

# Issues for subbasin plan review, adoption and implementation:

## Outline for discussion

Regional Coordinating Group

August 27, 2003

# Purpose of discussion

- Last month's RCG meeting identified issues needing clarification from the Council
- RCG members asked for more discussion of these issues to make recommendations to the Council.

# Current issues

- Structure of ISRP review of plans? How will planners be able to respond to ISRP reviews?
- How can issues be resolved after May 28? (e.g. information gaps or missing elements; criticisms of “logic path”, etc.)
  - Can the Council review process be used to resolve outstanding issues in plans?
- Additional funding post-May 28 to maintain planning capabilities, policy involvement and data?

# ISRP review

- The Program called for ISRP review of subbasin plans
- Council offered preliminary reviews by ISRP
- The ISRP's proposed schedule for review needs to be set soon.

# ISRP Review - Options

- Set optional ISRP preliminary reviews for Jan/Feb.
- Fix concentrated ISRP reviews in June and July, 2004 for plans submitted on May 28.
- Further “fix-it” review after May 28?
  - a. Schedule time for second ISRP reviews (no funding available at this time)
  - b. Determine in Council adoption process (as occurred in provincial reviews on a case-by-case basis)

# The problem – likely information gaps or missing elements of plans

- Referring to the Technical Guide, subbasin planners currently advise that they will have data gaps, other missing elements when May 28<sup>th</sup> deadline arrives.
- How best should RCG and Council anticipate such gaps and define resolutions?

Assessment

Vision

Objectives

Strategy

Projects  
(To Implement  
Plan)

Monitoring  
& Evaluation

## IDENTIFIES LIMITING FACTORS:

*Spawning habitat loss due to development in headwaters, passage problems at culverts, high water temperature in lower reaches, extinct coho run*

## Guides and Prioritizes Actions:

*Establish protected and rebuilt self-sustaining fish runs; maintain genetic integrity; reconnect habitats*

**Type 1, Population:** *Return 5,000 spring chinook & 1,000 coho*

**Type 2, Habitat:** *Water temperature < 70°F in lower reaches*

**Build from Strength** - *protect all actively spawning redds*

**Restore Ecosystem** - *recover riparian functions in lower reach*

**Artificial Production** - *restoration of coho run*

**Habitat Acquisition in  
Headwaters**

*198504501*

**Coho Reintroduction (RFP)**

**Culvert Replacement  
and Fencing Enclosure**

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## Indicators:

*water temperature, sediment load, redd and juvenile counts*

## Performance Standards:

*lower reach water temperatures < 70°F*

# Potential remedies

- Use Council adoption process to identify specific remedial actions (e.g. Council adopts plans with “conditions”).
- If information gaps are critical to support management strategies, address them during implementation.
    - Address “logic-path” concerns when activities are defined and presented for approval
    - Address information gaps with follow-on funding for specific actions to fill gaps.
  - Case-by-case ISRP availability?

# Use of Council adoption process

- The Act's amendment process provides opportunity for subbasin planners to respond to ISRP reports through comment period.
- Council can focus issues arising from ISRP or public review that require resolution.

# Preserving infrastructure – planning, policy and data

- Current BPA funding for planning groups expires May 28.
- Growing concern for follow-on funding for:
  - integrating plans at broader scale;
  - to respond to ISRP/public comment;
  - ESA and Council review; and/or
  - housing data

# Considerable resources do exist

- Many planning leads have ongoing funding commitments from BPA, other sources
- The region has considerable long-term capacity for housing and maintaining data (i.e. Streamnet) but mission and current requirements may not cover subbasin planning needs
- Council's funding process can consider long-term needs. Regional definition and agreement would be critical