

APPENDIX B

Plan Update Process

In developing the 2005 Plan, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council set an initial 10-year time horizon for implementation, with the expectation that the plan would be updated after 10 years. To initiate the plan update process, WRIA 8 hosted a watershed summit in early 2016, convening salmon recovery partners to report on 10 years of progress implementing the 2005 Plan, share the status of Chinook salmon recovery, re-energize partners for the next phase of recovery work, and discuss emerging challenges and opportunities. Following the summit, the TC developed a new Chinook salmon life stage conceptual model to better identify when and where in the watershed certain human pressures have the greatest impact on Chinook salmon survival and to highlight the resulting priority life stages on which to focus recovery strategies and actions. The TC then rated the human pressures on Chinook salmon survival to identify the pressures that pose the greatest threat to recovery (referred to as the “pressures assessment”). In a series of workshops, the TC and WRIA 8 Implementation Committee (IC) used the conceptual model and pressures assessment to develop a set of 20 new and revised recovery strategies that guide implementation of recovery actions.

Concurrent with developing the strategies, the TC reviewed the Chinook salmon population recovery goals from the 2005 Plan. The TC recommended, and the Salmon Recovery Council approved, retaining the existing Chinook salmon population recovery goals. The TC and the IC then developed a suite of habitat restoration goals for the most important WRIA 8 habitat. The 2017 Plan also describes the adaptive management approach that guides how we track and report progress towards implementing recovery strategies and goals. During the plan update process, roughly February 2016 to September 2017, the TC and IC were heavily engaged in developing and reviewing elements of the 2017 plan. The Salmon Recovery Council received regular updates at bimonthly meetings, and made decisions on elements of the 2017 Plan at key milestones, such as approving Chinook salmon population recovery goals, recovery strategies, and habitat goals (Figure B-1).

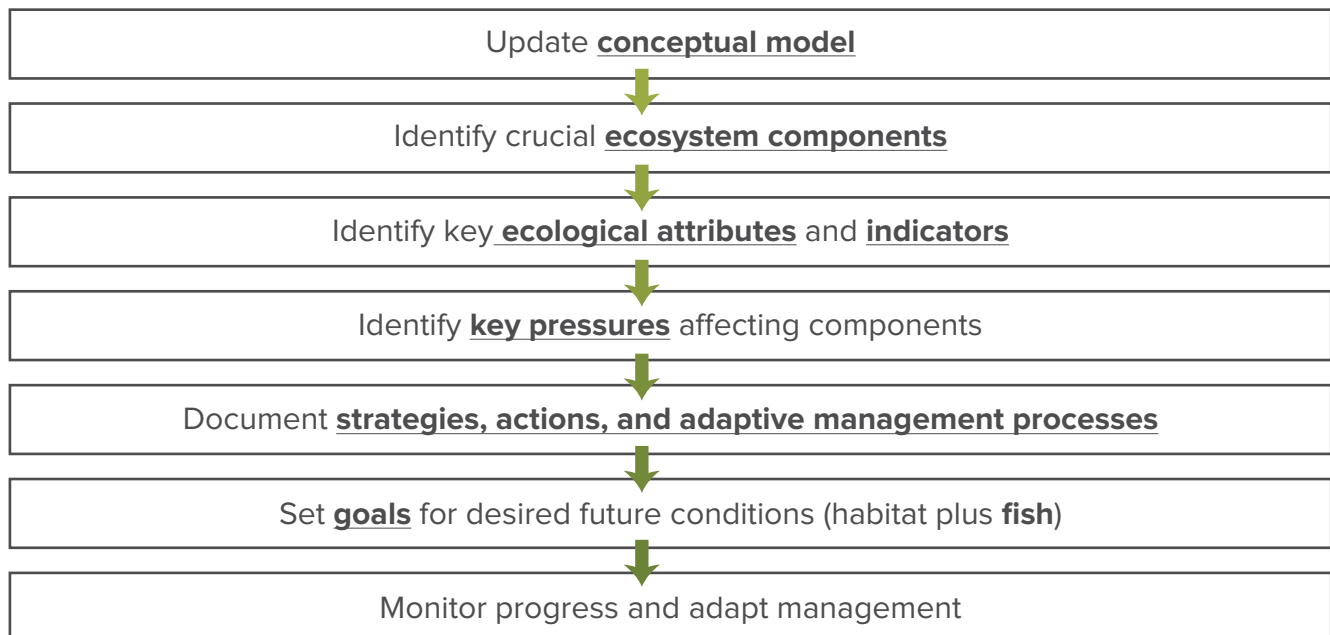


Figure B-1. Plan Update Process