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working with communities to restore salmon

Agenda

Decision Topics

- Review 2006 Scheduled Meeting Topics (what, when)
- Determine decision-making approach
- Recommendations to the SRFB

Discussion Topics

- Watershed Implementation Programs(3-year programs)
- ESU/Regional Prioritization criteria

Briefing Topics

- Plan Adoption and Conservation Agreement
- Puget Sound Partnership
- H-Integration

2006 Scheduled Meeting Topics

Same Dates, more time for vetting decisions between meetings:

March 23, 2006: Discussion regarding priorities and funding criteria

April 21, 2006: Decision on criteria for ESU funding allocation

May 25, 2006: Discussion of ESU funding scenarios proposal

July 27, 2006: Decision on ESU funding allocation (select scenario)

September 13, 2006: Implementation issues & event

October 25-26, 2006: Shared Strategy event

November 15, 2006: Implementation issues & 2007 outlook

Consensus Decisions

1. Endorsement
   (I like it)
2. Endorsement-with minor of contention
   (I basically like it)
3. Agreement with reservations
   (I can live with it)
4. Stand aside
   (I don't like it but I don't want to stop it)
5. Block – I can't live with it.

Quorum: two-thirds of membership

Questions, comments, decision?

Implementing the Recovery Plan

What will it cost?

- WS 10-year plans estimated at $1.4 billion over 10 years
- Represents a need to double funding from current levels

How do we get the money?

- Work at three geographic levels; watershed/population, Puget Sound, State/Federal
- Watershed Building Block - need sequenced work programs
- Need strategic funding priorities at the Puget Sound level.
- Need SRFB/Federal process that supports efficient & effective implementation.
- Need to tap other funding sources.

Objectives for Local & Regional Priorities

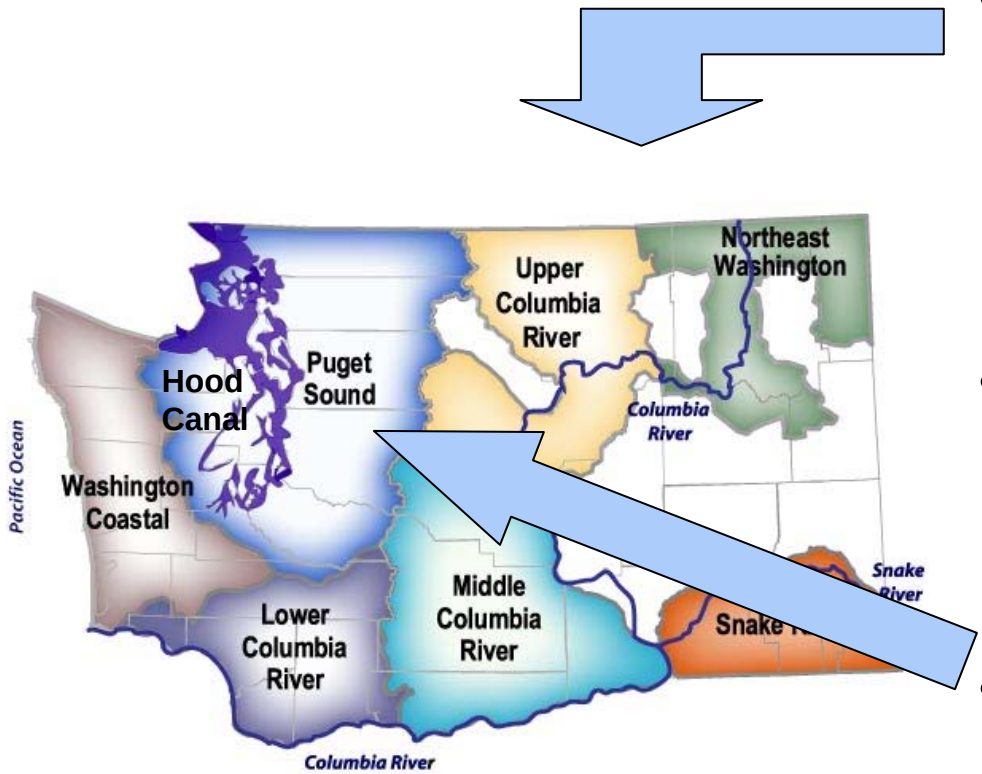
Financing Strategy -- Investments must:

- Meet ESU recovery criteria and honor tribal treaty rights
- Demonstrate wise investments (i.e. prioritization)
- Position region to sustain public & political support
- Enable all watersheds to improve from current conditions

Financing strategy assumes that many sources of funds will be needed to execute 10-year recovery program:

- Maintain current federal levels & increase state (SRFB)
- Re-direct % of mitigation dollars to salmon projects
- New federal earmarks (e.g. agricultural incentives)
- Additional private and public grants
- Maintain or increase local contributions

Proposed SRFB Process



- Proposal to SRFB is to allocate funds to 8 salmon recovery regions in State
- Each region determines its own priorities and process.
- RC determines regional priorities in Puget Sound
- SRFB contracts directly with project sponsors

Questions re: SRFB Process

- ITF process and SRFB decision expected at April meeting
- Proposed allocation across 8 State regions
  - Puget Sound/Hood Canal drops from 65% to as low as 30%.

- Funding for other salmon species
  - SRFB could reserve % of funds for such projects
  - RC could reserve % of funds for such projects
  - Other ideas?

Recovery Council recommendations to SRFB?

Watershed Work Programs (~3-year program)

- $700, 000 available from EPA (~$50K/watershed) to integrate salmon and Puget Sound implementation plans; capacity building
- Identify first three year increment of ten-year plan (~3-year, rolling work program)
- Intended to cover full spectrum, not only SRFB related projects
- Habitat portion can be used for SRFB Habitat Schedule
- Prioritize according to TRT and RC Work Group criteria
- TRT, Shared Strategy Watershed Liaisons & Evergreen available to assist

Draft Criteria

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

- Sequencing of local ~3-year programs within each WS

- Assist RC to recommend ESU funding priorities (for sources that can be moved across watersheds)

Watershed Sequencing

Suite of actions is consistent with population needs:

- Habitat protection most critical near-term actions
- Address key limiting factors
- Likely early improvements in 1 or more VSP
- Sequenced per TRT guidance document
- Sequenced to re-establish natural production if needed
- Consistent with May 2005 TRT recommendations
- Benefit to Chinook and other salmon species
- Part of larger efforts (e.g. comprehensive monitoring)
- Magnitude of effort to get on recovery trajectory
- Builds capacity to implement 10-year program

Comments and questions?

Matching $ to ESU Priorities

- **Until additional sources come on line, proposal is to maintain recent average proportional levels**
- Only a small portion of total funds (about 27%) can be moved across watershed boundaries
- SRFB funds are one source that can be moved across watersheds
- Many major sources, including local government appropriations, and mitigation stay in watershed in which raised
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Ideas for ESU Priorities

Baseline: Meet ESU recovery criteria, including all watersheds have to improve from current conditions

In addition:

- 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 natural-origin populations

Questions and comments?

Plan Adoption and Conservation Agreement

- Comment period closed.
- Many supportive comments, concerns about implementation, Skagit process.
- Conservation Agreement

  Draft out for review (see handout), will have on near-term milestones and actions.

Adoption issues will be discussed at the next meeting.

Advancing H-Integration

<u>Progress to date</u>:

1. An All-H Leadership group was created—meeting March 22nd.

2. An H-Integration workgroup is developing:
   - Definition of H-integration
   - Who needs to be involved, roles and responsibilities
   - Components of H-Integration – What it looks like
   - Preliminary assessment of H-integration status for each watershed
   - How to document H-Integration in terms of effects of VSP
   - Conceptual framework for all-H verification and accountability
   - Tools – what tools available and for what purpose
   - Short (2006) and long-term (2007+) work program

3. All-H Leadership group approved ’06 work program (see handout)

Puget Sound Partnership

Partnership charges:

1. 2020 goals/outcomes/priorities
2. Organizational structure
3. Regional and watershed funding
4. Public engagement
5. Science

- June draft recommendations, October final.
- March 27th meeting--briefing on Salmon Plan.
- April/May forums and public meetings.
- Strategic Framework Questions

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