

The background of the slide features a scenic landscape. In the foreground, there's a body of water, possibly a lake or a large pond, with some reeds and grasses along the shore. In the middle ground, a white water tower stands out against the trees. The background is filled with a dense forest of bare trees, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The sky is overcast. The slide is framed by a green header bar at the top and a blue footer bar at the bottom.

# ASRP 2020 Work Plan and Phase 1 ASRP Comments Discussion

March 5, 2020

# Comment Period

- November 15 – January 14
  - Public review of Phase 1 document by the greater stakeholder and practitioner community and the public
- January 7 – 8
  - ASRP Symposium, including small-group discussions

# Next Steps

- Topics incorporated in Phases 2 and 3 Work Plans for ASRP development/implementation
- Prepare a memo addressing comments received on the Phase 1 document, as was done for the 2017 Initial Document
- Continued dialogue with Board and ASRP Steering Committee to identify opportunities for engagement on priority topics

# Today's Discussion

- Communicate how Steering Committee has integrated public comment topics into ASRP 2020 work plan
- Overview of topics outside scope of ASRP and discussion on how they could be accomplished

# Topics Incorporated into 2020 Work Planning

- **Implementation**
  - Sequencing planning
  - Capacity planning
- **Monitoring and adaptive management**
- **Inclusion of the estuary**
- **Refinements to recommended actions and areas for protection and restoration**

# 2020 Work Planning

## **Steering Committee goal:**

Focus on reducing uncertainty of ASRP recommendations and increasing feasibility for rapid, scaled-up ASRP implementation

# 2020 Work Planning

## **Implementation Planning**

- Sequencing plans
- Detailed implementation structure
- Processes for scaling up based on lessons learned from early implementation efforts
- Capacity building for outreach and implementation

# 2020 Work Planning

## **Monitoring & Adaptive Management**

- Full plan development
- Leverage existing efforts
- Process to adaptively manage long term implementation

- **Two sampling programs:**

- Project Effectiveness
- Status & Trends



# 2020 Work Planning

## **Inclusion of the estuary**

- Build upon existing efforts and identify additional priority locations and actions that fit within ASRP goals

# 2020 Work Planning

## **Refinement of recommended areas and actions**

- Focus on refining scenario 3 recommendations
  - Use existing knowledge to refine actions and increase potential benefits to native aquatic species

# Topics Outside 2020 Work Plan

- Protection elements
- Desired goals, outcomes and level of investment
- Agricultural viability/impacts on farming
- Consideration of flood damage reduction
- Hatcheries, harvest and predators

# Protection elements

## **Comments:**

- Emphasis on protection of ecosystem functionality
- Questions on existing and updated land use regulations and enforcement of existing regulations

## **ASRP:**

- Develop strategies to support enforcement of existing regulations as they relate directly to aquatic species protection and restoration priorities
- Conduct additional outreach to agency and tribal management to identify how the ASRP fits within the context of other management and conservation efforts that are beyond the authority of the ASRP

## **Outside ASRP:**

- Chehalis Basin Board could consider what recommendations to make regarding potential changes in local land use plans and programs to reduce impacts from future development to both aquatic species and flood damage
- Changes to Habitat Conservation Plans, Forest Practices Regulations, Stormwater Management, Water Quality Standards

# Desired goals, outcomes and level of investment

## **Comments:**

- Chehalis Basin ecosystem offers one of the best chances in the State and region to build sustainable salmon and amphibian populations
- Preference for implementing scenario 3
- Questions on whether level of investment and pace implementation is feasible

## **ASRP:**

- Refine recommendations to improve the results for salmon and other aquatic species
- Additional details on the implementation structures and options for capacity building will be incorporated into the implementation plan
- More details on priorities and sequencing to inform Board level discussions

## **Outside ASRP:**

- Chehalis Basin Board makes recommendations on magnitude and pace of ASRP implementation for funding in next biennium and beyond

# Agricultural viability/ impacts on farming

## **Comments:**

- Concern on impact of restoring 10-15,000 acres of riparian areas on future of agriculture in basin

## **ASRP:**

- In parts of the basin where there is farmland and restoration is recommended, there is significant flexibility for where and how to do the restoration so the impacts on current agricultural operations can be reduced.
- Much of the area targeted for restoration is not in places where farming is currently occurring or likely to occur in the future

## **Outside ASRP:**

- Chehalis Basin Board oversees components of the overall Chehalis Basin Strategy to ensure the support of future viability of agriculture

# Consideration of flood damage reduction

## **Comments:**

- Consider multiple benefits of restoration projects including localized flood reduction benefit
- Transparency sought on how ASRP and potential mitigation for flood damage reduction projects interact

## **ASRP:**

- ASRP implemented projects will not be used as mitigation for flood damage reduction projects

## **Outside ASRP:**

- Assessment of Strategy components to ensure integrated, feasible approach to long term planning efforts
- Local landowner and community-scale projects to adapt to and limit increasing flood impacts, such as flood-proofing homes and buildings and working with willing landowners to relocate vulnerable structures

# Hatcheries, Harvest and Predators

## **Comments:**

- Strengthen the connection between habitat restoration and harvest and hatchery management plans by identifying the issues of concern related to harvest and hatchery management and frame the key questions that need to be addressed through the fishery management process

## **ASRP:**

- Coordination and discussion to better understand the intersections of fishery management, season setting process for harvest, and impacts from predators on ASRP recommendations
- Adaptively manage habitat projects to have most benefit to native aquatic and semi aquatic species

## **Outside ASRP:**

- Decisions on hatchery mitigation protocols, salmon season setting, hatchery and harvest rates



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# Questions



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