be left behind; all have to improve so investing in key priorities of each
- Performance assessment through adaptive management and monitoring



SRFB Questions to Puget Sound/ Hood Canal Region

1. How will the technical and allocation processes be integrated with the HCCC?
2. How will HC summer chum technical review and allocation processes be the same or different from Shared Strategy process?

Propose: RC leadership delegation to meet with HCCC leadership





Discussion & Decision schedule re: criteria & investment scenarios

April 21st: RC decision on ESU-scale criteria to use

April 21-May 16th: TRT & WG develop scenarios

May 1-16th: TRT & WG review of 3-year work programs

May 16th: Watershed leads discussion re: scenarios

May 25th: RC discussion re: scenarios

May 25-July 27: general vetting & discussion re: scenarios

July 27th: RC select investment scenario



Why do we need funding priorities?

To achieve our goals requires doubling funds

- WS 10-year plans estimated at \$1.4 billion over 10 years
- Will be more when non-capital added

To attract funding, need to demonstrate to funders:

- We identified “right” programs based on objective criteria
- We have a well-thought out and disciplined strategy
- We have an accountability and tracking system

For success, we need to invest in people, programs and projects

Draft Prioritization Criteria

**To match funds to local and regional priorities,
2 Types of criteria are needed:**

- Assist prioritization of local 3-year plans within each WS
- Assist RC to select ESU-wide investment scenario





Objectives for first three years

- Improve the level and certainty of protection for habitat and the 22 existing Chinook populations.
- Ensure protection and restoration preserves and restores ecosystem processes for Chinook as well as other species.
- Advance the integrated management of harvest, hatchery and habitat.
- Continue to expand and deepen individual and community support for key priorities.
- Develop and implement adaptive management and monitoring program.

Criteria for 3-year Plans

Technical:

- Address key limiting factors
- Likely early improvements in 1 or more VSP
- Habitat protection most critical near-term actions
- Sequenced per TRT guidance document
- Sequenced to re-establish natural production if needed
- Consistent with May 2005 TRT recommendations

Policy:

- Benefit Chinook and other salmon species
- Part of larger efforts (e.g. comprehensive monitoring)
- Builds capacity to implement 10-year program
- Reflect most efficient & effective option
- Broadens and diversifies community engagement



Draft ESU-scale Criteria

Purpose of criteria: used to develop investment scenarios

Method: different scenarios will weigh the criteria in different ways to create a balance between multiple objectives and interests. No “perfect” formula or scenario—different trade-offs with each.

Goal: Investment scenario selected (in July) should help achieve ESU recovery criteria and regional and local recovery goals

Relationship to 3-year work programs: work programs support both local and ESU goals and needs



Proposed ESU-scale technical criteria

These criteria are in addition to the ESU recovery criteria and could apply to all salmon species:*

- Ensure highest risk populations don't go over brink
- Ensure more robust populations continue to provide insurance of ESU resilience (i.e. the "strongholds")
- Early VSP improvements for indigenous, natural-origin populations

*For species w/o reviewed recovery plans (e.g. Coho), could use NOAA Biological Opinions as analysis to apply criteria



Proposed ESU-scale policy criteria

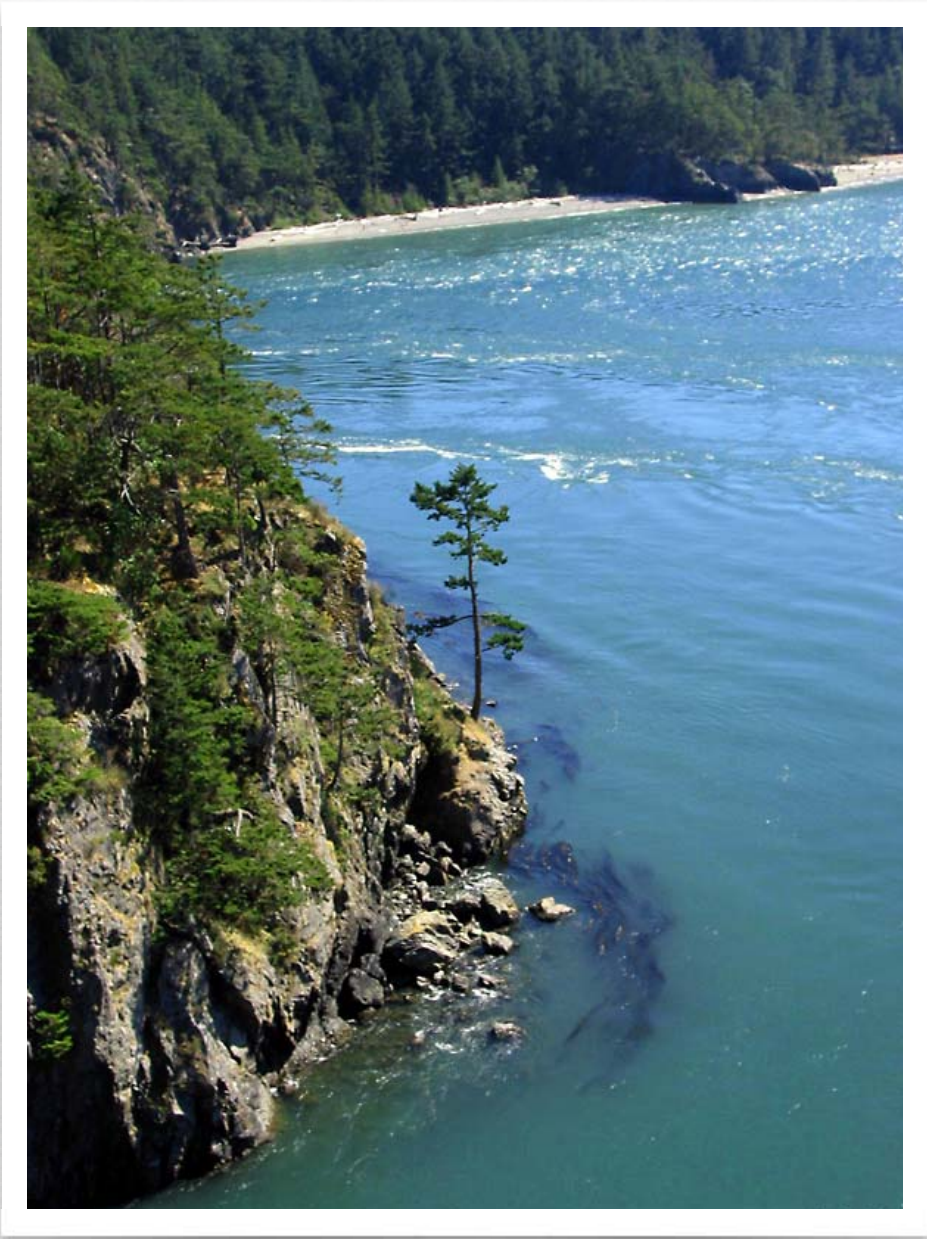
- Preparedness to implement ESU & local priorities
- Identifies clear path to building capacity where needed & encourage regional resource management to achieve synergistic effects
- Responsiveness to emerging funding opportunities
- Broadens & diversifies support/engagement for key priorities
- Appropriate implementation pace for 10-year goals

Types of Investment Scenarios

Scenarios for current, mid, and full funding levels; tech criteria are driver

Examples:

- Until new funds come on line, maintain recent average proportional levels
- Emphasize protection of highest risk
- Balance highest risk & protect strongholds
- Focus early improvements on indigenous, natural origin
- Focus on primary (low risk) populations





NOAA Adoption Process

- NOAA Fisheries Regional Office is reviewing comments and preparing responses
- Three types of comments: general, editorial, and substantive
- Identifying those comments that may necessitate clarification or modification of plan as we proceed from draft to final



NOAA Adoption Process

- NOAA Fisheries will prepare draft responses and proposed actions
- NOAA Fisheries will share those responses and proposed actions with Shared Strategy and watershed liaisons as appropriate
- The final plan will reflect NOAA Fisheries responses and proposed resolution of issues

NOAA Adoption Process



Ultimately, the plan is NOAA Fisheries' final recovery plan

Dual Goals

- Continue to support the Shared Strategy collaborative approach
- Support adoption of plan and immediate implementation while fulfilling ESA requirements and agency responsibilities

Adoption Schedule

- Analyze comments and prepare draft responses –
April through early May
- Share draft responses and proposed actions with Shared Strategy and liaisons as appropriate –
May through early June
- Prepare final plan document -- **May/June**
- Final plan and responses in FR – **June/July**





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Conservation Agreement

- *Key highlights (see handout)*
- *What questions do you have?*
- *What changes would you propose?*

Outreach to Gov & Legislators

- *Propose sending delegation to meet with Governor and key legislators*
- *What are key messages to use to strengthen implementation support?*





All-H June 20th and 21st Workshop

Purpose: Describe proposed process, data needs and tools to use to advance along the H-integration spectrum in Puget Sound watersheds

- Adaptive Management Steering Committee and H-Integration Work Group are identifying watershed needs
- Proposals to RC re: where to focus resources and energy in short-term (July)



2006 Meeting Schedule and Discussion Topics

February 15, 2006: Orientation, work program, & H-integration

March 23, 2006: Discussion regarding priorities and funding criteria

April 21, 2006: **Decision on criteria for investment scenarios**

May 25, 2006: Discussion of regional funding scenarios

July 27, 2006: Decision on regional priorities and funding;

Discussion re: advancing all-H integration

September 13, 2006: Discuss Fall event; other implementation issues

October 25-26, 2006: Shared Strategy event--???.; report on feasibility

of using mitigation funds for salmon projects

November 15, 2006: Implementation issues & 2007 outlook



We're all in this together



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