

The Dalles Source Water Protection Workshop

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Priorities & Common Goals
 - a. What are your organization's highest priorities or concerns as related to water quality and supply in your sub basin (e.g., priorities/concerns of the water providers, the restoration practitioners, and the land manager)?
 - b. What monitoring or information needs are you experiencing as you seek to assess risks to water quality and supply in your sub basin?
 - c. What goals or objectives does your organization have in common with others in your sub basin (e.g., common goals between water providers, restoration practitioners, land managers, etc.)?
2. Relationships and Collaboration
 - a. What activities, in what locations, can help to improve or protect water quality or supply in your sub basin (e.g., road work for addressing turbidity)?
 - b. Are any activities underway or already planned in your sub basin? Are specific activities (e.g. salmon recovery, TMDL, etc.) guided by Watershed Action Plans?
 - c. If so, by whom? Is that project scalable? How might that project be expanded or replicated given additional partners or resources?
 - d. If not, what could be the first step?
3. What's Next?
 - a. Are there ample opportunities to partner right away? If not, is that for lack of knowledge or need?
 - b. Do/will we need to be more strategic in addressing source water needs for our sub basin? (e.g., does a drinking water "overlay" need to be incorporated into existing action plans to establish priority actions or is now the time to focus on building the relationship through collaboration, other?)
4. Implementation Resources
 - a. What is needed to make progress? Any barriers to overcome or opportunities to capitalize on?
 - b. What specific types of assistance would be most helpful (e.g., grant writing, fiscal sponsorship, project management, community outreach/education, technical/scientific consultation, funds for lab analysis or monitoring equipment, FTE or summer intern, permitting, habitat restoration design/build, etc.)? Can existing work activities, project management and funding be leveraged to meet shared water quality and supply goals?
 - c. What one action will you take to collaborate with others on water quality and supply issues in your sub basin?
 - d. What are potential sources of funding or technical assistance?