

Coordinated Assessments for Salmon and Steelhead Phase III Workplan

The Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project is an effort to develop integrated data-sharing for anadromous fish related data among the co-managers (fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes) of the Columbia Basin. The project is led by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) and the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP), with support from PSMFC StreamNet and oversight from the Coordinated Assessments Core Group (Jen Bayer, PNAMP; Tom Iverson, CBFWA; Bruce Schmidt, StreamNet; Kathryn Thomas, PNAMP) and the Coordinated Assessments Planning Group (CAPG) which consisted of Kasey Bliesner, ODFW; Cedric Cooney, ODFW; Brodie Cox, WDFW; Henry Franzoni, CRITFC; Jim Geiselman, BPA; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Jay Hesse, NPT; Nancy Leonard, NPCC; Erik Neatherlin, WDFW; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Scott Rumsey, NOAA; Stacy Schumacher, CTUIR; Russell Scranton, BPA; and Dave Ward, CBFWA. The CA project also involved nearly a hundred biologists and data managers across the Columbia River Basin.

This workplan builds from the Phase I and Phase II CA workplans and identifies the next steps and expected activities required to implement the collaborative Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy for Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead (Strategy).

Phase III Overview

During Phase II of the CA project, the Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy was developed based on input from participating agencies. Phase III of this project seeks to move the Strategy to sponsoring agencies for adoption and to identify priority projects that will help move their agency or tribe and the Basin towards the goals outlined in the Strategy. Specifically, Phase III will focus on the development of the Data Exchange Template (DET) which includes finalizing the detailed definition of the data to be shared. Phase III efforts will also include refining the governance process necessary for continuing work on the data management activities that support data sharing across the region and will begin addressing data sharing beyond the three pilot VSP indicators.

Phase III Goals

- Complete the Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy and submit to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and the Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP).
- Develop a prioritized list of projects that support the goals and objectives outlined in the Strategy.
- Establish the capability to submit and share data in Data Exchange Template (DET) format for a set of populations that are considered “low hanging fruit”.
- Refine the roles for the CAPG, the CA Core Group, and participating agencies (e.g., PNAMP and CBFWA) per the vision outlined in the Strategy.
- Set up a process for supporting future CA activities including DET development, DET pilot testing, initiation of routine sharing of initial indicators, and expanding to other metrics beyond the original three VSP indicators.

Potential Activities/Products

Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy

- The Strategy will be submitted to the Council and the ISRP as a recommendation from the CAPG. This can happen either directly via participating agencies and/or through project sponsors when proposals are submitted in November.

Updated Data Exchange Template (DET)

- Establish a sub-team of the CAPG to discuss and manage necessary changes to the DET.
 - This group should include biologists (especially those previously affiliated with the TRTs), cross-disciplinary data professionals, database specialists, data consumers (e.g., NOAA and BPA staff), etc.
 - Starting action for this forum: crosswalk the NOAA Salmonid Population Summary (SPS) database data dictionary with the initial draft DET.
 - Identify where there is clear connection/overlap and areas where additional discussion will be necessary for what the data consumers need and what the agencies and Tribes are willing and/or able to share.
- Establish a separate CAPG sub-team to discuss the mechanism(s) for sharing data in both the near- and long-term.
 - Membership should include participants from the CA and database staff from participating entities.
 - StreamNet is a logical entity to convene this group and may be able to provide some resources.
 - This sub-team will focus on the mechanisms for data flow and the process for “handing off” data from either the agencies and Tribes or a centralized database to the SPS database.

Provide guidance for gap assessments and data management plan development for tribes with insufficient data management plans.

- CA via CBFWA and PNAMP will work with BPA to identify the best mechanism for funding these activities in FY 2012.
- Likely implementation through the StreamNet and CRITIFC Tribal Data Network projects.

Develop a formal process to continue Coordinated Assessments activities

- Formalize CAPG charter as the coordinating body for CA activities
- Identify the need for future workshops.
- Identify and make provision for facilitation and other logistic needs for CAPG and its sub-teams

Coordinated Assessment Phase III DRAFT Timeline

Start Date	End Date	Activity
Oct 25		Complete Budget Exercise
Sept 23	Nov 11	Complete Draft Data Sharing Strategy
Nov		Circulate updated Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy to CBFWA and the PNAMP Steering Committee for review and formal adoption as a recommendation to Council and ISRP.
Oct. 31		CAPG telecon: review Phase III workplan
Nov 1	Dec 31	Preparation/scoping for DET revision
Nov 30		CAPG telecon: planning for DET revision
Jan		CAPG telcon: commission DET development team; review data management assistance for tribes (see below)
Jan 1	June 30	Review/revise draft DET Version 1.0
Jan 1	April 30	Data management assessments and planning assistance for tribes needing development assistance
March		CAPG telcon: check in on DET development
June		CAPG telcon: approve revised DET and commission interim data collection capability development
June 1	Sept 28	Develop interim data collection capability
Oct	Dec	Data for selected populations collected using interim data collection capability and revised DET format
<i>NPCC/BPA Funding Process</i>		
Oct 1	Nov 22	Project sponsors modify their proposals and future work plans to support the collaborative Strategy.
Nov. 22		Project proposals due to the Council (ISRP members may conduct site visits and other prep work in October).
Jan		Potential "fast track" discussions for data management projects in FY 2012
Nov 23	March 28	The ISRP review
March 29	May 14	Council Review
May 15	July 12	Council Decisions