

Mt. Vernon Critical Areas Monitoring and Adaptive Management Workshop – 2/5/2018  
Benefits of Critical Areas Monitoring

*Below are the potential benefits of critical areas permit implementation monitoring that were generated by participants at the 2/5/2018 workshop in Mt. Vernon, WA.*

- Collect data points for tracking.
- Track outcomes after the mandated time frames (i.e. 20-years)
- Create consistency over time (land ownership, staff, etc.)
- Adaptive management could lead to code clarification/simplification
- Track mitigation efforts
- Validate why efforts are working
- Demonstrate progress to elected officials
- Know what it is going on with critical areas
- Meet conditions of approval
- Track performance standards
- Check if rules doing what they are intending to do
- Promote adaptive management
- Demonstrate no net loss to elected officials