

## CHEHALIS BASIN STRATEGY

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### **Topics**

- 1) Reminder: Substantive Issues and Legis. Report
- 2) Key Process Questions
- 3) Target Date for These Process Decisions

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### **REMINDER: Upcoming Key Substantive Issues**

- LAND, FRE, and ASRP: What are the next steps?
- Skookumchuck Dam: What are the next steps?
- North Shore Levee, CFAR, Local Projects, Erosion Management,
   Floodplain Acquisition: What are the next steps, and what elements should be included in every package for further analysis?
- Climate Change/Modeling: Does the Board want to update the projections for the basin with the new climate information? Need out-year and planning horizon date(s) and agreement on assumptions, etc.
- Benefit/Cost Analyses: What does the benefit-cost work look like? Socioeconomic/EJ? Evaluation of just the LAND and FRE? Relative costs and flood benefits, or also modeled impacts to aquatic habitat/species?



### **REMINDER: Draft Legis. Report: Phases Two & Three**

#### Phased Implementation of the Chehalis Basin Strategy

2012 2023 TBD TBD

#### PHASE 1

#### Early Action Implementation and Initial Strategy Development

All progress from formation of the Governor's Work Group in 2012 through the 2021-2023 biennium

- Early project implementation of near-term priorities
- · Pilot project learning
- Launch of collaborative decisionmaking structures
- Foundational science, exploratory analyses, and evaluation of options
- Preliminary outcomes measures
- Program development in anticipation of scaled implementation

#### PHASE 2

#### Mid-Term Action Implementation and Release of the Final Integrated Long-Term Strategy

Beginning with the 2023-2025 biennium until all final elements of the Strategy have been decided on and long-term funding sources are identified, est. TBD

- Continued and scaled project implementation
- Advancement of scientific and technical information, exploratory analyses, and evaluation of options
- · Board decisions (provisional as needed) on:
  - Flood damage reduction approach
  - Appropriate long-term investment levels
  - Implementation prioritization and sequencing
  - Finalized outcomes measures
  - Identification of possible new governance structures
- · Funding portfolio identified
- Continued program development

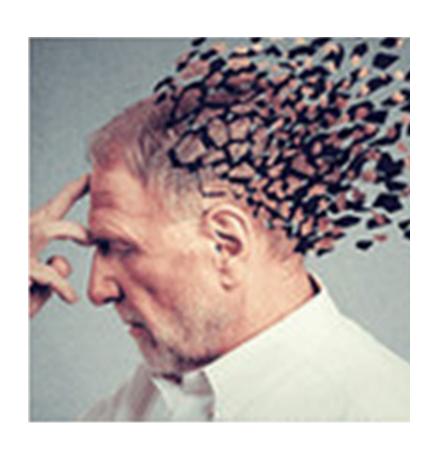
#### PHASE 3

#### Integrated Strategy Full Implementation with Ongoing Monitoring and Adaptive Management

#### TBD until TBD

- Long-term funding portfolio secured
- Formation of new governance structures, as needed
- Scaled and accelerated implementation
- Monitoring and adaptive management
- Periodic reporting on the Strategy's performance
- Ongoing coordination with basin partners

### What are the Upcoming Key Process Questions?



- 1) Integrated L-T Strategy Delivery Date?
- 2) What specifically will be compared?
- 3) What level of detail and information certainty is needed?
- 4) What comparative analysis tool will be used and how?
- 5) What is the target date for these process decisions?



### 1) Integrated L-T Strategy Delivery Date?

#### **EIS Track?**

- 1) Before SEPA EIS: Now
- 2) SEPA EIS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 25
- 3) NEPA EIS: 1st Q 26
- 4) Post Consultation: 3<sup>rd</sup> Q26
- 5) NEPA ROD: 1st Q27
- 6) As Long as it Takes

#### **Budget Track?**

- 1) OCT 24 Budget
- 2) JUN 25 End of BIEN.
- 3) OCT 25 Supp
- 4) OCT 26 Budget
- 5) Subsequent Biennium
- 6) As Long as it Takes



**Other Tracks?** 

# 5-31-23 Call with Legislators Abbarno, Braun & Tharinger

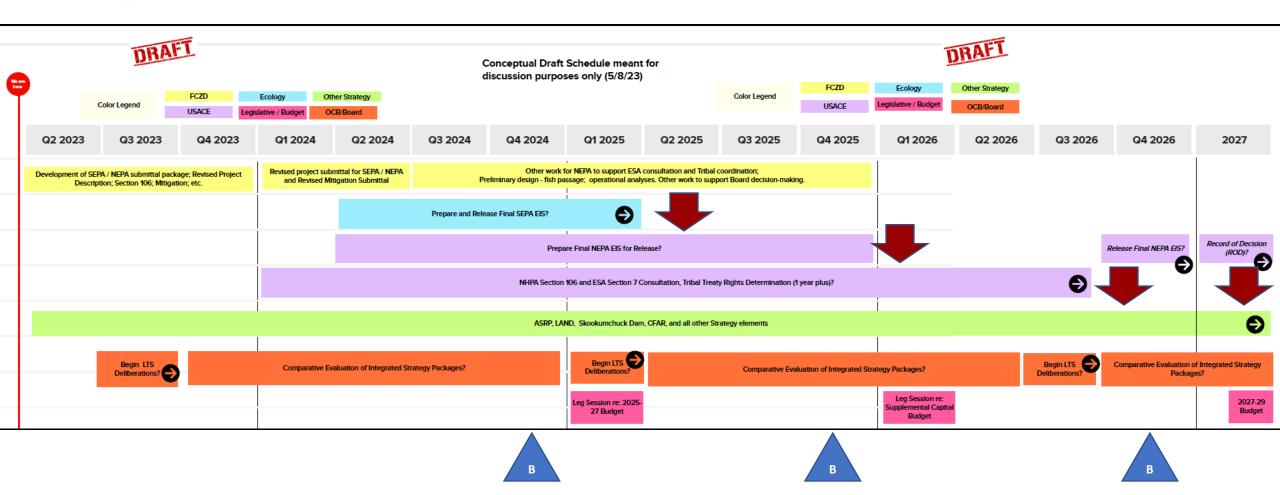
#### Facilitator Impressions – Not Quotes

- Context: Legislative Report and 120-Day Hearing(s)
- Acknowledge may need more information, but limit on planning dollars
- Support comparative analyses of packages
- Need more info on "smaller" projects and what they will accomplish
- Economic feasibility of the major component is very important
- Will attend CBB meeting to discuss above
- Potential Hearing(s): Maybe late Fall, but likely in January



# Conceptual Timeline 5-14-23









#### **Delivery Date Possibilities in Chrono Order**

- 1) OCT 24 Budget
- 2) End of Biennium: 2<sup>nd</sup> 25
- 3) SEPA EIS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Q25
- 4) OCT 25 Supp
- 5) NEPA EIS: 1st Q26
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- 7) OCT 26 Budget
- 8) After NEPA ROD 1st Q27
- 9) Subsequent Biennium
- 10) As Long as it Takes



What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?



## 2) What Specifically will be Compared?



"I know it's not an elephant, but we still need to talk about it."

- A) Stay the Course: Silo Approach with data and policy information provided separately
- B) Comparative Analyses: Are we simply doing FRE vs LAND, or are we doing packages that include a combination of flood, fish, and dual-purpose actions?

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each?



### 3) What Level of Detail and Info Certainty is Needed?

- A) Less than EIS
- B) Same as EIS
- C) More than EIS
- D) Other



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### 4) What Comparative Analysis Tool will be Used and How?

- 1) At most, we would **be teeing up** alternatives for comparison, **not picking one.**
- Facilitator creates draft exercises for Board to create potential packages for the decision table.
- 3) Facilitator, in **consultation with staff and consultants, refine decision tool exercises** with broad descriptions, ranges (e.g. Low-Medium-High) of actions, and a list of potential common elements.
- **4) Board does preliminary scoping exercises** at a regular meeting with aggregate results to staff and consultants to further refine with additional needed data.
- 5) Information presented to Board at retreat/charette in order to create 2 3 packages for comparative evaluation.
- 6) Conduct **comparative analysis with benefit-cost work** in partnership with a **CBB subcommittee.** This will require decisions on out-years and planning horizons.
- 7) Preliminary Results to Board for analysis and next steps



## 5) What is the Target Date for these **Process** Decisions?

- A) June
- B) July
- C) Other

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# THANK YOU!

