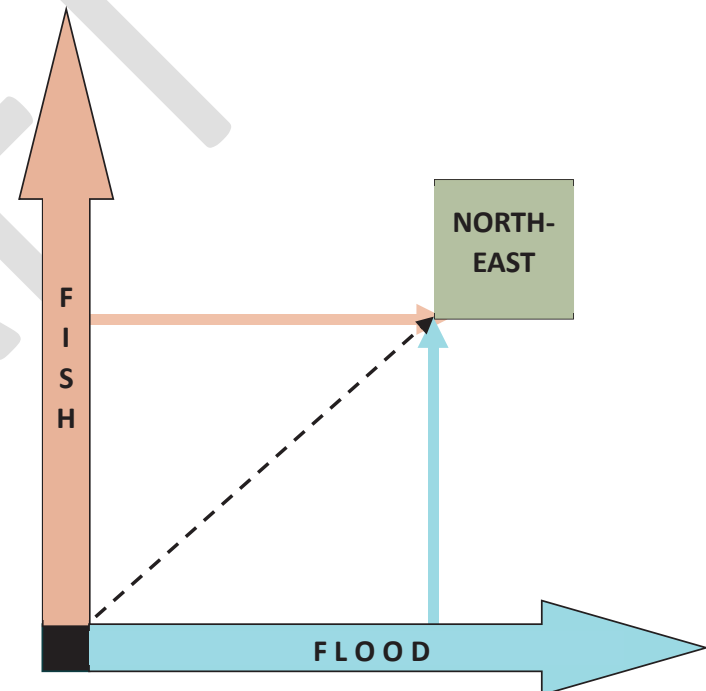


PREFACE

- 1) This document is lengthy and complicated at first blush. As a result, it has been divided into four parts: I. Overview, II. High-Level Hypothetical, Appendix A (contains more detailed reference material,) and Appendix B (contains a Detailed Hypothetical Example.) We will cover the first two parts during the August meeting. The two Appendices are provided for those who want to see more specifics. While this proposed draft process will evolve, the potential for success is increased if the Board agrees to a general conceptual process in advance. That is the goal of today's meeting. The Board will refine the details between now and the end of the year.
- 2) "Fish and Flood" has been the process "mantra," which was reaffirmed by the Umbrella Question. This requires establishing a strategy that maximizes both the "Fish and Flood" goals. Facilitators call this, "Finding Northeast." This is the agreement from which any further change will only advance the interests of one goal at the expense of the other. Unless directed otherwise, Sam Imperati will be facilitating toward the "Northeast."

Graphically, it looks like this.

- 3) The Board has agreed to a comparative analysis approach to develop a long-term integrated strategy (Strategy) to give each option a "fair shot." The target delivery range is between the fourth quarter of 2024 and the fourth quarter of 2026. Starting with the 2017 Programmatic EIS (<https://chehalisbasinstrategy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Chehalis-Basin-Strategy-EIS-Executive-Summary.pdf>), this approach will look at updated and more refined packages, a combination of options with "Common Elements" in order to determine their integrated performance and isolate the key infrastructure decisions. For example, each package will have an early warning element and a raised structures element. As a result, they should be included in each package; otherwise, you have an "apples to oranges" comparison as to performance and cost.
- 4) The Board has also tentatively recognized any such analysis will necessarily include less detail than an EIS. While the Board will consider the current EIS processes, it should not be restricted by them. Ultimately, whether a project proceeds will depend on permits, etc., so the Board has acknowledged any decision will be conditional; thus, a contingent decision tree approach.



- 5) The draft comparative package analysis will be tailored to the Board's direction in subsequent meetings. The major process-development steps could include:
- a) Board approves the high-level comparative analysis structure (August Board meeting)
 - b) Board brainstorms tentative packages, evaluation factors, metrics, and common elements. Discusses allocation of Board's work, update process timeline, and Public Outreach/Involvement (September Meeting/Retreat)
 - c) Given the Board's direction, staff and consultants provide more detail and tee-up the discussions on Climate Change, Mitigation, Spring Chinook ESA, and Benefit-Cost Assumptions (For October and November Board meetings)
 - d) Board refines tentative packages, evaluation factors, metrics, and Common Elements (November Meeting/Retreat)
 - e) Staff and consultants further refine the details given the Board's direction (For December Board meeting)
 - f) Board authorizes the formal gathering of data, to start in January 2023, including "truing up" data assumptions like cost because not all the elements are at the same development levels (December meeting)
 - g) Board considers data as it arrives and modifies process accordingly. (TBD 2024 – 2026)
 - h) Board finalizes the Integrated Long-term Strategy (Between fourth quarter of 2024 and fourth quarter of 2026.)

ACTION ITEM 1: Do you want to change or confirm its June decision to proceed with a level of information less than an EIS for purposes of the comparative analysis?

ACTION ITEM 2: Do you generally support moving forward with this 10-Step conceptual framework?

ACTION ITEM 3: Recognizing the iterative nature of this process, do you direct the OCB to begin implementing the following process-development steps, which the Board can refine as the process unfolds?

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