

# **Columbia Basin Collaborative Structured Decision Making Sub-Group**

**August 7, 2024  
1 – 3 pm PT/2 – 4 pm MT**

# **Welcome, Agenda Review, and Context**

# Meeting Guidelines

- Honor the agenda
- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- Balance speaking time
- Don't pile on
- Be hard on the problems, soft on the people
- Seek alignment and common ground wherever possible
- Be present



# Agenda Review

Time (PT)	Topic
1:00 – 1:20 p.m.	Welcome, Agenda Review, and Context
1:20 – 1:35 p.m.	Structured Decision Making Proposal
1:35 – 2:20 p.m.	Sub-group Work Plan
2:20 – 2:50 p.m.	SCEE Values
2:50 – 3:00 p.m.	Confirm Next Steps and Action Items

# Recap of I/RG Discussion

- General support in piloting the SDM proposal
- Focus on de-listing Mid-Columbia Steelhead could be a big win for the CBC
- SCEE values are key to the goals of CBC and in CBPTF
- Resources and capacity need to be considered

# Achieving I/RG Consensus

The SDM would lead to the I/RG reaching consensus because:

- The SDM framework breaks goals down into very specific and achievable pieces.
- The SDM framework is mostly an analytical tool, and the Mid-Columbia steelhead pilot effort would be an opportunity to test out the whole decision-making process.



# **Structured Decision Making Proposal**

# SDM Proposal – Process Suggestions

1. Ensure understanding of the CBP's quantitative and qualitative goals and the SCEE values from the CBPTF Phase 2 Report.
2. Review the scenarios from the CBPTF Phase 2 Report and identify the actions that make up the scenarios.
3. Identify any additional necessary actions not included in the CBPTF scenarios.
4. Confirm agreement on using existing analyses, supplemented as needed, to assess scenarios.



# SDM Proposal - Process

5. Assess and summarize the benefits of each action on stocks (e.g., Mid-Columbia Steelhead)
6. Evaluate the temporal aspects of benefits to determine when they will be realized.
7. Analyze each action's impact on SCEE values.
8. Combine actions to create a scenario that benefits Mid-Columbia Steelhead, and achieves SCEE outcomes, and bring to the I/RG for review.

# SDM Proposal - Pilot

Pilot: Mid-Columbia Steelhead

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# **Sub-group Workplan**

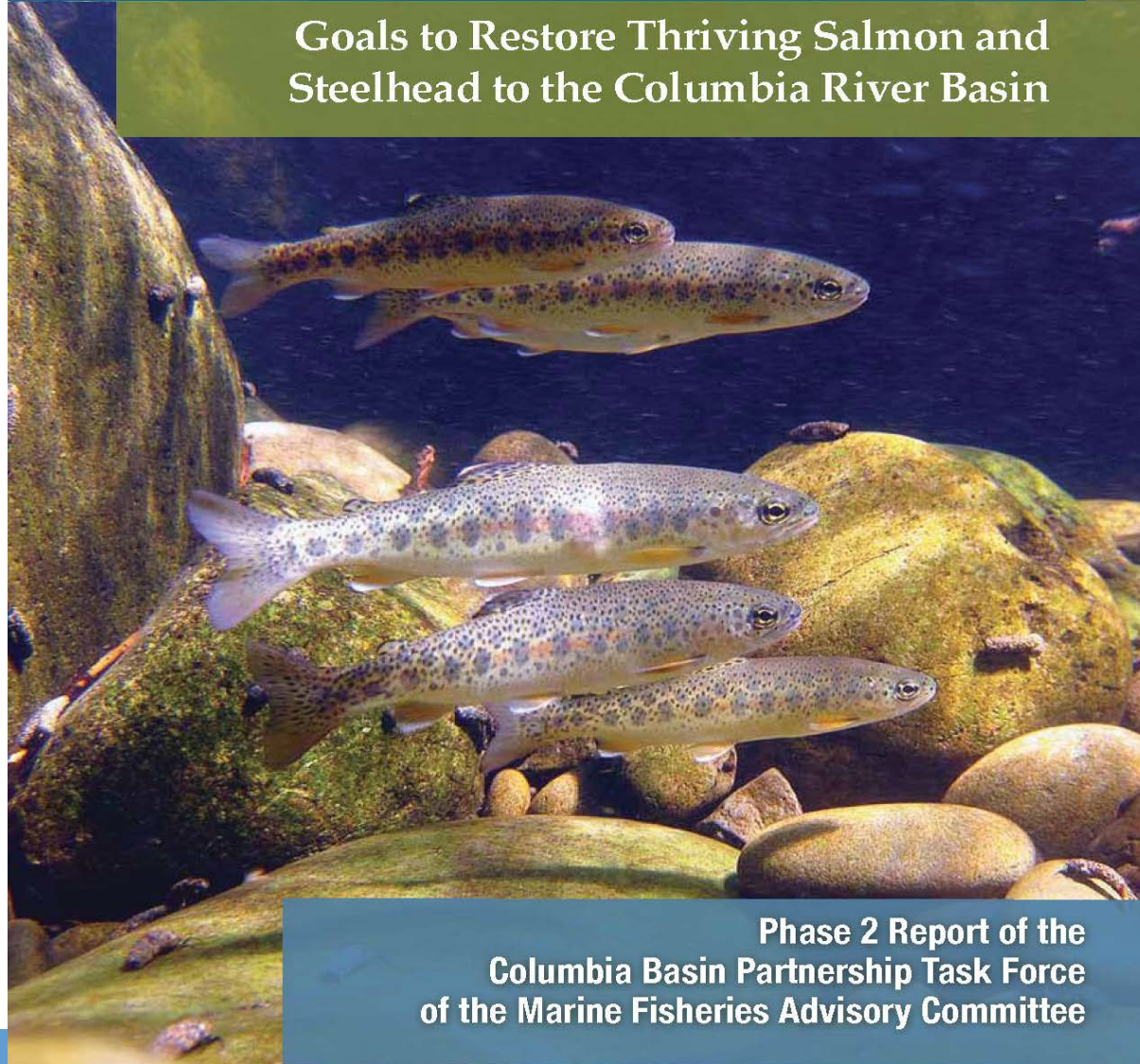
# SDM Sub-group Objectives

- Develop a scenario approach to de-list Mid Columbia steelhead using the structured decision proposal and the CBPTF report.
- Continue to explore the possibility of taking an SDM approach for the Columbia Basin
- Reflect on the process for developing recommendations and note for future recommendation approaches.

# **SCEE Values**

# A VISION for SALMON and STEELHEAD

Goals to Restore Thriving Salmon and  
Steelhead to the Columbia River Basin



Phase 2 Report of the  
Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force  
of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

# SCEE Values Origin

- Stems from CBP efforts to integrate the “people side” of the Columbia Basin into discussions about the future of salmon.
- The CBP adopted a Qualitative Goal to “Make decisions within a broader context that reflects and considers effects to the full range of social, cultural, economic, and ecosystem values and diversity in the Columbia Basin.”
  - CBP members presented on their communities and constituencies, and held discussions to understand the reasons behind people’s positions.
  - CBP members participated in small group exercises and a half-day workshop, and shared experiences from where they live and work in the Basin.

# Why SCEE Values?

***“The proposition of changing course is not as threatening when it is prefaced with an understanding that our current situation was created by a certain set of social, cultural, economic, and environmental values, and that those values may be combined in different ways to create better results for all. People stop thinking about a problem in terms of “winners” and “losers” and begin to explore different ways of sharing the benefits so all enjoy them.***

***Ultimately, these perspectives do not represent an “end” but rather the means to incorporate a more creative way to think about challenges ahead, with the hopes of moving toward a win-win solution. Meeting the needs of our diverse landscape — while leaving future generations with resilient fish and wildlife populations, and a healthy ecosystem — will take ingenuity, innovation, and teamwork. This diversity, however, is also our strength. By listening to each other and recognizing our different interests, people can pinpoint common problems, identify sustainable solutions, and join forces to address them effectively.”***

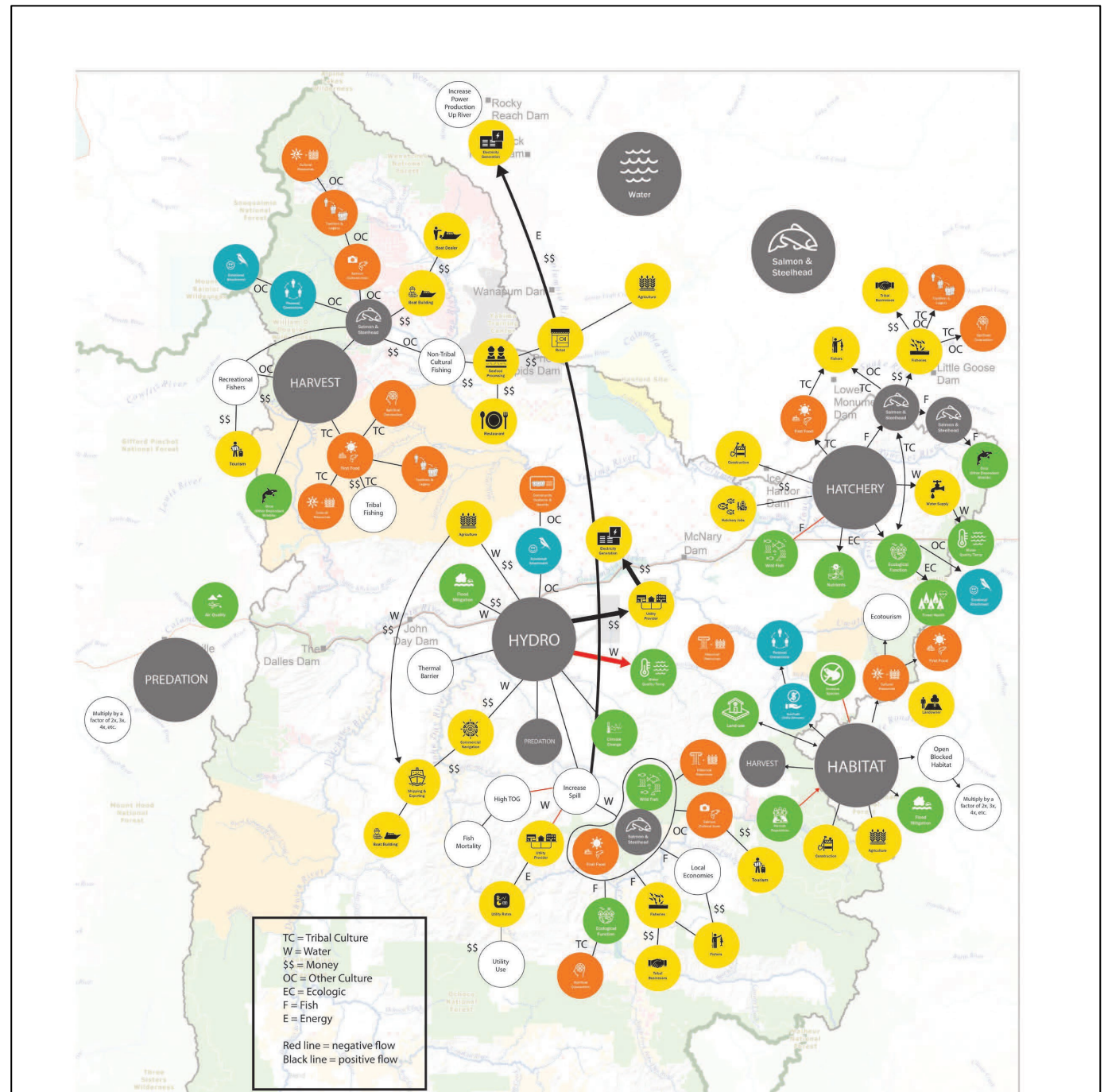


# SCEE Stories

Story	Partnership Member(s)
Sportfishing Industry Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz Hamilton, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association</li> </ul>
Southern Resident Killer Whales and Ecological Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben Enticknap, Oceana</li> </ul>
Ranching and River Restoration in Eastern Oregon, "It's not just all about the fish"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liza Jane McAlister, 6 Ranch</li> </ul>
Working with Ranchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Edmondson, Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation</li> <li>Merrill Beveler, Beveler Ranches, Leadore, Idaho</li> </ul>
Hydroelectric Power Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tom Dresser, Grant County PUD</li> <li>Mike Edmondson, Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation</li> <li>Joe Lukas, Western Montana Electric Generating and Transmission Cooperative</li> <li>Kurt Miller, Northwest RiverPartners</li> <li>Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations</li> </ul>
Port Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Doeringsfeld, Port of Lewiston</li> </ul>

Story	Partnership Member(s)
Idaho Irrigation Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association</li> </ul>
Ocean Commercial Fishing Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joel Kawahara, Coastal Trollers Association and Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations</li> </ul>
Lower Columbia Community Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve Fick, Fishhawk Fisheries</li> </ul>
Yakima Basin Irrigation Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District, and Lisa Pelly, Trout Unlimited</li> </ul>
Tribal Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First People of the Columbia Basin: A Tribal Perspective on Developing Shared Goals</li> </ul>
Columbia River Treaty Tribal Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zachary L. Penney, Ph.D., Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission</li> </ul>
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation</li> </ul>
Upper Snake River Tribes' Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Snake River Tribes</li> </ul>
Lower Columbia and Estuary Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debrah Marriott, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, a National Estuary Program</li> </ul>

# Middle Columbia River SCEE Values Appendix D



# Next Steps for SCEE

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How would you like to incorporate the SCEE values in the CBPTF into the SDM approach?



Is there value in hearing stories about SCEE perspectives from this sub-group or broader I/RG?



Are there aspects of SCEE that need further discussion/exploration?

# Next Steps

- Draft a meeting summary
- Circulate the workplan
- Prepare for the next meeting





# Thank you



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