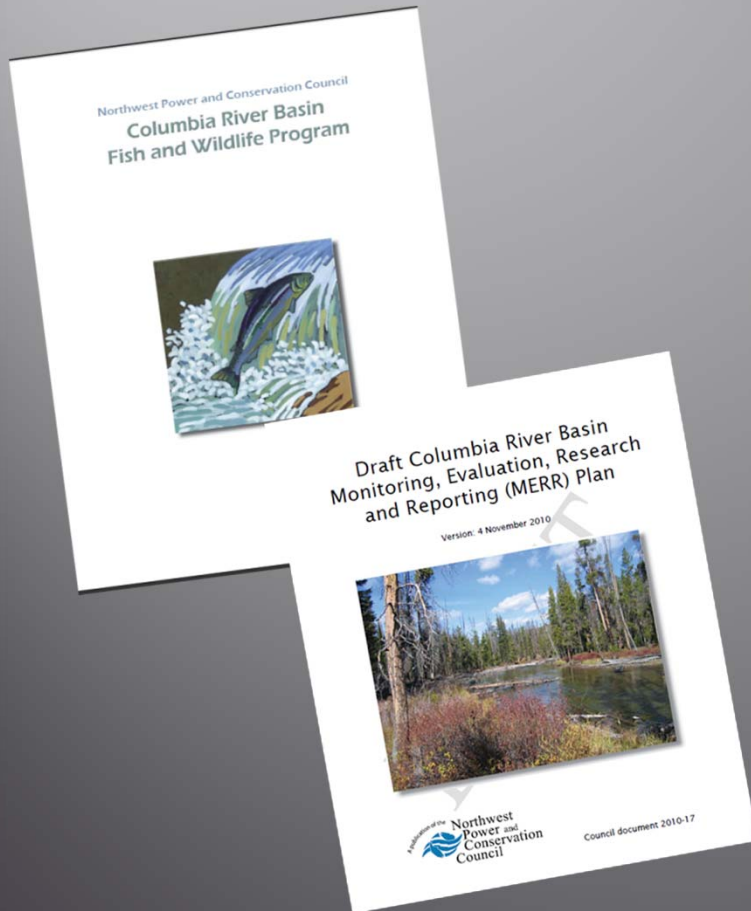


UPDATE ON DRAFT MERR PLAN & FW PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



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Wildlife Advisory Committee
Salem Meeting

2009 Program Guidance

The focus of the Program and the Council now turns to performance. The revised Program :

[....] renews the push to develop a better set of quantitative objectives for the regional Program;

[...] and expands the monitoring and evaluation framework with a commitment to use the information to make better decisions and report frequently on Program progress.

Program Objectives & Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

- ▣ Both contribute to assessing and reporting on FW Program

Objectives

Clearly communicated what we are trying to achieve

M&E Framework

How will we assess and report on progress towards our objectives

Developing the Program's M&E Framework through the Draft Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Reporting (MERR) Plan

Objectives

M&E
Framework

Draft MERR
Plan

2013-2014
FW Program
Amendment
with
Expanded
Program
M&E

Linking M&E Framework and Objectives with Draft MERR Plan

M&E Framework & Objectives

1. What do we want to know
2. What are we trying to achieve (Objectives)
3. How do we know we reached our objectives (Performance Standards)
4. Which **objectives** do we want to prioritize (Prioritization Criteria/Scheme)
5. What data is needed to assess progress towards **objectives** (Data Management)
6. How do we cost-effectively and efficiently collect data to assess progress towards **objectives** (RME Implementation Strategies)
7. How do we communicate progress towards **objectives** (Draft High Level Indicators, Other Reporting forum)
8. How do we apply what we learn from the M&E process (Informs Decision-Making)

Draft Management Questions

Objectives

Performance Standards

Prioritization Criteria/Scheme

Data Management

RME Implementation Strategies

Draft High Level Indicators

Other Reporting forum

Informs Decision-Making

Draft MERR Plan

Informs

Feasible

Progress Update - RME Implementation Strategies

Implementation Strategy	Species	Status
Anadromous Fish	Salmon & Steelhead - tributary "ASMS"	ISRP comments being addressed, Revised draft done by August 2011
	Salmon & Steelhead - estuary, ocean, mainstem	Draft not started
Resident Fish	Lamprey	} First Draft ~ 80% done
	White Sturgeon	
	Bull trout	} First Draft 50% to 80% done Draft completed by Resident Fish Category Review
	Cutthroat and Rainbow trout	
Reservoir Fish		

Status of Objectives in the Program

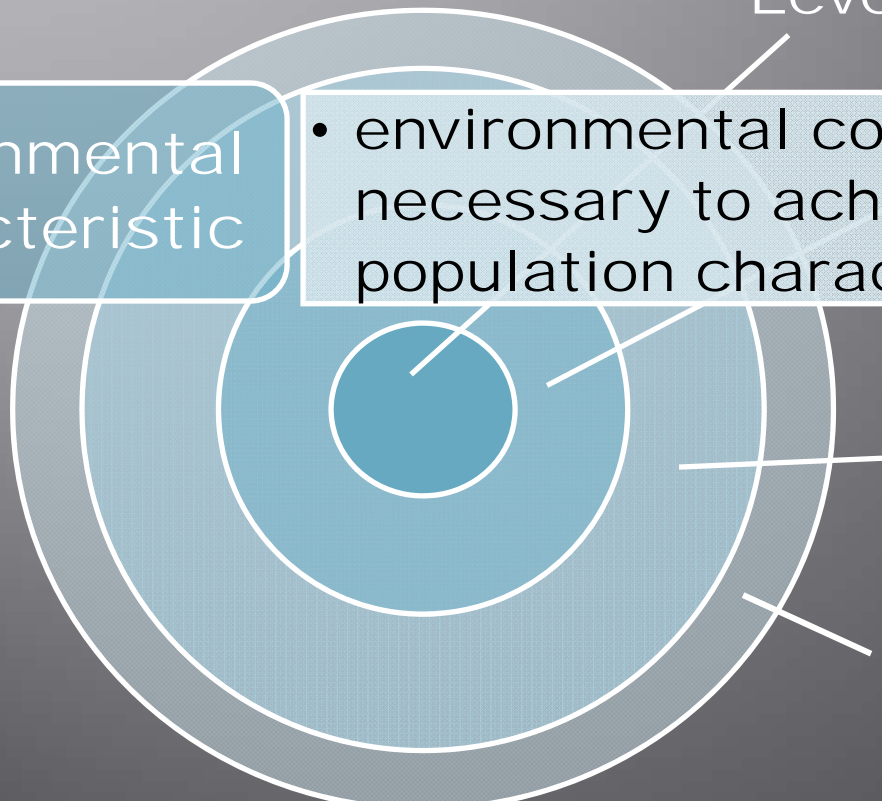
- Program defines two types of Biological Objectives
- Levels of objectives in the Program

Biological Performance

- population responses to habitat conditions

Environmental Characteristic

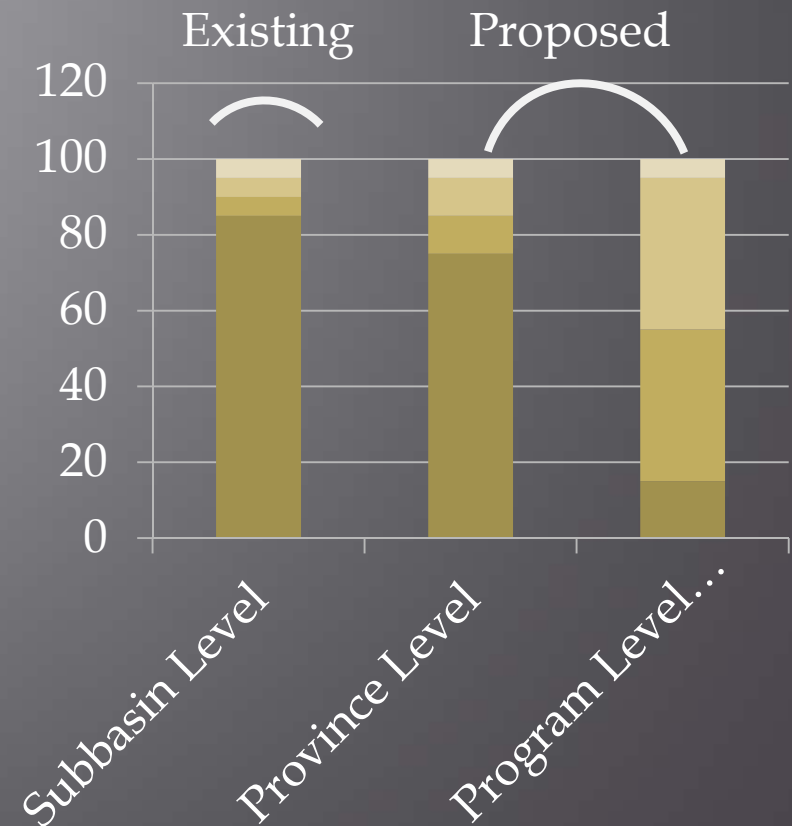
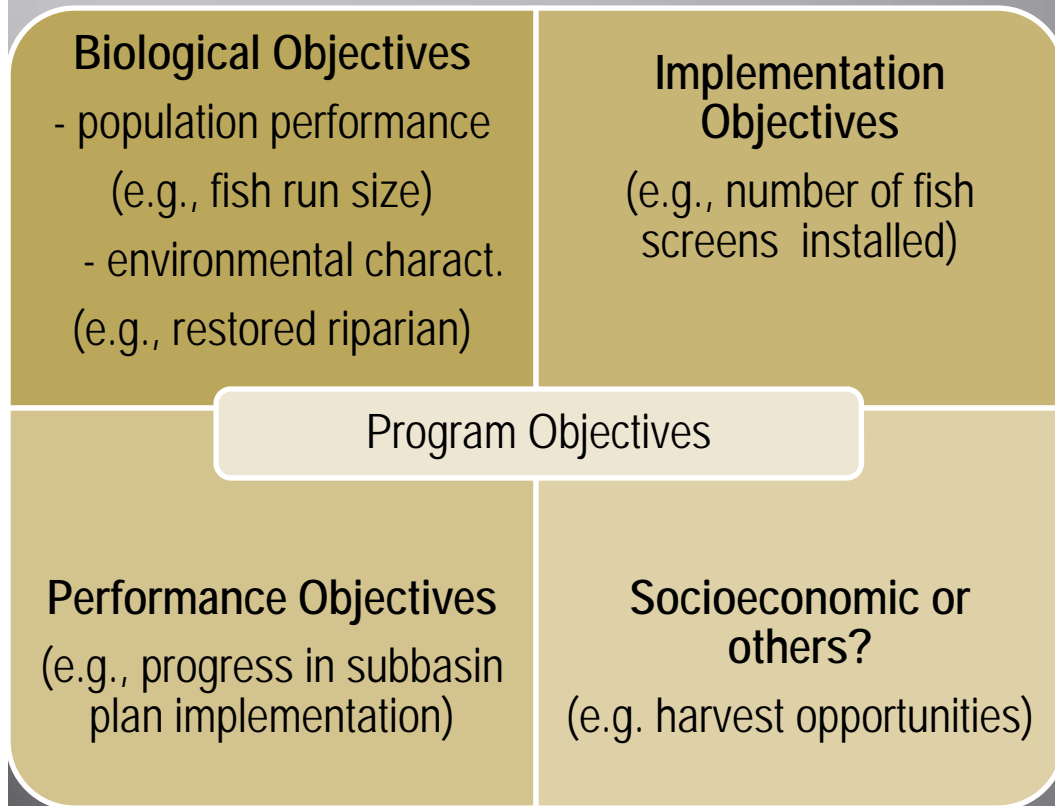
- environmental conditions necessary to achieve desired population characteristics



Columbia River Mainstem level

Basinwide-Program level

Suggest Broader Inclusion of Program Objective Types to Assess Progress



What do we know

Basinwide, Mainstem, various Program level

- Consider improving current and numerous biological objectives and objective-like statements throughout the Program
- Add as needed to improve Program assessment

Subbasin level objectives

- Numerous and diverse types of objectives
 - ▶ Coordinate Subbasin Plan Update Process

Goals

- broad, general intentions; intangible; abstract; can't be validated/measured
- Qualitative Program Objective

- SMART Objectives
 - ▶ Inform new Program level objectives

SMART

- narrow, precise, tangible, concrete; can be validated/measured
- Quantitative Program objectives

Draft Timeline

Draft Program
Level Objectives



M&E Framework

} Draft by September
2011 - receive input
& revise

} Draft by 2013-2014
Program Amendment

