



Status and Trends Workgroup Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

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AGENDA

12:30 Opening and Roll Call - Katheryn Barnhart, Coordinator

12:35 Presentation on Forage Fish Development of Indicators – Mandy Bromilow

The Forage Outcome does not contain a quantified target, so the Fisheries GIT has been working to develop a suite of indicators that address management questions such as is there enough food for predators and what factors affect prey abundance. They will present on how they prioritized the current list of indicators and show specific examples of indicators for prey status and trends and habitat suitability. The aim is for the indicators to be used to guide bay program decisions and inform ecosystem-based fishery management at a regional and federal level.

Desired takeaways/Goal: To provide an example of how one GIT has tackled developing an indicator for an outcome without a quantified target that may help others who face similar obstacles. A discussion on communications would hopefully lead to a tentative schedule for indicator release/update frequency and how to communicate the outcome's story if not able to release all indicators at once.

1:05 Review of Updates and Corrections to the Water Quality Loads and Flow Indicator – Qian Zhang

Qian will present a summary of this indicator and the proposed changes/corrections followed by an opportunity for the workgroup to provide feedback or ask questions.

Desired takeaways/Goal: To obtain feedback and, hopefully, approval on proposed changes to the Water Quality Loads and Flow indicator, agreeing on the messaging of these changes in the next update.

1:30 Local Leadership Indicator Development – Laura Noll

The Local Leadership Workgroup has developed a baseline level of local elected watershed knowledge survey (pending OMB ICR approval) as a first step in indicator development for the local leadership indicator. Laura will provide a background on her outcome and then an

overview of the survey the workgroup has developed for distribution. We will then open the floor for feedback on how we might develop an indicator for this outcome based upon the information that is collected in the baseline survey.

Desired takeaways/Goal: Based upon feedback and suggestions from the workgroup, have a general plan for how to turn this baseline survey into one or multiple performance indicators for the outcome, including logistics for what this may require.

1:55 Next steps and Actions – Breck Sullivan, Staffer

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