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WRIA 14 Freshwater Strategy RFP: Questions and Answers

Question: Are any species more important than others?

- Answers:
 - o The RFP identifies a focus on “habitat factors limiting salmonid recovery”.
 - o This strategy will be used to help identify and prioritize projects requesting funding from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
 - o South Sound is a multi-species watershed as identified in multiple existing planning documents.
 - o The WRIA 14 Technical Advisory Group project ranking sheet includes the following statement: “The Squaxin Island Tribal Council has mandated that all species and their habitat be recovered to sustainable and harvestable levels. However, the Council recognizes that faced with limited resources prioritization must occur at the species, geographic or project level. Tribal priority species for salmonids which are mirrored in the strategy include chum, coho, cutthroat and steelhead for freshwater systems and chum, coho, cutthroat, steelhead and Chinook for marine waters.”

Question: How specific would we like the strategy to be? Project scale or reach scale?

- Answer: We are open to suggestions/approaches from interested consultants. We are tasked with working across many different watersheds and populations. Watershed and reach scale analysis and/or prioritization has been the focus of most committee conversations to date.

Question: Can you provide a ballpark expectation of cost?

- We would like to see proposals that represent the best approach without a budget target.

Question: Where is the committee currently in the update process?

- Over the past year the committee has periodically been discussing approaches and options for completing the strategy update. Now that funding has been identified to help with this effort; the committee decided to reach out to consultants for help with incorporating updated science in an updated strategy.

Question: Do we need a professional facilitation firm?

- Answer: This is up to the consultant to decide. There will likely be a need for facilitation when the Committee is tasked with making decisions on how to move forward based on data, findings, information, etc. presented by the consultant.

Question: Where do we expect to be in 4-6months? What do we consider the timeline for phase 1?

- Answer: If possible we would like to have some iteration of improvement in 10 months. Ideally this iteration would be available for use in the 2020 Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant round.

Question: Do we already have a list of projects?

- Answer: This is not a project prioritization exercise. This strategy will be used to identify high priority projects, and the assist with ranking projects on an annual basis.