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Coordinated Assessments for Salmon and Steelhead
Phase IV Workplan

The Coordinated Assessments (CA) Project is an effort to develop integrated anadromous fish related data-sharing 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 consists 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; Dan Rawding, WDFW; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Katie Barnas, NOAA; Stacy Schumacher, CTUIR; and Russell Scranton, BPA. The CA project also involves nearly a hundred biologists and data managers across the Columbia River Basin.

This workplan builds from the earlier 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) and initiate data sharing following the draft Data Exchange Template (DET).

Phase IV Overview

While Phase III focused on the development of the Data Exchange Template (DET) which includes finalizing the detailed definitions of the data to be shared, Phase IV efforts are focused on initiating structured data sharing among the agencies and tribes. Several funding decisions will be made during the next several months that will influence the pace at which salmon and steelhead data sharing in the agreed upon DET format will proceed. The prime objective of Phase IV is to maintain the momentum that the project has established among the co-managers and encourage funding entities to invest in the Collaborative Data Sharing Strategy.

Phase IV Goals

- Initiate data sharing using the DET format.
- Develop data exchange network funding proposals through EPA for 2013.
- Identify NPCC and BPA data management commitments through PERC and the BPA Data Management Framework.
- Identify NOAA commitments to support data management, data sharing, and data flow to SPS in 2013.
- Plan workshop for Feb/Mar 2013 to review progress in implementing data sharing and refine the data sharing strategy for the four salmon and steelhead indicators specified by the DET.

- Initiate expansion of the CA Project to include development of hatchery data DET elements and possibly other regional priority indicators.

Potential Activities/Products

Initiate Data Sharing Using the DET Format

- Individual agencies and tribes will incorporate the ability to output data elements in DET format into their existing data bases or into plans for future data base design and improvement.
- Agencies and tribes will make the necessary investments to begin creating infrastructure to support sharing data consistent with the DET format.
- Initiate technical support and oversight of CA data sharing with leadership through the StreamNet Technical Committee and expanded membership.
- Begin limited data sharing with the NOAA SPS data base consistent with DET format by end of 2012.

Develop Data Exchange Network Proposal for EPA

- Create a team to develop and submit a proposal to EPA for FY 2013 funding.
- Proposal will provide funding to states and tribes to implement data exchanges for the four indicators for salmon and steelhead covered by the DET.
- Specifics for proposal will be determined by proposal team and EPA solicitation guidance.
- November 9, 2012 – Deadline for submitting applications to EPA
- July 31, 2013 – Expected Award of FY 2013 Exchange Network Grants
- Draft solicitation release June 28, 2012 - http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/FY_2013_DRAFT_Exchange_Network_Grant_Solicitation_Notice_Stakeholder_Draft_06282012.pdf.

Identify NPCC and BPA FY13 and beyond data management funding commitments

- BPA is currently negotiating data steward positions with individual states and tribes.
- BPA is encouraging the use of regional coordination funding to assist the states and tribes in their data management coordination.
- Review and comment on BPA data management framework as it is made available, for consistency with CA Project. Currently being reviewed by states and tribes. Will be released for broader review soon.
- The NPCC Program Evaluation Review Committee will meet on August 22, 2012 in Spokane, WA and on September 13, 2012 in Portland, OR to discuss BPA funded data management projects.
- Funding decisions for PNAMP, StreamNet, CBFWF, and NHI will be determined at the NPCC meeting on October 16-17, 2012 in Whitefish, Mt.

Identify NOAA Fisheries data management funding commitments

- NOAA Fisheries has provided some interim funding to assist with implementation of the CRB Collaborative Data Sharing Strategy.
- Identify if and how the CA Project can assist with their development of the 2014 FCRPS Biological Opinion.

Plan next CA workshop for Feb/Mar 2013

- DET guided data sharing will begin by the end of 2012; early winter 2013 will be a good time to check in with participants and address road blocks or other issues that arise and possibly update the Collaborative Data Sharing Strategy.
- CA Planning Group will determine need and potential agenda in December.

Initiate expansion of CA Project to include hatchery data DET elements

- A result of the July 2012 CA Workshop was to promote expansion of the CA Project to include hatchery data elements.
- As data sharing of the initial four VSP parameters begins, a workgroup will be formed to develop DET guidance for hatchery data. Expansion to include other specific indicators could also be considered.
- The CAPG will kick off this effort at their December meeting.

Coordinated Assessment Phase IV DRAFT Timeline

Start Date	End Date	Activity
Aug 22	Aug 22	Program Evaluation Review Committee (PERC) in Spokane, WA – Focus on CBFWF SOTR and NHI
Aug 28	Aug 28	Coordinated Assessments Planning Group (CAPG) meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding decision updates • Develop Phase IV work plan
Sept 10		Initiate proposal development team for EPA grant application
Sept 13	Sept 13	Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee (PERC) meeting in Portland, OR – Focus on PNAMP, StreamNet, and CA Project
	Oct 16-17	NPCC meeting in Whitefish, MT to finalize PERC data management recommendations to BPA
	Oct 23	Coordinated Assessments Planning Group (CAPG) meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve EPA proposal • Funding decision updates
Oct. 31		Initiate technical support through StreamNet Technical Committee
	Nov 9	Data Exchange Network grant proposals due to EPA
	Dec 11	CAPG meeting to discuss Feb/Mar 2013 Workshop and create Hatchery DET work group
Jan 1		Plan workshop for winter 2013 to discuss status of CA Project and future steps
Jan 1	Mar 1	Initiate DET data type expansion to include hatchery data elements
	Feb/Mar	CA Workshop check-in and updates

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