

Topic/Discussion: **Updating/ adaptively managing our Snohomish Basin recovery plan**

Background:

- PSP received funding from legislature to support Puget Sound Chinook Recovery Plan update.
- PSP able to offer eligible (and willing) watersheds \$100K in resources to support a plan update
- Only watersheds identified in regional NTA are eligible;
- Staff/Tech Com/PDC recognize opportunity and express support to engage

Scope

- Limited, accessible, succinct (see examples)
- Content
  - Focus on refining, revising and identifying new strategies
  - Setting new interim targets
  - Solidify adaptive management framework
  - Identifying research and monitoring gaps/needs
- Builds on previous work (both completed and drafted/incomplete work)
  - Snohomish Basin Protection Plan
  - White paper assessing climate change impacts on salmonids
  - Updated and prioritized monitoring metrics
  - Updated 10-year habitat targets and 2025 project list for the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish rivers (Snoqualmie Forum).
  - 10-year Status and Trends report (in press)
  - Water quality white paper (TOC drafted)
  - Estuary white paper (partial)
  - Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan (2011) (draft)
  - Regional steelhead recovery plan
  - Recent/ongoing work by partners
    - Snohomish estuary (NOAA)
    - County habitat conditions, temp studies
- Provides opportunity to highlight future work needed (and an “off ramp” for work that is outside current scope and capacity resources)
  - Implementation Plan update (4YWP, steelhead project list etc)
  - Funding strategy

Timeline

- Scope and work plan developed by staff/coach/core team – Nov/Dec
- Draft of Update by June 2021
- Update communication strategy and Forum adoption – Fall/Winter 2021

Decision making

Staff/coach - Core team – technical committee – PDC – combined committee? - Forum

DECISION/Discussion

Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum Meeting: November 7, 2019

Resources/ Capacity

- \$100k from PSP - Supports coaching, technical support
- Inputs from core team members (staff time, some funding?)
- Work takes place at monthly Tech Com/Core team meetings;
- PDC, other subcommittee/work groups/experts engaged as needed