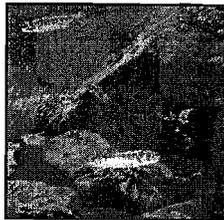
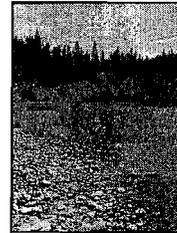
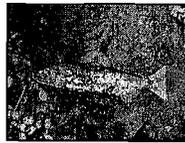


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Update for the TAMWG
March 19, 2009



Direction from DOI on July 29, 2008 ¹

“The decision is that the IAP committee/writers should do the best they can to try to finish the IAP by the end of December. If the IAP is not complete by then, it would be turned over to ESSA to wrap it up. The vote of the TMC last week appeared to support this approach.”

1. TMC Conference Call on FY 2009 Budget - July 29, 2008

IAP Status

- The final draft of the IAP, V0.99 – Part 1 was completed by the IAP writing group and provided to the TRRP executive director on December 22, 2008 and it was distributed by the Exec. Dir. to TRRP program partners on December 29, 2008.

How the plan changed

- After considerable discussion, the plan for completing the document was revised, as follows:
 - Do not complete Part II as originally planned.
 - Use the RFP process to provide the needed details intended for Part II, saving time, money, resources, and sanity. The RFPs will build on IAP Part I, but allow flexibility.
 - Add a Chapter 4 to IAP Part I on Integrated Sampling Design that provides a foundation for the RFP process, to ensure that all of the components in individual RFPs will be able to be merged (see Appendix A, Chapter 4 outline). Chapter 4 will advance both the integration and prioritization.

IAP Status - continued

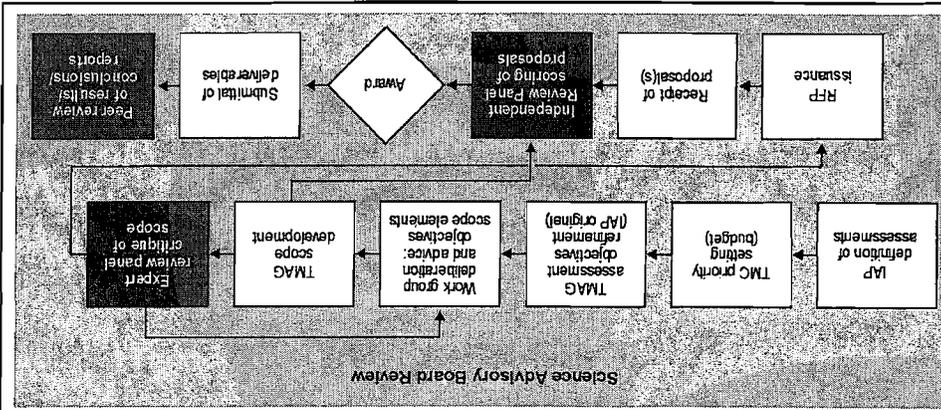
- we have addressed several difficult issues (e.g. physical, riparian)
- we have made substantial progress on prioritization and have developed a decision tree for dealing with further prioritization
- We have a recommendation a path forward for implementing the IAP (road map).

IAP – SAB review

- SAB reviewed the IAP in Sept/Oct and participated in a TRRP/SAB workshop in Oct to present their review and followed up with a written review in Nov.
- In general, the SAB review was very positive and they had some suggestions for improvements:
 - sharpening objectives,
 - continuing prioritization process,
 - clarifying how AEAM will be done and for which ecosystem components;
 - scoping what is the most cost-effective method for each assessment given the uses of the information.

Section Highlights - Ch 1&2

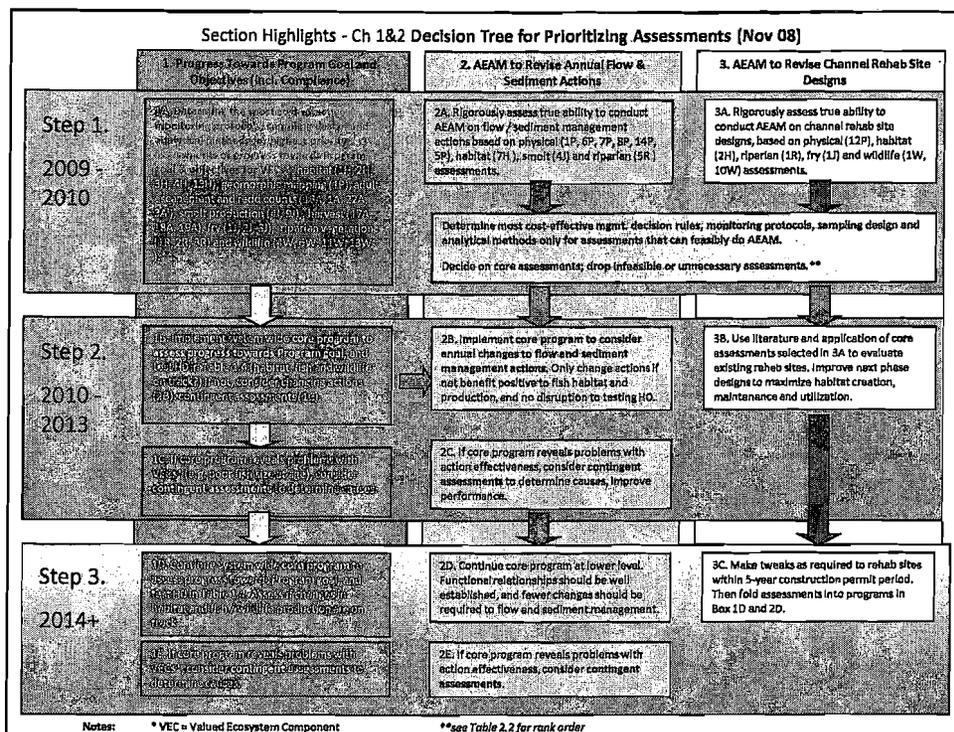
1.7 Proposal development & peer review process



Section Highlights - Ch 1&2

Cross-domain prioritization: caveats

1. Priorities will evolve as we learn—rankings not locked in stone
2. A strategic guide to program planning, NOT budget road map
3. Many *data analyses* not listed, but \$ will need to be allocated for analyses, both staff time and subcontractors.
4. Level of detail of each assessment isn't specified.
 - more work required to determine required precision, given intended decisions to be made with the information



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Questions?

