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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Fish and Wildlife Committee members

**FROM:** Nancy Leonard

Fish, Wildlife, and Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Update on Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP,

2004-002-00) 2015 work plan priorities as requested by the Council 2012

decisions.

Jen Bayer, PNAMP Coordinator, will be providing an update on PNAMP's 2015 work plan priorities. PNAMP is a forum to facilitate collaboration around aquatic monitoring topics of interest, promote best practices for monitoring, and encourage coordination and integration of monitoring activities as appropriate. The forum's activities are conducted by participant working groups and teams as endorsed by the partner-based steering committee (see attachment 1 for members). The coordinating staff serves to enhance and support PNAMP partner's collaboration on topics of importance (see all attachments for more information). Today's update will emphasize PNAMP's Monitoring Resources web resource (<a href="www.monitoringresources.org">www.monitoringresources.org</a>); the Coordinated Assessments project (PNAMP and StreamNet collaborate to lead this work); and describe new efforts we seek NPCC input to develop (habitat data sharing and high level indicators coordination).

#### BACKGROUND

The Council's <u>July 2012 recommendation</u> for data management projects that led to the <u>October 25, 2012 decision</u>, informed by the Council's Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee (PERC) process, which requested an annual update from PNAMP. The specific language related to the annual PNAMP update is part of Recommendation 3 of the Council decision pertaining to PNAMP included below:



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## **Update for NPCC**

## Fish and Wildlife Committee

August 5, 2014

Jennifer Bayer, USGS/PNAMP

### **PNAMP Mission Statement**

To provide a forum to enhance the capacity of multiple entities to collaborate to produce an effective and comprehensive network of aquatic monitoring programs in the Pacific Northwest based on sound science designed to inform public policy and resource management decisions.



## Today's Topics



- Plan and sustain data sharing infrastructure
  - Monitoring Resources: Application of PNAMP Tools in BPA system
  - Coordinated Assessments
- Align and integrate how we monitor, collect and analyze data
  - Habitat Data Sharing
  - High Level Indicators

## **Monitoring Resources**



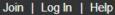














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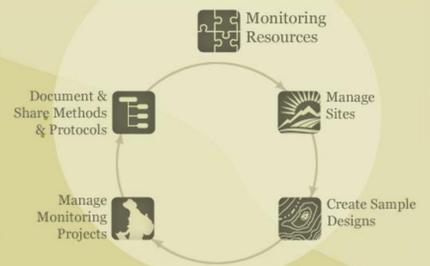
Monitoring Resources.

Learn about regional monitoring programs, and how to

Learn about regional monitoring programs, and how to document and share info about your monitoring program.

Design and manage your program, analyze your monitoring data, and get data from other programs.

Our plan is to integrate the content from Monitoring Advisor into this site.



### LEARN

how to design a monitoring program

#### DEFINE

your monitoring program

### FIND

monitoring sites and data

#### CREATE

a Sample Design based on a Master Sample

### **IMPLEMENT**

your monitoring program

### DOCUMENT

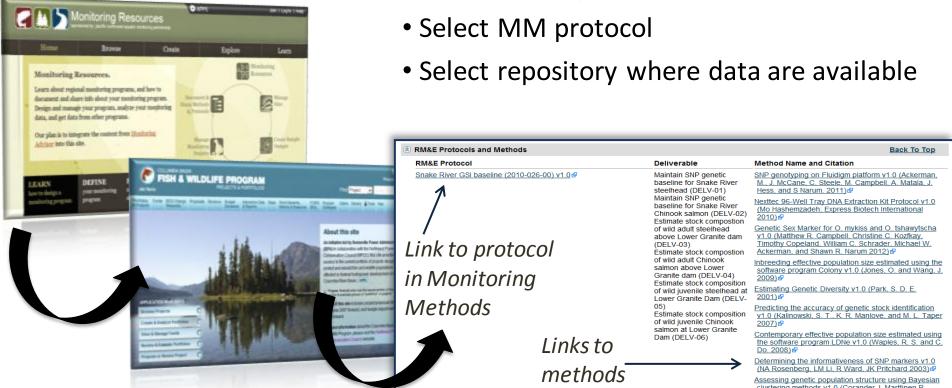
and share monitoring protocols and methods

### **Monitoring Resources**

## Assisting BPA systems and NPCC project review

- > ISRP Project Review and BPA review of documentation
  - Protocols, Sample Designs, Methods, Metrics
  - Transparency and accountability





## Monitoring Resources Facilitating project annual reporting to BPA

- Automated text produced for project annual report to BPA (methods section in annual report)
- Annually tracks changes that occurs in a project's methods in 'Implementation Notes' of Monitoring Methods

### 3. Methods: Protocols, Study Designs, and Study Area

As mentioned above, this project utilizes two primary protocols for monitoring both natural and hatchery populations, and studying the effects of hatchery production on natural populations: conventional gene-frequency monitoring and relative reproductive success of hatchery fish.

Genetic Monitoring--conventional population monitoring (1989-096-00) <a href="http://www.monitoringmethods.org/Protocol/Details/363">http://www.monitoringmethods.org/Protocol/Details/363</a>

This protocol monitors genetic changes associated with hatchery propagation in multiple Snake River sub-basins for Chinook salmon and steelhead. The information obtained from this protocol directly addresses a critical knowledge gap identified by comanagers: under what conditions does hatchery supplementation provide a sustained contribution to natural production? This protocol uses changes in gene frequencies

### **Monitoring Resources**

## Other tools to improve coordination and efficiencies

- Documenting monitoring data events: the who', 'what', 'when' & 'how'
- Facilitating sharing existing methods and protocols to encourage standardization
- Identify opportunities for efficiencies by collaborating
- Metadata exchange standard to facilitate sharing data: Monitoring Metadata Exchange (MMX)



### **Monitoring Resources**

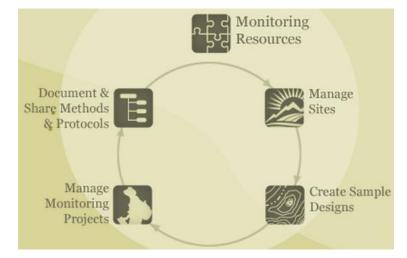
## Overall benefits to NPCC, BPA, and the PNW region

- Improved access to data to inform decision making
- Coordination and cost share among partners

Documentation of methodology needed for data sharing and

roll up (HLIs)

- Easily review & summarize work by:
  - Metric or indicator
  - FCRP's BIOP's RPAs
  - Monitoring Type
  - Location
- Accountability for Fish & Wildlife Program
  - More consistent reporting over time
  - Unprecedented level of transparency



## Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project

## Facilitating data sharing for reporting needs





## Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project Facilitating data sharing for reporting needs

### What CA 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 CA doesn't do

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



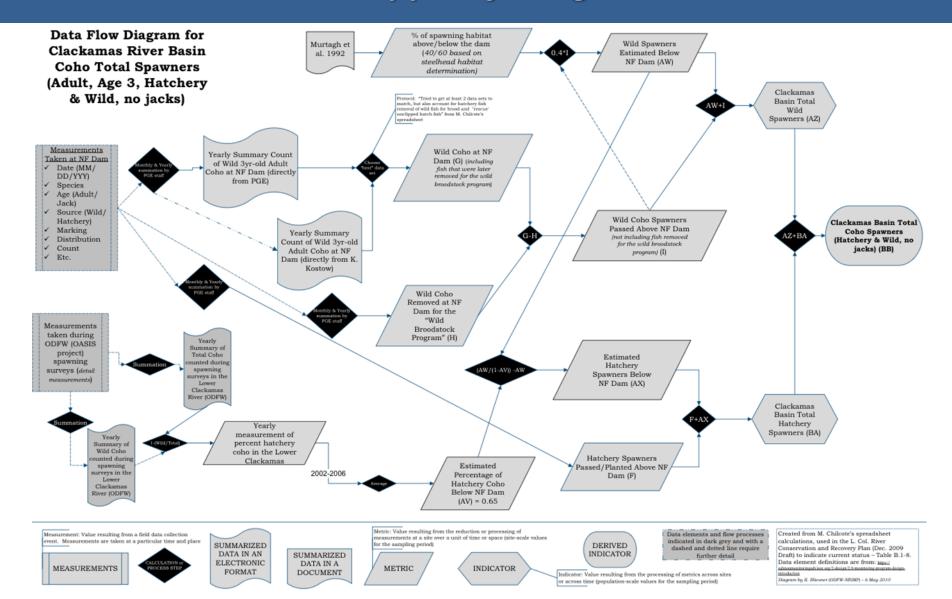
## Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project Facilitating data sharing for reporting needs

Why these indicators?



- Indicators chosen for this project are a primary source of information used by NOAA Fisheries for evaluating population level status assessments
- Key customers of these data include the participating States and Tribes, BPA, NPCC, NOAA Fisheries, and WA Governor's Salmon Recovery Office

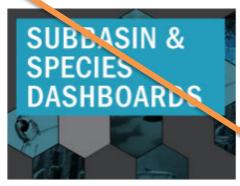
## Coordinated Assessments Project Documentation Support for Agencies and Tribes



## **Coordinated Assessments Project**

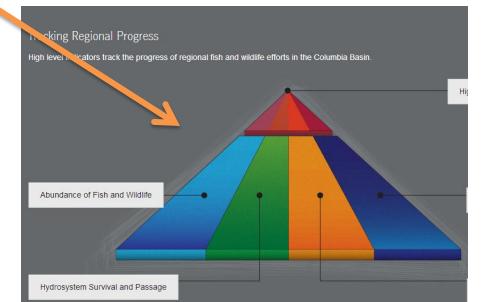
### Council Dashboard's Fish Status and Trend Graphics





### Subbasin & Species Dashboards

Quick access to local and regional subbasin resources, and species data



## Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project Facilitating data sharing for reporting needs

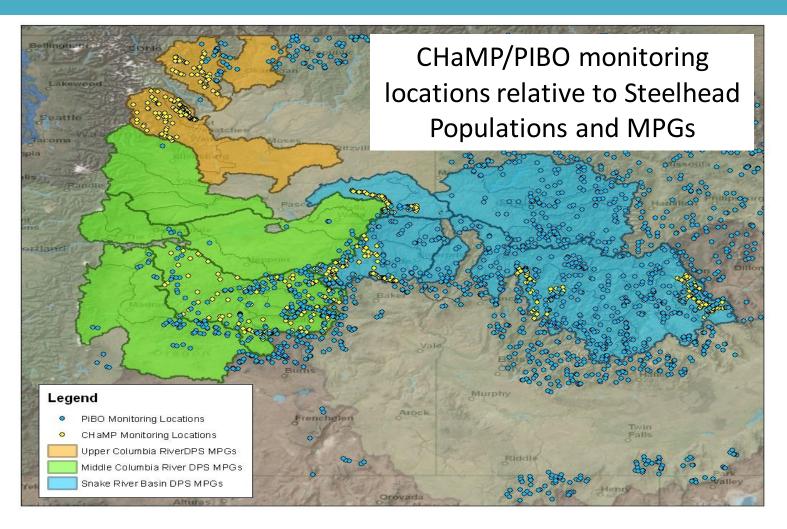
### **CA Accomplishments to Date**

- Development of Data Exchange Standard (DES) for four fish population (VSP) indicators.
  - Data is flowing from Colville Tribes to StreamNet
- Agencies and tribes incorporating the DES contents into their common data management business practices.
- Awarded EPA grant to develop data flow for salmon and steelhead data exchange network.
- Currently expanding DES to include juvenile abundance and 5 hatchery indicators.

## Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project Next Steps – Phase VI Work Plan

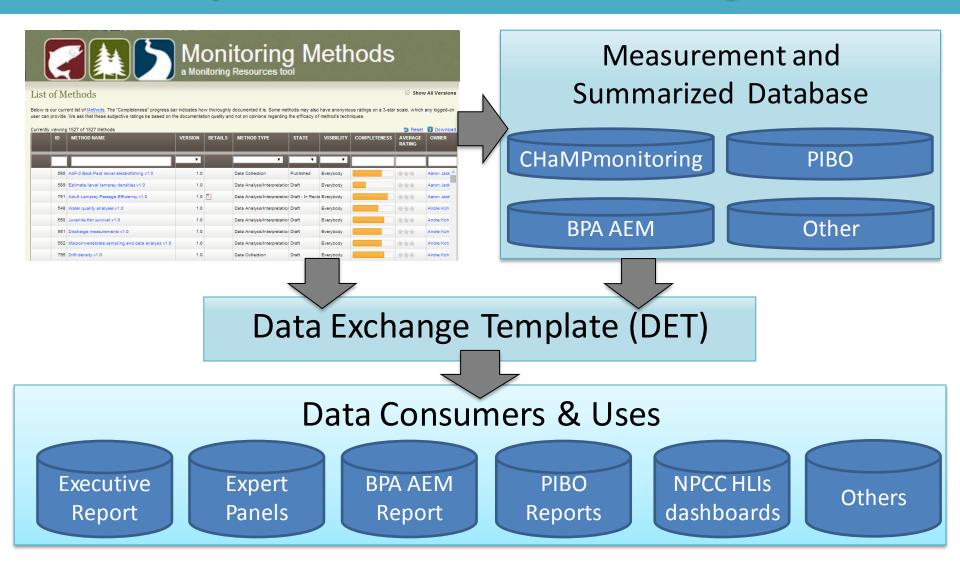
Start Date	End Date	Activity
April 2014		CA Workshop to review Phase VI Work Plan, approve Draft Partner
		Trading Agreement, approve draft Flow Configuration Document, and
		approve draft Hatchery HLI DES
April 2014	September	XCT develop XML Schema/other protocol for automated data sharing
	2014	between State/Tribal data bases and StreamNet CAX data base, develop
		juvenile DES
April 2014	September	Project Coordinator/ITMD assess individual tribal needs and develop
	2014	plan for automated data sharing between developing systems and CAX
		data base
September		CAPG adopt Final Draft Trading Partner Agreement and Final Flow
2014		Configuration Document
October 2014	March 2015	StreamNet register CAX as a Virtual Node on EPA EN client server
October 2014	March 2015	Tribes with developing systems implement automated data sharing as
		available
Spring 2015		CA Workshop to assess status of CAX EN, develop CA Phase VII Work
		Plan

## **Habitat Metric Data Sharing**



Roper, B., Jordan, C, Sweet, J., Archer, E., Ward, M., Volk. C, See, K. and B. Bouwes. (2013). 2012 PIBO/CHaMP comparison study presentation. Proceedings of the Columbia Basin Federal Caucus. January 25, 2013

# Habitat Metric Data Sharing Similar approach to 'CA' being applied to facilitate habitat data sharing



### High Level Indicators (HLI)

## Facilitating consistent reporting in the Columbia River Basin and PNW region by coordinating HLIs

### **Communicating Complex Information in Easily Understood Terms**

- Review current partner priorities
- Use Coordinated Assessments (CA) to highlight the process of coordinating the roll-up of data to HLI between multiple organizations

temperature

Quality HLI

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dissolved

oxygen

- Develop prioritized list of regional HLIs, determine existing data availability, and discuss coordination of future data collection
- Using prioritized HLIs, conduct case study to demonstrate the processes from beginning to end

sediment

## PNAMP's Ongoing Tasks

- Coordinated Assessments
- Data Management and Data Sharing Best Practices
- Effectiveness Monitoring Coordination & Assessment
- Intensively Monitored Watersheds Coordination
- Habitat Data Sharing
- Identifying High-level Indicators
- Integrated Status and Trends Monitoring
- Lower Columbia HSTM
- Methods Review
- MonitoringResources.org
- Northwest Standard Taxonomic Effort
- Remote Sensing Forum





### **Communicate & Coordinate**

**Sustain Collaboration** 

**Improve Data Access** 

Learn more at:

www.pnamp.org

www.monitoringresources.org



### Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) 2004-002-00

Federal, state, tribal, local, and private aquatic monitoring programs in the Pacific Northwest have evolved independently in response to different organizational mandates, jurisdictional needs, issues and questions. Planning and coordination of federal, state and tribal monitoring activities have evolved slowly but steadily over the past ten years. In 2004, the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) emerged from an ad hoc effort to become a formal institution charged with providing a forum for coordination of aquatic monitoring efforts in the region. The geographic area of this coordination includes the Pacific Northwest region from Northern California to Canada where participating entities are implementing monitoring efforts.

The basis of PNAMP is that monitoring will be improved if: all programs use consistent monitoring approaches and protocols; follow a scientific foundation; support monitoring policy and management objectives; and collect and present information in a manner that can be shared. These goals will require considerable effort and commitment to collaboration by many entities and individuals. PNAMP strives to provide the forum where this collaboration can occur and to facilitate the exchange among technical experts and between technical and policy staff that is necessary to accomplish these goals.

PNAMP is largely a coordination body that strives to develop and encourage compatible and standardized data collection, methodologies and access within the Pacific NW including the Columbia River. Most of the current funding comes from BPA to achieve those goals and to help develop tools to facilitate that work. The funding from BPA over the past three years has risen dramatically, primarily to support FCRPS BiOp activities that include coordinated assessments for viable salmonid population parameters (data exchange templates) and monitoringmethods.org website.

#### Recommendations:

- Budget reduction within the range of 10 to 15%, which is commensurate with the reduction being sought from project managers throughout the Columbia River Basin.
- 2. In addition BPA should, through direct contracting, find efficiencies in contracted services.
- 3. PNAMP to report annual priorities to, and seek policy level guidance from, the Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee on an annual basis.

### **Attachment 1: Steering Committee**

The PNAMP Steering Committee sets priorities and guides the activities of PNAMP. Composed of representatives from each signatory partner, the Steering Committee provides the science-policy interface between the Executive partners and technical workgroups, guides work of technical workgroups, and directs the activities of the Coordinator.

### Current members consist of:

John Arterburn, CCT Bob Cusimano, WA ECY Al Doelker, BLM vacant, USACE Scott Downie, CDFG Keith Dublanica, WA RCO & GSRO Jim Geiselman, BPA Pete Hassemer, IDFG Gretchen Hayslip, EPA Bruce Jones, NWIFC Nancy Leonard, NPCC Michael Newsom, USBR Dan Rawding, WDFW Phil Roger, CRITFC vacant, NOAA Fisheries Bruce Schmidt, PSMFC Greg Sieglitz, OWEB vacant, USFS Steve Waste, USGS



### Please consider participating in these upcoming PNAMP Meetings:

- PNAMP HDS Macroinvertebrate Planning Group Meeting (September)
- PNAMP Habitat Metric Aggregation & Habitat ISTM Meeting (Sept. 3 or 4)
- PNAMP Leadership Team meetings ~September
- Habitat Status & Trends Monitoring Workshop #3 October (TBD)
- Emerging Technologies in Field Data Collection Workshop (November 18)
- PNAMP Steering Committee meeting ~January 2015

### Also, PNAMP staff are invited speakers at:

- American Fisheries Society Meeting Symposium: Developing a National Fisheries Data Exchange Standard in Québec City (August 18)
- Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers in Flagstaff, AZ (Sept. 28-Oct. 2)



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### **FULFILLING A NEED**

Federal, state, tribal, local, and private aquatic monitoring programs in the Pacific Northwest evolved independently in response to different organizational and jurisdictional mandates and needs. To enhance efficiency and effectiveness of their monitoring efforts, the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) provides a forum that supports collaboration and coordination among organizations and across jurisdictions. PNAMP supports organizations' monitoring objectives and facilitates integration of monitoring results, largely by focusing on best practices for data management and exchange. PNAMP consists of federal, tribal, and state partners; other interested participants; and a coordinating staff. Activities are conducted by participant working groups and teams as endorsed by the partner-based steering committee.

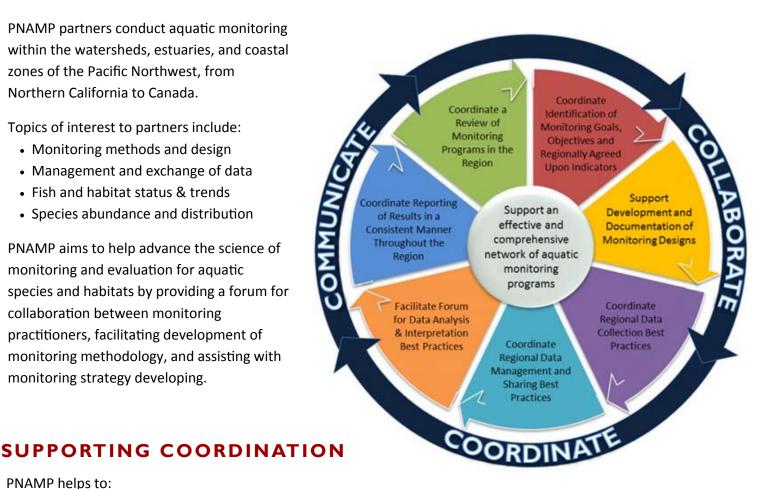
### STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE CAPACITY

PNAMP partners conduct aquatic monitoring within the watersheds, estuaries, and coastal zones of the Pacific Northwest, from Northern California to Canada.

Topics of interest to partners include:

- · Monitoring methods and design
- · Management and exchange of data
- Fish and habitat status & trends
- · Species abundance and distribution

PNAMP aims to help advance the science of monitoring and evaluation for aquatic species and habitats by providing a forum for collaboration between monitoring practitioners, facilitating development of monitoring methodology, and assisting with monitoring strategy developing.



### PNAMP helps to:

- Facilitate collaboration around aquatic monitoring topics of interest
- Promote best practices for monitoring design, methodology, and data management & sharing
- Encourage coordination and integration of monitoring activities

### **PROJECTS**

PNAMP brings together people and resources to facilitate projects to address needs identified by the aquatic monitoring community. Specific projects may examine an issue, help develop tools to aid in monitoring, or aid in the development of mutual business practices for better monitoring or information sharing. These project collaborations often involve ad-hoc work groups facilitated by a PNAMP staff lead, sometimes working in conjunction with a project contractor. Project results may include sponsored events, publications, web -based tools, recommendations for best practices, and establishment of regional business practices for data management and information sharing.

**SOME CURRENT PROJECTS:** 

- Coordinated Assessments
- · Data Management and **Sharing Best Practices**
- · Effectiveness Monitoring **Coordination & Assessment**
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### ONLINE TOOLS

Adequate access to monitoring information, analyzed data, and reports is a critical need for many partners working to restore our watersheds and salmon populations. PNAMP supports the development of cloud-based tools to help practitioners design and document their projects.

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> PNAMP Coordination Staff are U.S. Geological Survey employees, funded by PNAMP partner contributions



### bewww.MonitoringResources.org

Information and tools to support many facets of aquatic monitoring

For more information please contact Jen Bayer, PNAMP Coordinator jbayer@usgs.gov



#### Monitoring Methods

Document and share protocols, methods, and metric/indicator details about your project



#### Monitoring Sample Designer

Create GRTS sample designs using a master sample, document other



### Monitoring Site Manager

See details of master samples, upload historical sites to include in your designs & manage your sample sites



#### **Monitoring Explorer**

Explore research & monitoring sites (from a variety of organizations) on a map, search for specific sites



PNAMP uses its website to facilitate the dissemination of information important to practitioners. Upcoming events, meeting documents, reports, links to recently published journal articles, news highlights, and job announcements are posted on a regular basis.



## Monitoring Methods monitoringmethods.org

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### The Goals and Vision

- Encourage consistent and well-documented information about natural resource data collection and analysis
- Make information available to the wider community
- Support efforts to identify and promote best practices
- Showcase the similarities of methods for data exchange purposes
- Fill a need for a community forum to discuss and vet methods, metrics, indicators, study designs and communicate new techniques.

## Food for Thought



**∧** *T* ith adequate documentation and with the benefit of knowing what others are doing, we, as a community of researchers and managers, can make the best use of limited resources and ensure we're offering the most accurate portrayal of the health of our streams, watersheds, and their inhabitants.



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## **Applications**

T magine that you are a watershed Loordinator looking for documentation to give volunteers. Or maybe you want to know who is doing similar analyses.

### You could:

- Search for methods applicable to a specific set of metrics/ indicators you need to monitor.
- Look for analysis others are doing based on their indicators.
- Document your own protocol on the website, using existing methods
- Print a field manual from your final protocol with step-by-step instructions.

## Why should I care?

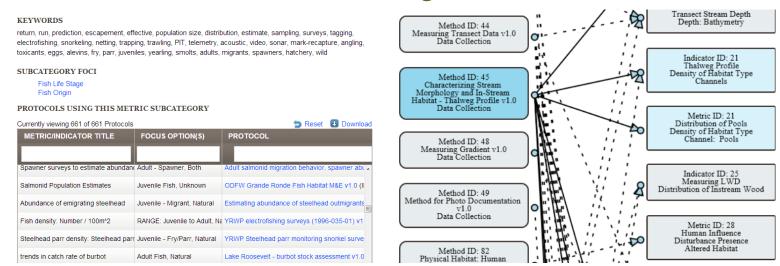
Researchers have all been in the same boat before. That day when you are scrambling before a report, before a meeting, before a field season and you don't know what Bob did last year because he didn't write it down. Or do you have a dataset that you want to analyze and you don't know how it was collected and therefore don't know what assumptions to make when analyzing?

### STOP THE CYCLE

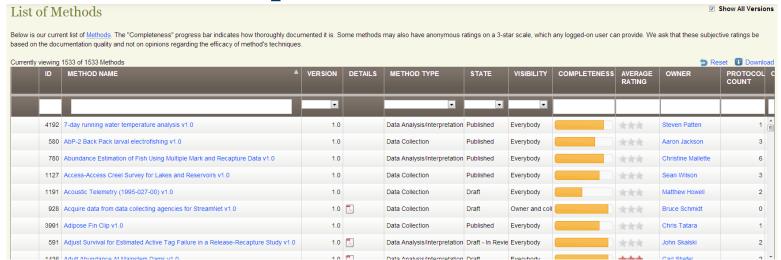


Input your methods and protocols into MonitoringMethods. org and easily find and update them in the future. This will save time so that your focus can be on data collection efforts and you have less of those frenzied moments tearing through file cabinets or computer drives looking for project documentation that isn't there.

## Discover who is measuring what and how



## Browse and compare methods



MonitoringMethods.org is open, transparent and ready to start conversations.