

COLUMBIA BASIN COORDINATED ANADROMOUS MONITORING STRATEGY

**Regional Workshop
October 20-21 and November 3-5, 2009**

Proposed Conceptual Agenda***Workshop Goal:***

Agreement on an efficient and effective framework and project specific implementation strategy for anadromous salmon and steelhead monitoring to assess (1) Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) parameters, (2) habitat effectiveness and (3) hatchery effectiveness in the Columbia Basin that:

- Addresses the needs of the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program,
- Meets the needs of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) BiOp (at a minimum),
- Contributes to the monitoring needs of ESA recovery planning, and
- Contributes to other regional fisheries management needs.

Workshop Deliverables:

Consensus among meeting participants on:

- A VSP and action effectiveness monitoring framework and strategy for each ESU/MPG/population in the Columbia Basin,
- An inventory of existing monitoring responsive to the strategy,
- A prioritized list of gaps and recommendations to fill those gaps that must be implemented to meet the strategy, and
- A prioritized project list that:
 - First, meets FCRPS BiOp requirements and addresses NPCC F&W Program anadromous fish monitoring responsibilities within a specified Program budget to be provided for ISRP review and NPCC recommendation, and
 - Second, addresses recovery planning and other monitoring needs beyond the specified Program budget.

Workshop Objectives and Tasks:

The following bullets outline a draft approach to achieve the Workshop goals and complete the Workshop deliverables. This process may evolve as the detailed agenda is developed and/or at the discretion of the group and the facilitators as the Workshop itself progresses.

Days 1-2 (October 20-21, 2009)

- Overview of workshop processes, policy perspectives from convening agencies, and discussion with participants
- Review and summarize the work of the sub-regional workshops
- Review and confirm the tasks and tools designed to build the workshop deliverables
- Review and confirm the overall Fish and Wildlife Program budget available to support the monitoring strategy
- Develop an initial strategy with project specific cost estimates and priorities

Break (2 weeks)

- Participants develop reasonably detailed proposals with refined cost estimates to implement the initial monitoring strategy

Days 3-5 (November 3-5, 2009)

- Review and confirm estimates, proposals, and priorities to meet the monitoring strategy
- Reconcile proposals with available Program funding – revisit prioritization, strategy, gaps and recommendations if needed
- Develop an overall framework and a prioritized list of projects consistent with the agreed-upon strategy and available resources