

Watershed Chapter Updates

Questions to Answer:

- How extensive of a chapter update does the Snohomish LE need to do?
 - o Targets
 - Set new ten year targets;
 - Assess whether we stay with our current target metrics or consider adding nuance – ie for estuary, consider geographic focus, miles of blind channel, elevation etc.; floodplains)
 - o Strategy update?
 - Given progress to date, should our implementation focus change?
 - Incorporate “new science” in to strategies
 - Estuary
 - Nearshore
 - Life cycle model
 - Water quality
 - Climate change
 - o Monitoring and adaptive management plan
 - o Steelhead?

- Are your committees on board and prepared to do a chapter update over the next 1.5 years?
 - o Timing - Will Josh’s work, the NOAA model etc. provide useful information in time to be incorporated?
 - o Would engaging in this process preempt other work coming down the road? Ie WDFW ESRP Delta Planning grant; PBDE source identification
 - o Given staffing changes in our basin core team, can we adequately support this endeavor?
 - o Do the PDC and/or Forum need to weigh in on this decision?

- If selected, would you need the full \$100K for the update? Would you anticipate needing more coaching or more technical support?
 - o Facilitation/coaching and writing support to be provided by Susan O’Neil, who knows our watershed really well.
 - o Technical – Could we use some of the available funding to fill funding gap for the NOAA life cycle model?

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Resources:

[Monitoring and Adaptive Management Toolkit](#)

[WRIA 8 chapter update](#) (completed 2017)

[Skokomish chapter update](#) (completed 2017)

Chinook synthesis (link to come in December 2019)

1. Background and New Information

- If your watershed has steelhead populations, and no existing steelhead recovery plan, incorporate steelhead information and strategies referencing the [NOAA draft Steelhead Recovery Plan](#). May be dependent on if and time and resources allow.

2. Current and Future Status

- Include information from completed Common Indicator protocols, where applicable
- Make sure you are using common language as identified through the common indicators process

3. Goals for Chinook Habitat

- Add or update quantitative habitat goals

4. Revisiting and Revising Pressures

- You do not need to conduct a pressures assessment unless it is useful for your update process
- Update pressures and gaps as needed
- Include climate change considerations and other new information

5. Watershed Context and Recovery Strategies and Actions

- You do not need to create a conceptual model or results chains. Partnership staff will work with the contractor to update the watershed's results chains in Miradi as needed.
- The Partnership encourages the development of a situation analysis or logic model if it is useful to the watershed for communication purposes

6. Strategy Identification and Prioritization

- Identify the top strategies that the watershed needs to focus on in a given timeframe in order to recover Chinook salmon in their watershed
- Make sure the recovery strategies are easily identifiable and clear within the recovery chapter, to ensure that project sponsors can quickly link their projects to a given strategy
- Consider adding climate change as a cross-cutting issue or a separate strategy within your update

7. Monitoring Plan

- Watersheds should identify how they are measuring and reporting on their progress and on project effectiveness
- Use common indicators as the basis for your monitoring plan

8. Adaptive Management Procedure and Decision-Making Structure

- Identify how you will assess progress and attain your restoration and protection goals, as well as identify the impact of your proposed actions