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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Full Council

**FROM:** Nancy Leonard,  
Fish, Wildlife and Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Update on Draft Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Reporting  
(MERR) Plan

Staff will provide a brief overview of the Draft Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Reporting (MERR) Plan.

This overview will cover: why the Council is developing the Draft MERR Plan, how the MERR Plan fits within the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, desired outcomes of the MERR Plan, as well as who will use the MERR Plan and how they may use it.

Staff also will provide an update on the revision status of the draft MERR Plan.

Attached is the PowerPoint that will be given at the Council meeting.

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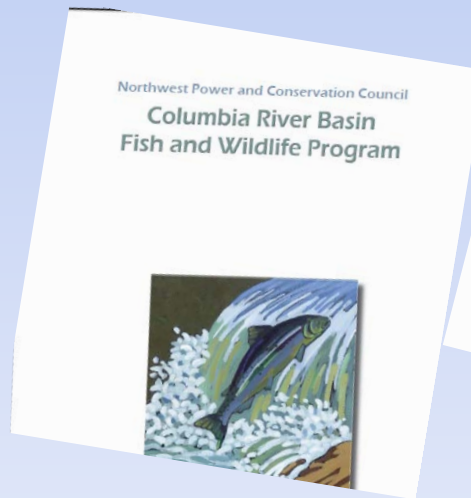
# November 2010 Draft MERR Plan Update

Council Meeting  
November 2010

Nancy Leonard  
Fish, Wildlife, and Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

# Why Develop a MERR Plan

- 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program emphasizes performance
  - MERR aids tracking and reporting on progress
  - MERR informs decision-making
- MERR aids Council's goal to
  - Increase RME and reporting efficiency
  - Integrate and conduct RME in a cost-effective manner



# 2010 March draft MERR Plan

## What's Existing and New to FW Program?

70% existing  
in FW  
Program

- Efficient, integrated, cost-effective
- Reduce duplications
- Identify priority gaps
- High level indicators
- Preponderance of evidence

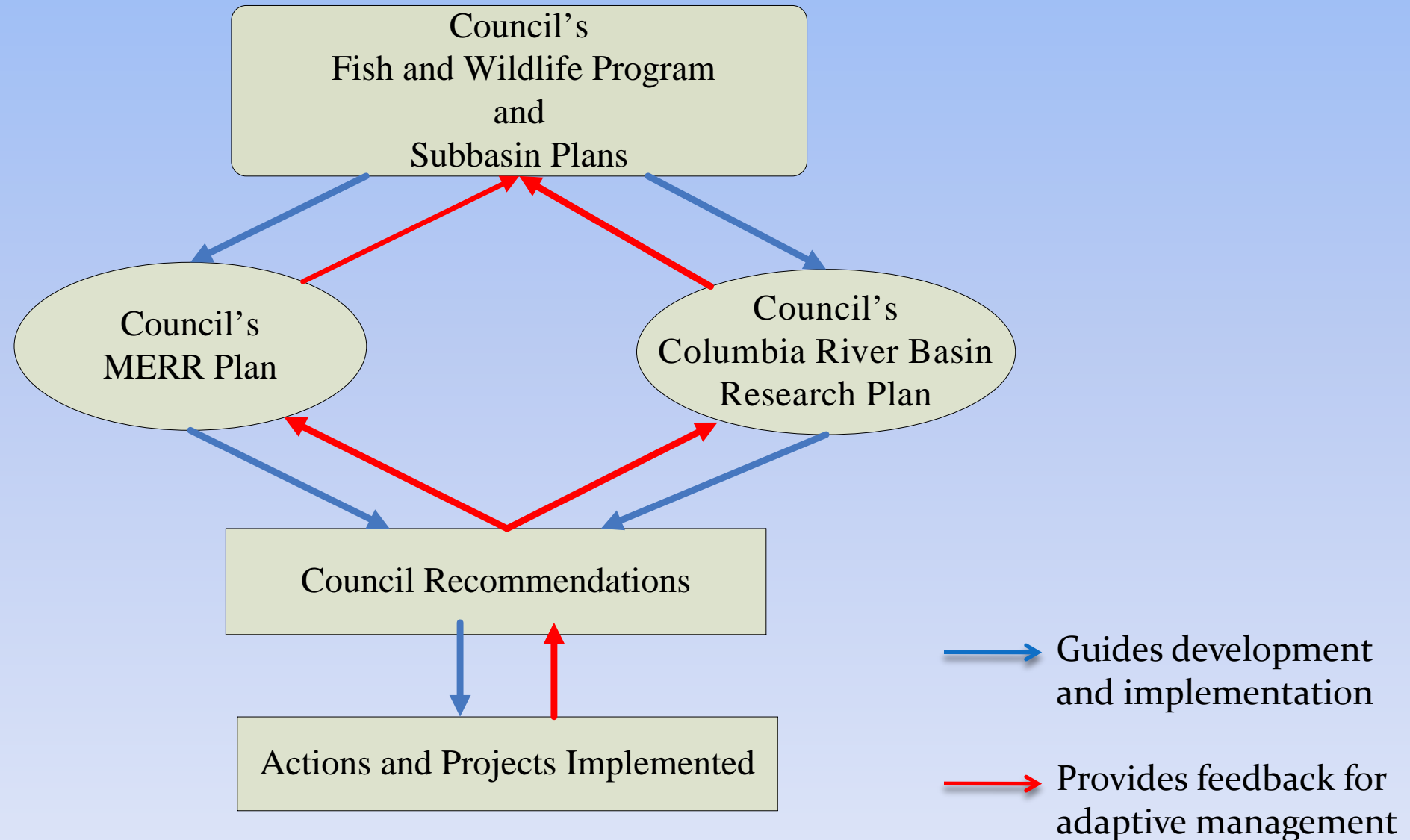
Draft MERR  
(march 2010 ver.)



30% new  
based on  
FW  
Program

- Prioritization approaches and tools
- Forum to assess Program progress
- Data management and sharing
- Periodic review of RME guidance

# Where does MERR Fit?



# Desired Outcome of the MERR Plan

- Provide tools for Program progress assessments & communication

Management Questions / Program Objectives

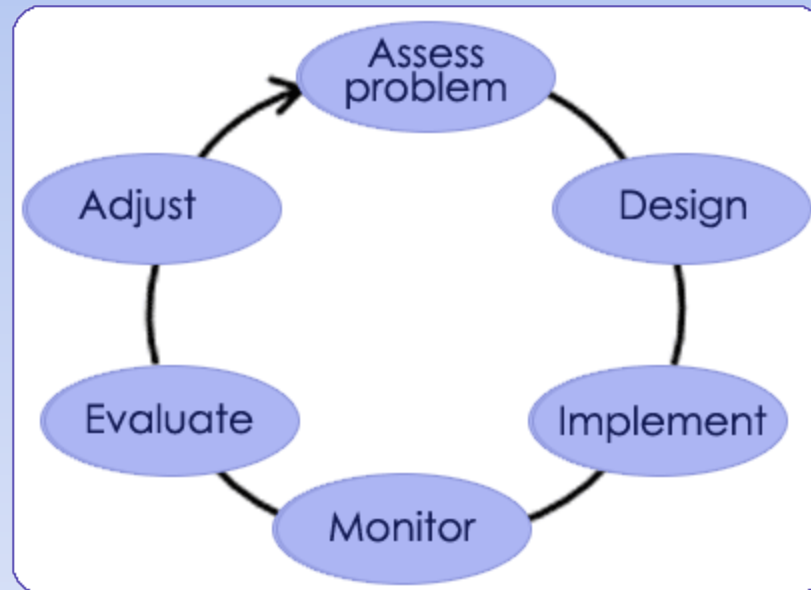
Performance Standards / HLIs



# Desired Outcome of the MERR Plan

- Provide tools for Program progress assessments & communication
- Facilitate adaptive management of Program

## Assess Progress



# Desired Outcome of the MERR Plan

- Provide tools for Program progress assessments & communication
- Facilitate adaptive management of Program
- Inform Program RME prioritization

Program Objectives / HLIs





# Desired Outcome of the MERR Plan

- Provide tools for Program progress assessments & communication

- Facilitate adaptive

- Inform Program R



Effective & Efficient Way to Clean

- Enhance Program RME and reporting cost effectiveness & efficiency

Implementation Strategies

RME guidance

Risk Uncertainty Approach

Preponderance of Evidence

# Who Will Use and How Will They Use the draft MERR Plan



- Provide tools to communicate Program progress
- Inform Program Amendment
- Support policy decisions and recommendations

# Who Will Use and How Will They Use the draft MERR Plan



- **Contribute to project review**
- **Strengthen Program review**

# Who Will Use and How Will They Use the draft MERR Plan



- Improve project fit to Program needs
- Facilitate review

# Status of Draft MERR Plan

## Revision Status

1. Technical and Editorial Comments (done) ✓

## 2. Policy Comments

2.1 Bucket One - Short-Term (Done) ✓



2.2 Bucket Two - Mid-Term (in progress) ✓



2.3 Bucket Three - Long-term (not started)



Draft MERR

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