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Strategy 3 Inclusion of Ecosystem Values and Monitoring

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Pacific salmon play important roles in marine (oceanic, coastal, and estuarine), freshwater (lake, stream, and wetland), and terrestrial ecosystems (adjacent to streams and rivers, the riparian zone). Under the Wild Salmon Policy, integrated plans for salmon conservation units will consider ecosystem values in salmon management. The Department will endeavour to improve scientific understanding and technical capacity to include ecosystem values over time.

Ecosystem Values and Objectives Update [[PDF](#)] WSP Forum March 2008

Implementation Update for Strategy 3 - April 2009

Objective: To consider ecosystem values in salmon management

Action Steps	Progress Made to Date	Next Steps
3.1 Identify indicators to monitor status of freshwater ecosystems	Draft of ecosystem objectives and indicators	Develop discussion paper on ecosystem objectives, indicators and management options; PSARC review of discussion paper in late May 2009 Identification of benchmarks and metrics for ecosystem indicators in collaboration with First Nations, partners and stakeholders Work with partners to identify data sources for ecosystem indicators
3.2 Integrate climate & ocean information into annual salmon management processes	Input on salmon ecosystem information for the annual State of Ocean reports	Continue to provide ecosystem information in the annual State of Ocean reports

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