

Columbia Basin Collaborative  
Process Proposals  
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**Background**

During caucus meetings and check-ins with members of the Columbia Basin Collaborative, participants shared feedback about the CBC process. A sub-group of the Integration/Recommendations Group was convened to review the Charter and identify possible process or charter changes to address these concerns. The below table outlines the proposed process changes for the I/RG to consider. These changes do not require revisions to the Charter.

<b>Proposed change</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Feedback Addressed</b>
<b>Short-term scope changes</b>	Proposal developed by scope subgroup (below).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges with discussing topics that are in a confidential process.</li> <li>• Need to honor sovereignty.</li> <li>• Need for upholding tribal treaty rights and sovereignty.</li> <li>• FMCS process had complicated CBC</li> </ul>
<b>Explore scenario-based approach and Structured Decision Making</b>	Proposal developed by the SDM subgroup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not creating coherent recovery strategies for each stock as described in the Objectives.</li> <li>• Some issues are challenging to address at a basin-wide scale.</li> <li>• Questions about topics specific versus integrated approach</li> <li>• Recommendations don't meet bold action called for by CBPTF</li> </ul>
<b>Add Tribal representation to the Project Team</b>	Specific structure being reviewed internally by Tribes and will be shared with the I/RG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for stronger leadership.</li> <li>• Interest in emphasizing and prioritizing co-manger roles and stewardship interest.</li> <li>• Need for upholding tribal treaty and non-treaty rights and sovereignty</li> </ul>
<b>Modify Work Group Consensus Process</b>	Work Groups will continue to strive for consensus on recommendations. However, if work groups struggle to reach full consensus but are close, the work groups may still elevate recommendations or issues to the I/RG. In this case, the I/RG would receive a narrative documenting the pros and cons for the recommendation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges with current consensus model</li> </ul>

## Short-Term Scope Changes

### Priorities for Short term

The scope subgroup recommends the following priorities for the CBC's work in 2024:

- Learning more about if and how a structured decision making framework could be used to evaluate actions and scenarios to achieve the Partnerships' quantitative and qualitative goals. The group recognized that the Structured Decision Making Sub-group is further discussing the potential for taking a scenario approach for the recommendations.
- Pursue recommendations on actions that have the potential to make progress towards the Partnership goals and receive consensus support such as:
  - Habitat (mainstem, tributary, and estuary)
  - Predation
  - Blocked areas
  - Water quality
  - Invasive species
  - Quickly address time sensitive opportunities, such as Salmon Funding Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

### Pause Discussions in the Short Term

The scope subgroup recommends pausing the following topics for recommendations in 2024. The I/RG will reconsider this pause again in 2025. In the meantime, the I/RG may continue to hear informational updates on these topics related to activities occurring in other forums and potential funding opportunities:

- Lower Snake river dam breach
- Hydropower system operation
- Hatcheries and harvest
- Upper Columbia blocked area.