

Washington Forum on Monitoring
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AGENDA Item # 5

Update on FY 2011 Agency Monitoring Budgets

Discussion:

Problem/Issue Statement

The Forum is required to make recommendations to OFM and the Legislature by September 15 of each year on agency budget requests related to monitoring salmon recovery and watershed health. Historically, the Forum has focused its review on proposed monitoring budget *adds*. But given the current budget situation, it is possible that agencies might propose monitoring budget reductions.

Should the Forum review and make recommendations on proposed budget reductions if those reductions impact Forum goals and objectives (e.g. support of high-level indicators, or contributions to the State of Salmon in Watersheds report)?

Methods/Solutions Proposed

Forum representatives should be prepared to discuss their agencies' current budget strategy for FY 2011 as it may affect monitoring programs. Any proposed monitoring budget adds – or reductions - should be reviewed by the Forum workgroup, using the 2009 budget review criteria as a starting point (those criteria should also be reviewed and updated if needed).

What decision is asked of the Forum?

Agreement on the Forum's level of review of agency budget proposals (increases and reductions?) related to monitoring salmon recovery and watershed health. Also, depending on the need, agreement on a process and timeline to review agency budget proposals.