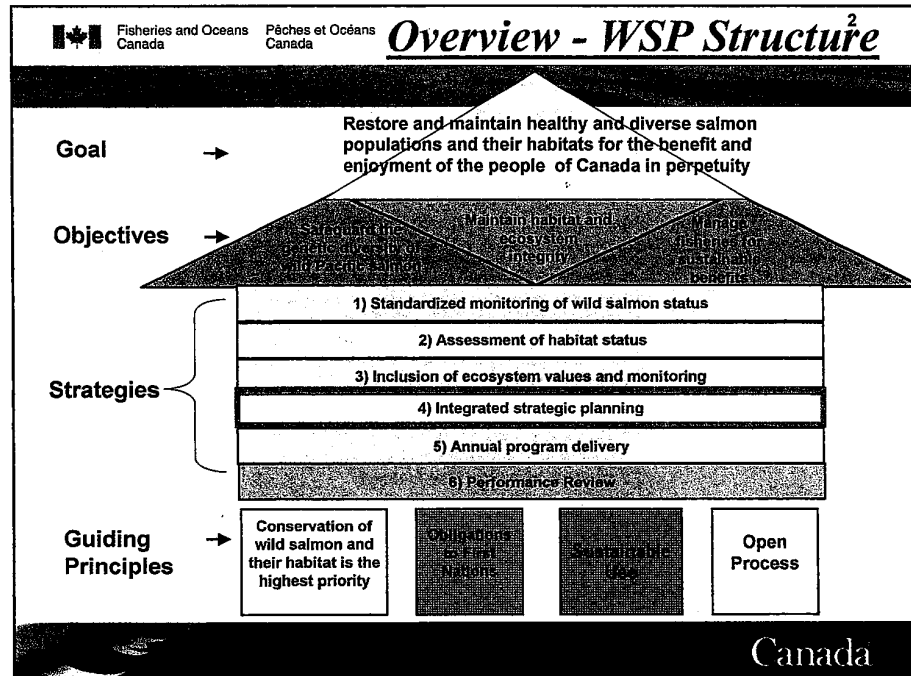




# Operations Committee


## WSP Update

January 31, 2008



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Strategy 1- Standardized Monitoring of Wild Salmon		
Action Item	Status	
Identification of CUs	CU identification methodology developed Consultation in 12 cities with First Nation and multi-interests Release of revised CU list by March 2008- see accompanying Decision Note	
Develop criteria to assess CUs	Assessment framework for Fraser sockeye CUs developed CU methodology paper to be released by March 2008 CU benchmark paper scheduled for presentation to PSARC in fall 2008	
Monitor CUs	Ongoing	





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Strategy 2 – Assessment of Habitat Status

Action Item	Status
Document habitat characteristics within CUs	Delivered summary of 10 salmon life history strategies Developed habitat characteristic templates and tested on several priority CUs.
Select Indicators and develop benchmarks for habitat status	Developed two-tiered monitoring approach Habitat Working Group finalized the recommended indicators and their associated metrics, benchmarks and sampling methodologies for streams, lakes and estuarine areas -significant consultations including workshop with NGOs Science review document being prepared to finalize indicators Developed a number of joint WSP/EPMP project proposals to provide opportunities for integrating program into OHEB Significant progress on development of web-mapping application and can be launched once new CU boundaries currently out for review are incorporated Have mapped the pressure indicators from Watershed Statistics in Lower Thompson Coho CU and now testing for guidance as to second tier of monitoring i.e. status Beginning to develop monitoring framework Working with Fraser Basin Council and partners to develop a harmonized approach to habitat monitoring Linking Strategy 2 and 3
Est. linkages to develop an int. data system	Developed linkages with Province of BC and other potential partners

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Strategy 3 – Incl. of Ecosystem values & Monitoring		
Action Item	Status	
<b>ID indicators to monitor status of freshwater ecosystems</b>	Workshops held with American and Canadian scientific colleagues (March 2007 UBC) Draft discussion paper on Ecosystem Objectives and Quantitative Indicators for Wild Salmon Policy Implementation scheduled for internal and external consultations in February/March 2008.	
<b>Integrate climate and ocean info into salmon mgmt</b>	Improved integration between PSARC salmon forecasting and State of Ocean Reporting on salmon Publications in NPAFC Bulletin 4 examining Status of Pacific Salmon and Their Role in North Pacific Ecosystems Salmon chapter in PNCIMA report	
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Strategy 4 – Integrated Strategic Planning		
Action Step	Status	
<b>Implement and interim process for management of priority CUs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•WSP/FRSSI collaboration of 4 year plan for Fraser sockeye-</li> <li>•5 Step Planning procedure and structured decision making tested</li> <li>•Completed DRAFT template of CU strategic plans</li> <li>•Beginning testing of template on Barkley/Somass – all species</li> </ul>	
<b>Design and implement a fully integrated strategic planning process for salmon conservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Linkage to FSWP Governance work established</li> <li>•Internal working group developing draft governance framework</li> </ul>	
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## Summary of Next Steps

- Roll-out CU's and summary of CU Methods paper
- WSP Dialogue Forum – to inform about progress and continue collaborative approach to implementation
- Complete methods paper for Benchmarks for CUs
- Complete development and begin testing of Habitat monitoring framework
- Complete ecosystem indicators discussion paper
- Pilot strategic planning framework in Barkley Sound

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## 2008/09 Approach

- Continue operationalizing the WSP based on revised implementation plan to be completed by March 2008
- Similar budget and staff assigned to WSP as in 07/08
- Policy Branch to strengthen WSP Coordination / Implementation through dedicated effort :
  - WSP Coordinator - Amy Mar
  - WSP Advisor – Mark Saunders

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## 2008/09 Challenges and Opportunities

- Improved communications
- Uncertainty surrounding resources and time required to apply benchmarks across all CUs
- Habitat and ecosystem monitoring will likely require significant partnering across all orders of government and NGO's.
- Effective planning will require an appropriate governance structure
- WSP planning requires effective integration across other change initiatives such as PICFI, EPMP, FSWP
- Numerous NGO's are putting resources to assist implementation – Moore/Skeena, WWF- watershed planning, Suzuki Foundation – Strategy 4, Watershed Watch - Benchmarks

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