

## SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION A DETERMINING ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY PLAN COMPONENTS

### Purpose

The purpose of this exercise is to determine whether we have the right list of components to focus on for setting goals, carrying out conservation actions, and measuring effectiveness.

### Framing the Discussion

The components we choose today will be our discrete units of analysis. We have an opportunity to step back from just looking at the Partnership's Vital Signs and think more in-depth about the Snohomish and Stillaguamish *ecosystems* and *species* and the *wellbeing of people*. The worksheet on the next page has been pre-populated with the Partnership's Vital Signs, organized into categories as a starting point for discussion.

**Today, we will determine if this list encompasses everything you want to focus on or if you want to add, remove, or group any components.**

Please focus your discussion on the topic area(s) relevant to your Subcommittee. Include what is relevant, present, and of critical importance. Each Subcommittee will report out to the whole group after the discussion, and we will talk about areas of overlaps or gaps.

### Questions to Consider during Discussion

- *What habitats do we most care about?*
- *What species do we most care about that are not encompassed by the habitats we identified?*
- *Is there an “umbrella species” that will also indirectly protect other species that make up the ecological community of its habitat?*
- *Can we lump components that co-occur, require similar ecological processes, and have similar viability and threats (e.g., grasslands and grassland nesting birds)?*
- *What human health and human quality of life components are linked to ecosystem recovery and should be added to our list of components?*

