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February 4, 2014

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

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

**SUBJECT:** Introduction to the new StreamNet Program Manager, Chris Wheaton.

Chris Wheaton is the new StreamNet Program Manager with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. He took on his new post in late 2013. Chris came to StreamNet from the Oregon Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (ODFW). He was the Northwest Regional Manager for ODFW from late 1993 until his retirement in December, 2013, with brief stints in the Director's office as Acting Deputy Director during various transition periods. Chris also was the principal negotiator for the state in the discussions that led to the Willamette Wildlife Habitat Settlement in 2010. Prior to his time as Northwest Regional Manager, Chris was the Big Game staff biologist in ODFW's Wildlife Division from 1990-1993, including development of the state's first mule deer management plan. Chris also has experience as a wildlife biologist working primarily with big game and habitat issues for both the Texas and Virginia state wildlife agencies. Chris has a B.S. in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University and a M.S. in Wildlife Nutrition from Texas A&M – Kingsville.

Chris will be sharing information about his experience and will be providing a briefing on StreamNet and the Coordinated Assessment project.

# STREAMNET PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**February 11, 2014**

***Presented to:***

**Northwest Power & Conservation Council**

***By:***

**Chris Wheaton (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission)**



# STREAMNET PROGRAM

- Funded through the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program by the Bonneville Power Administration
- Consistent with the Councils R,M,&E and BPA Data Management Strategies. StreamNet is a regional Cooperative Information Management & Data Dissemination Project for fish
- StreamNet had its impetus in 1984 through the NPPC and was originally called the Pacific Northwest Rivers Study
- In present form and managed by PSMFC since 1995
- The project supports staff inside the management agencies to obtain, georeference and standardize data. A variety of data are provided in tabular format and as maps and GIS layers.
- Information is available through the online database query, interactive maps, the Data Store, or by custom request.

# **STREAMNET COOPERATORS (SUB-CONTRACTORS)**

- **Idaho Fish and Game**
- **Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife**
- **Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife**
- **Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks**
- **Confederated Colville Tribes**
- **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

# STREAMNET STEERING COMMITTEE

- NPCC
- CRITFC
- Idaho Fish and Game
- Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
- Confederated Colville Tribes
- Kalispel Tribe
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey/PNAMP
- BPA

# STREAMNET DATA

- Information on population trends including;
  - Adult spawner counts and estimates
  - Redd Counts
  - Dam/weir counts
  - Fish passage barriers
  - Fish distribution
  - Facility locations
  - Protected areas
- Searchable database allows the user to search and download data
- Integrated query system that incorporates spreadsheet and GIS approaches to show map location and graph of data selected



**Your Criteria:**

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<a href="#"><u>Adult Return-Estimates of Spawning Population</u></a>	3550	Trends	1901-2012
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<a href="#"><u>Adult Return-Spawner Counts</u></a>	5603	Trends	1944-2012
<a href="#"><u>Adult Return-Spawner/Recruit Estimates</u></a>	30	Trends	1938-2006
<a href="#"><u>Dam/Weir Counts (Adult or Juvenile)</u></a>	578	Trends	1925-2012
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<a href="#"><u>Facilities-Hatcheries</u></a>	536	Hatcheries	n/a
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<a href="#"><u>Fish Distribution</u></a>	26,317	Streams	n/a
<a href="#"><u>Harvest-Freshwater/Estuary</u></a>	2706	Trends	1894-2012
<a href="#"><u>Harvest-Marine</u></a>	579	Trends	1950-1996
<a href="#"><u>Hatchery&gt;Returns</u></a>	1093	Trends	1906-2013
<a href="#"><u>Maps-View Pre-built Maps</u></a>	398	Maps	n/a
<a href="#"><u>Photographs</u></a>	1065	Photographs	n/a
<a href="#"><u>Protected Areas</u></a>	29,524	Records	n/a
<a href="#"><u>Smolt Density Model Data</u></a>	10,508	Records	n/a

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[Natural Spawner Abundance](#)
[Smolt/Adult Ratio](#)
[Recruits Per](#)

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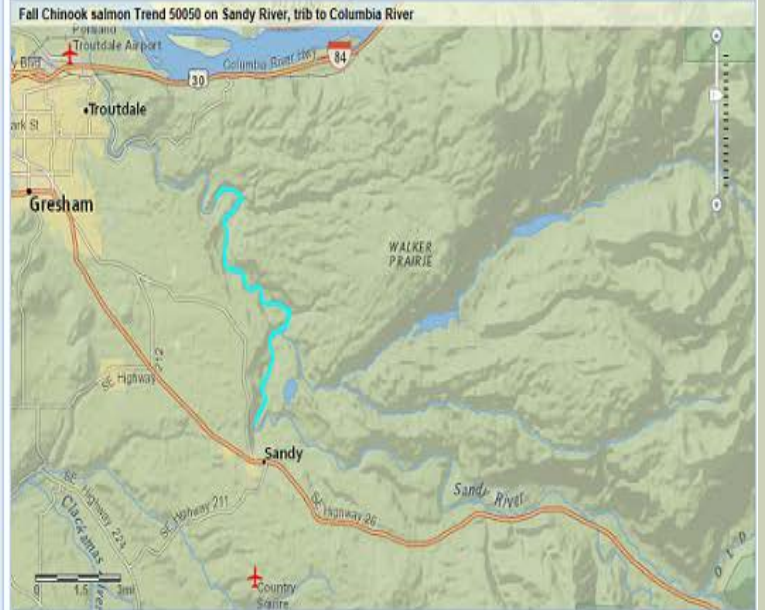
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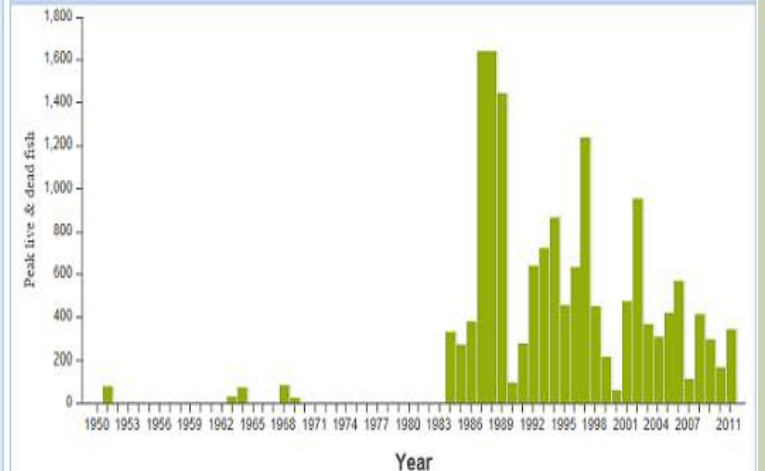
## Map of Detail

☐ Streams & labels (w/HUCs)

Base Map: Terrain Basemap



## Chart



# STREAMNET AND DATA IN CONTEXT

- A flood of data exists. There are literally thousands of work elements in existing BPA Projects, each work element may collect data on multiple metrics. Ideally, all data would be;
- Located in a secure data repository
- Searchable across agency boundaries
- Have agreed upon regional standards (DES)
- Data flow would be automated and provide access to decision-makers in a timely manner

**StreamNet Role:** Much of the “data” that decision-makers want is really analysis and interpretation of data to produce population assessments. StreamNet historically has collected large volumes of data. However, it has not comprehensively collected all data, or population assessments, or even all data on key metrics. Working with partners and cooperators, StreamNet is working to improve data management in a way useful to decision-makers via projects such as Coordinated Assessments

# COORDINATED ASSESSMENTS PROJECT

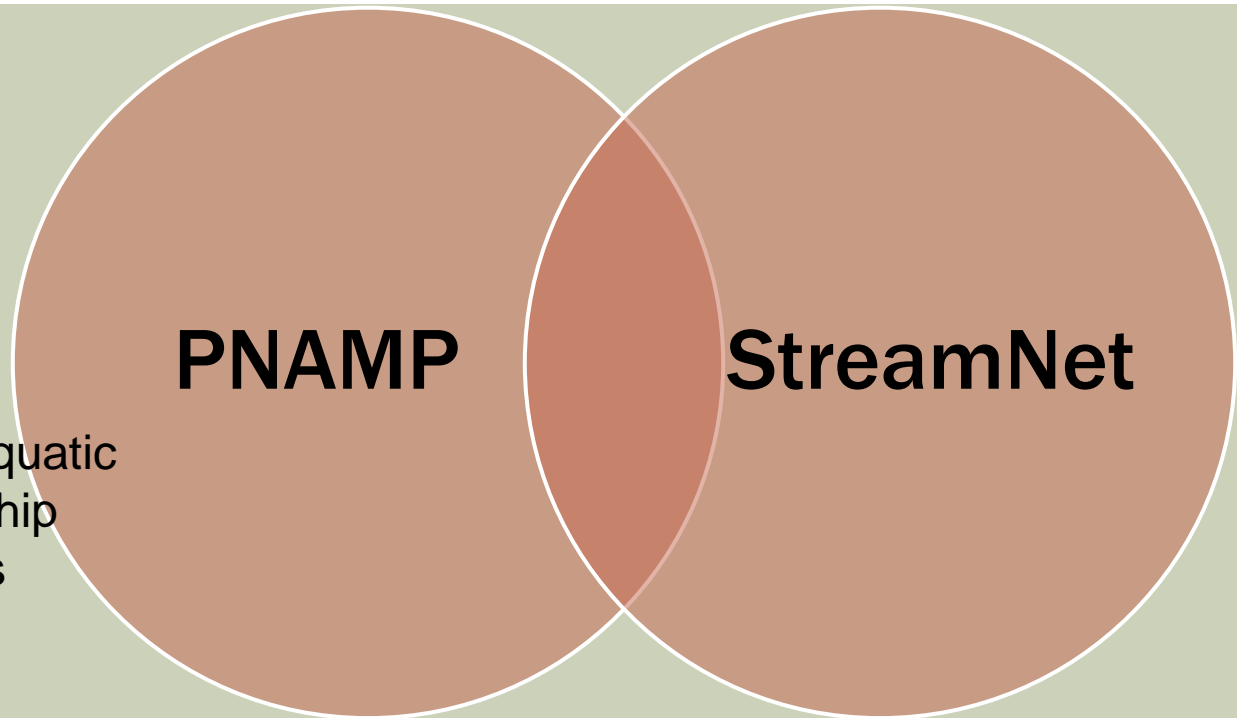
## What it does

- Establishes regional standards for data on key fish indicators
- Facilitates sharing of data across organizational boundaries
- Automates data flow to increase efficiency and transparency

## What it doesn't do

- Change the roles or processes of decision making
- Establish and report goals and objectives for populations
- “Assess” populations for decision-makers

# COORDINATED ASSESSMENTS FACILITATION



Pacific Northwest Aquatic  
Monitoring Partnership

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Tribes

*Basin-scale data users*

*Funding sources*

*Federal managers*

*State Biologists/Coordinators*

*Tribal Biologists/Data Technicians*

**StreamNet**

Columbia River Basin

- State Agencies
- Tribes
- CRITFC

*Data Technicians*

*Data exchange expertise*

# PRIMARY DATA CONSUMERS

- States and tribes
- NOAA Fisheries
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council

*Examples:*

*NOAA Salmonid Population Summary Database*

*NPCC HLIs and Dashboards*

*Timely information for adaptive management*

# FIRST STEP: VSP INDICATORS

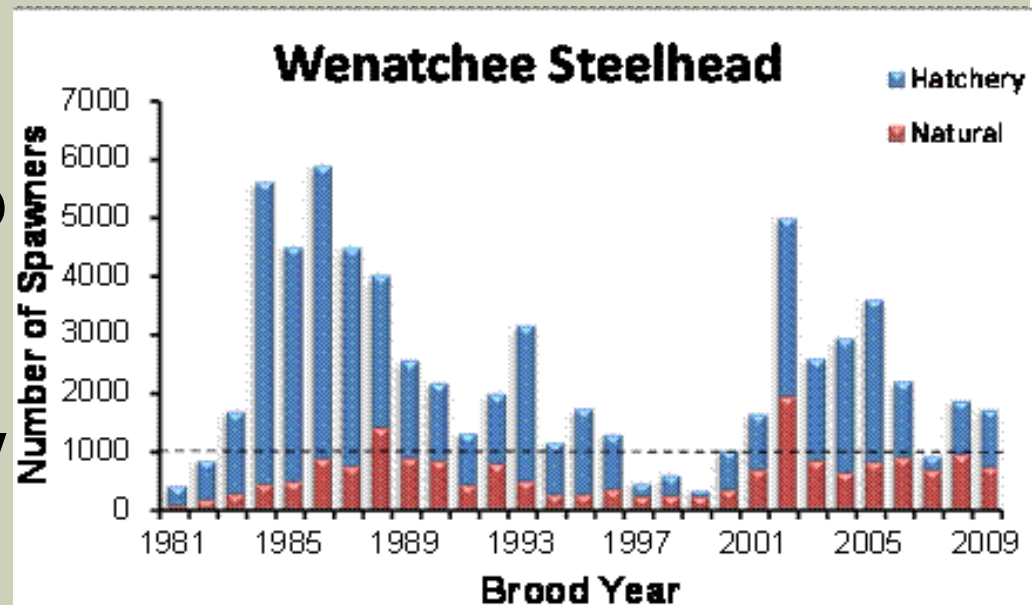
❑ Natural Origin Spawner

Abundance

❑ Smolt to Adult Ratio

❑ Adult to Adult Ratio

❑ Juvenile productivity



**Current: Hatchery Effectiveness Indicators**

**Next: Habitat? Resident fish?**

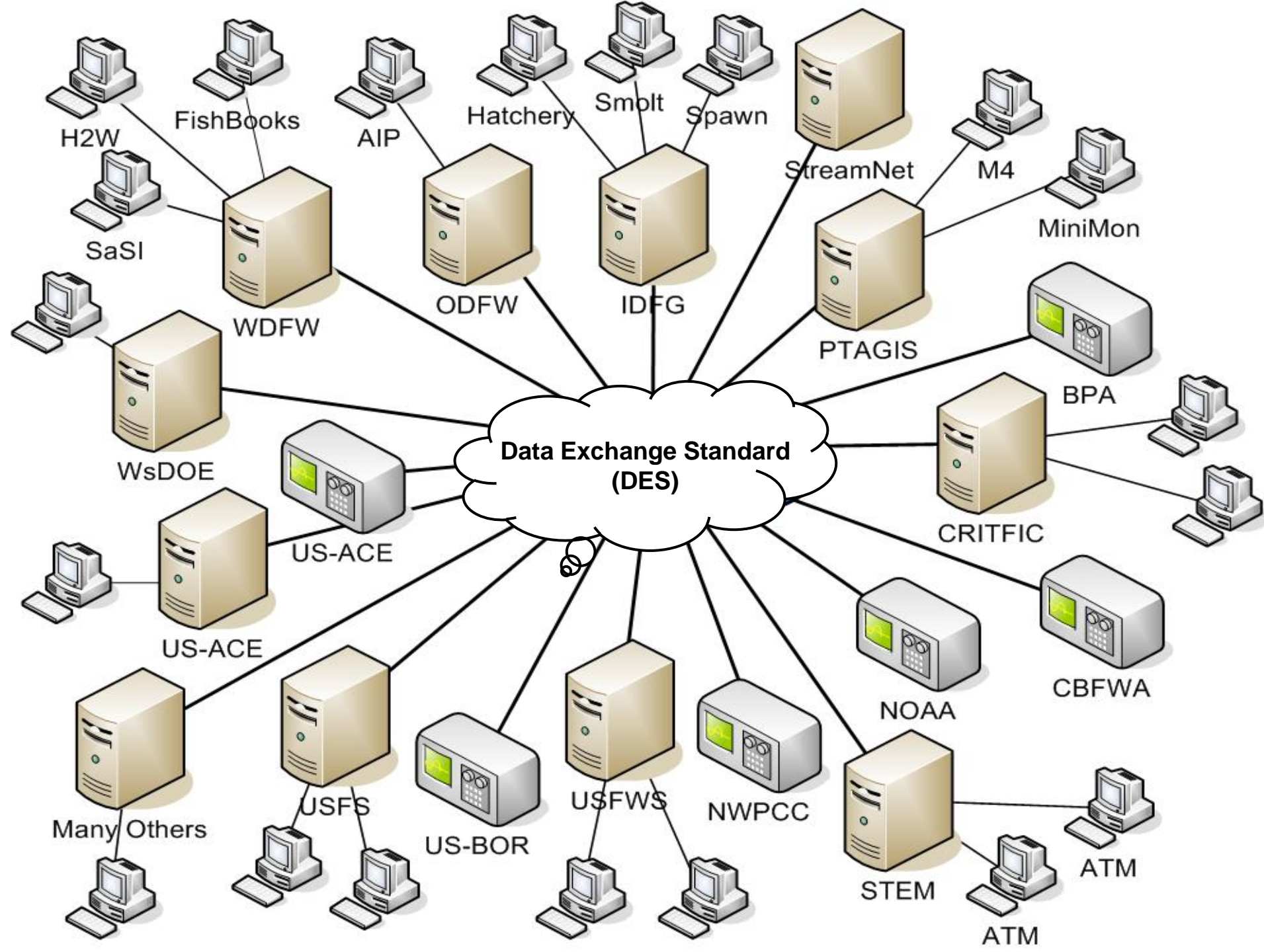
# WHY THESE INDICATORS?

- Indicators chosen for this project are a primary source of information used by states, tribes, and NOAA Fisheries for evaluating fish populations. A primary goal of this project is to automate the flow of data to fish managers for these assessments
- Other key customers of these data include Bonneville Power Administration and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council

# CA PROJECT APPROACH

**Emulates the approach EPA used to build their water quality database;**

- **Stay small and focused**
- **Build a data exchange network**
- **Get buy-in from regional biologists and data technicians (bottom up)**
- **Provide incentive to agencies and tribes**
- **Build off success (move in phases)**



# DATA EXCHANGE STANDARD (DES)

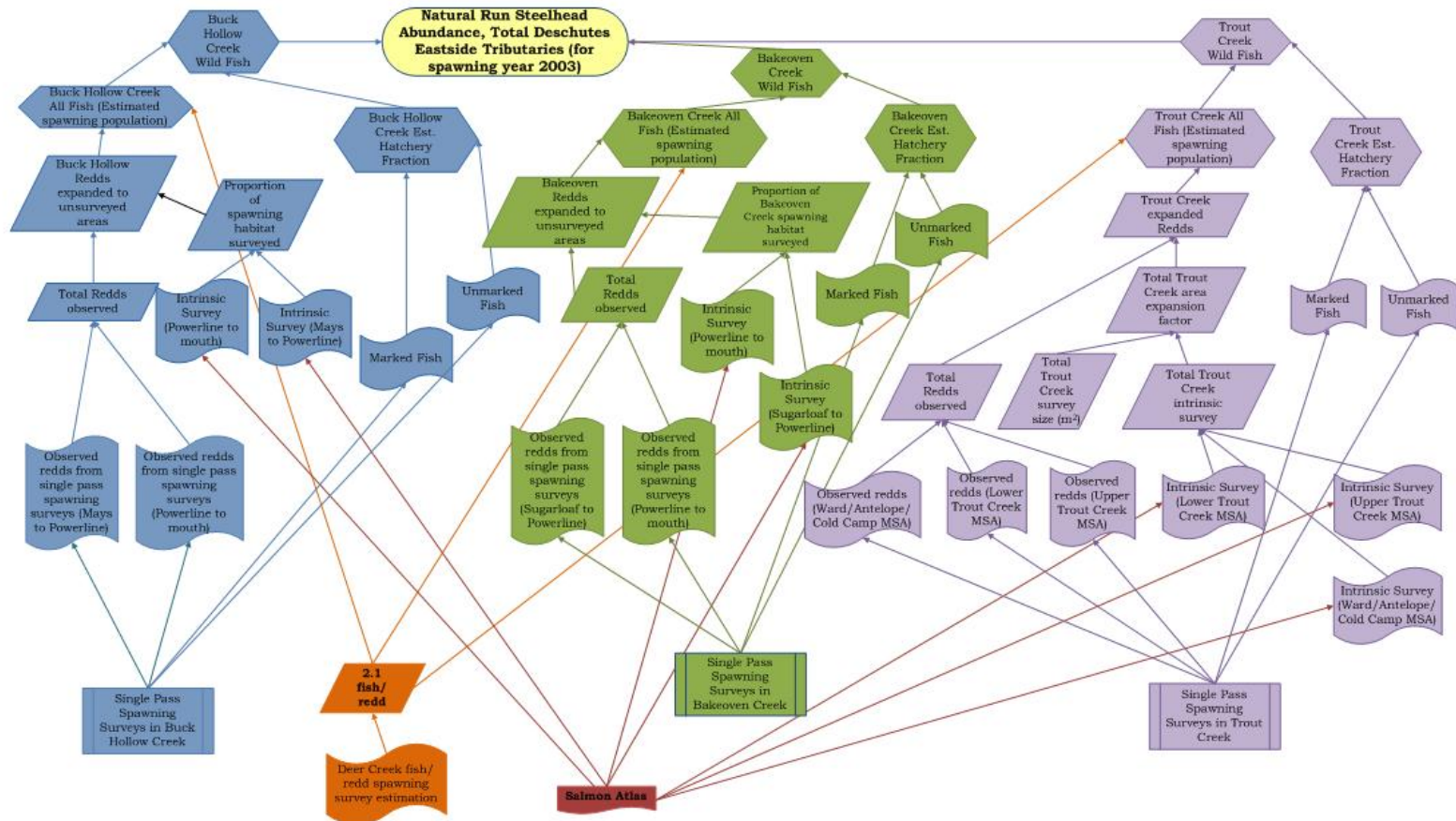
- Defines the content to be shared
- Does not contain data
- Is used as the basis to design data sharing systems and to send/receive data electronically

*Works for automated data systems,  
enterprise databases, or emailing  
spreadsheets*

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Adopted Data Exchange Standard for 4 indicators
- Established process to continue development and maintenance of DES
- Documentation of existing data and data analysis flows
- Support implementation of Data Sharing Strategies
- Initiating data flows through StreamNet
- Expanded partner funding (EPA grant \$500k)

# DATA ANALYSIS FLOW DIAGRAM



Measurement: Value resulting from a field data collection event. Measurements are taken at a particular time and place.

MEASUREMENTS

SUMMARIZED DATA IN AN EXPANDED FORMAT

SUMMARIZED DATA IN A DOCUMENT

METRIC

INDICATOR

DERIVED INDICATOR

Data elements and flow processes indicated in dark grey and with a dashed line denote less regular data flow.

Metric: Value resulting from the collection or processing of numerous results at a site over a unit of time or space (e.g., fish per mile or fish per acre).

Indicator: Value resulting from the processing of metrics across sites or across time (e.g., population-level values for the spawning period).

Created by: Steve Hines, a specialist in the Pacific Northwest Fisheries Science Center, who was used in the MSA-Capacity for the Deschutes River and its tributaries. Data for abundance and productivity estimates. Data source definitions are from: <http://www.pnwfish.com>. Chapter 10, 8. Revised: 10/10/2010.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## **Phase VI Workplan (EPA Grant)**

**January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015**

- Develop CAX exchange network
- Develop additional indicators
- Support implementation of Data Sharing Strategies
- Initiate and manage actual data flow

# MORE INFORMATION

- StreamNet
- StreamNet website: <http://www.streamnet.org/>
- Chris Wheaton, PSMFC/StreamNet
  
- Coordinated Assessments
- PNAMP website: see Projects, Coordinated Assessments
- Project page: <http://www.pnamp.org/project/3129>