CHINOOK MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council

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a.k.a.

“Open Standards”

“Common Framework”

“Miradi”

“Spaghetti Diagrams”
Overall Purpose:
Organize local, watershed-scale monitoring and adaptive management plans to be consistent and integrated across the Puget Sound region.
WRIA 8 Goal:

Translate our Chinook Conservation Plan into this “common framework”
What is the Chinook “Common Framework?”

A common approach for all watersheds to define relationships between the things we need to protect, restore and manage in order to recover Chinook salmon.

It takes a complex problem and attempts to represent it simply

It is a pictorial representation of cause-effect relationships
Project Overview

• US EPA funding (through PSP)
• Includes guidance and support from Puget Sound Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT), PSP, consultant team
• When: Now through June 2014
Intent is to translate what is already in the plan, not make new policy
Project Benefits

• Common language across watersheds (easier messaging and reporting needs/progress)
• Supports WRIA 8 10 year Plan update
• Makes progress toward fulfilling a still-unmet NOAA requirement (M&AM plan)
• Helps us confirm that our actions are the right ones
• Will lead to simple(r) ways to communicate
  – Highest-priority actions and gaps
  – Cause-effect relationships
  – Most critical monitoring needs
  – Trigger/decision points for course correction
WRIA 8 Core Team

- Project leader: WRIA 8 Technical Coordinator (Scott)
- RITT Liaison (Kirk Lakey)
- PSP Liaison (Bruce Wulkan)
- LLTK Facilitator (Laura Blackmore)

Technical Committee will be closely involved and will approve all technical content; Implementation Committee will be kept engaged with regular updates.

Core team will check in regularly with Recovery Council and with other decision-makers (e.g., Co-Managers) and stakeholders.
Role: Recovery Council

• Approve core team

• Receive regular briefings, provide feedback

• Approve and “own” translation of WRIA 8 Chinook Conservation Plan into Open Standards format
Next Steps

• Late July:
  – Technical Committee workshop on ecosystem components, stresses and key attributes
• August:
  – Draft and review initial reports
• September:
  – Provide update and vet initial products with SRC
  – Continue work on ‘pressure’ components
• More technical workshops in the Fall
• Additional products presented to SRC in Winter and Spring
• Framework complete by June 2014
• Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan around late 2014 (support from PSP and others not secured)
Questions?