

# Adaptive Management Program Committee

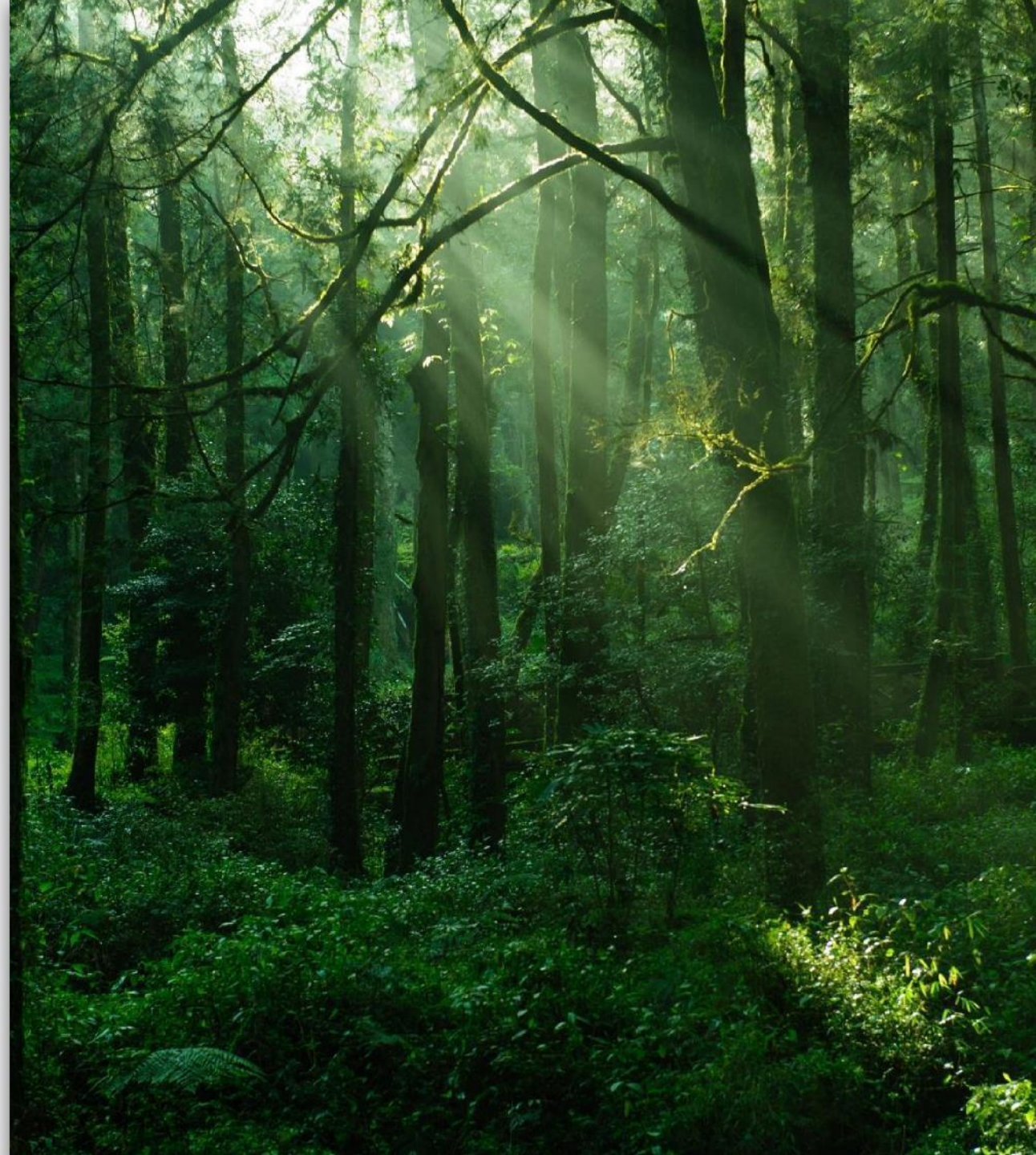
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# Agenda

- I. Lunch & meet and greet**
- II. Kickoff to AMPC**
- III. Public comment**
- IV. Background**
- V. HCP**
- VI. Break**
- VII. Adaptive Management Program**
- VIII. Adaptive Management Program Committee – first tasks**
- IX. Wrap up**



# Housekeeping

- **Meetings are public & recorded, available online**
- **Side-conversations are hard to hear on recording and virtually**
- **Online: please mute when not speaking**
- **Restrooms, exits**
- **Building doors lock**
- **A lot of info today, but:**
  - **Conversation = foundation**
  - **“Goldilocks” of detail**
  - **More information in subsequent meetings**



# I. Lunch and Introductions



Interview your neighbor:

1. Name and affiliation
2. 1 thing you are good at (nonwork)
3. 1 thing you are bad at (nonwork)
4. What do you want from today's meeting





## II. Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC): Kickoff



# III. Public Comment



# IV. Background

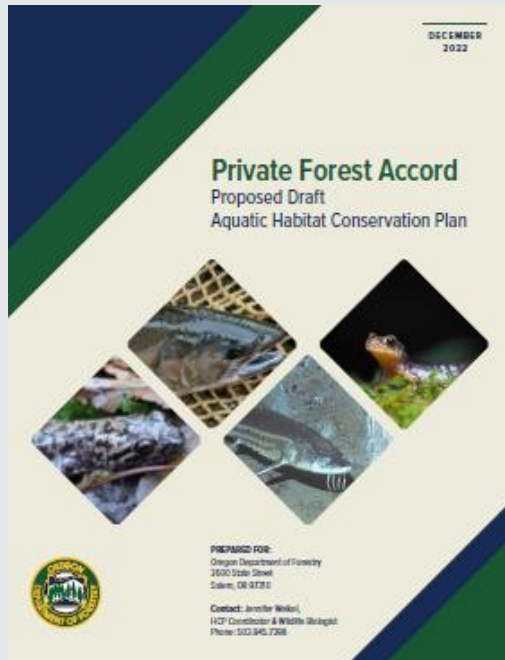


# V. Habitat Conservation Program (HCP)





# Purpose of Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan (PFA HCP)



- To obtain Incidental Take Permits under Endangered Species (ESA) Act
- We have until December 31, 2027 to obtain Incidental Take Permits (ITP)



# Incidental Take Permits (ITPs)



Photo: Oregon Conservation Strategy

- The ITPs will provide ESA take coverage
  - For the covered aquatic species
  - When implementing the covered activities
  - Within the permit area
- 50 Years for Fish
- 25 Years for Amphibians



# Basics of PFA HCP

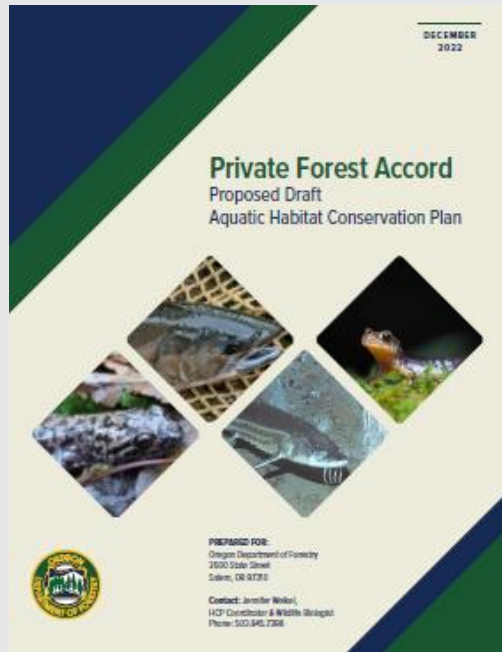
## Programmatic HCP

- The Services issue ITPs to ODF
- ODF holds the incidental take permits
- ODF administers the HCP through the Forest Practices Act (FPA) and rules
- Landowners receive ESA regulatory assurances through compliance with FPA



# HCP Development

- Incorporate new statutes and rules into HCP document.
- Describe and quantify benefits and impacts to the covered species
- Must meet regulatory requirements of the Services (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS] and US Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS])



# HCP Development

- Development of this HCP does not follow “traditional” approach
- HCP still early in development
- Adaptive Management, Compliance Monitoring, and Mitigation Fund Committees already in place
- HCP text will describe these programs in general
  - Details will live outside of the HCP document



# Adaptive Management

- Biological Goals and Objectives (BGOs)
  - Definitions from HCP Handbook
  - Goals = broad, guiding principles for conservation plan; desired outcomes
  - Objectives = Measurable targets to know whether biological goals are being met; link to monitoring program
- BGOs provide foundation for work of adaptive management program
- Draft BGOs are in the December draft of the HCP
  - Not yet reviewed by the Services
  - May change some, but not likely to be modified significantly



# HCP Timeline

Task	Estimated Dates for Work**
Complete Administrative Draft HCP	Dec 2024
Early National Environmental Planning Act (NEPA) Work	Jan – Sept 2024
Public Draft HCP	Jan – Dec 2025
Develop Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Dec 2024 – Dec 2025
NEPA Review/ Final EIS/ Record of Decision	Jan 2026 – Jan 2027
ITP Issuance	March 2027
ITP Deadline (mandated by SB1501)	December 31, 2027

\*\*All dates are estimates and subject to change



# Questions?





# VI. Break



# VII. AMP: Overview and process





# AMP: Biological Goals and Objectives (BGOs)

- **Foundation of Adaptive Management Program**
- **Goals: desired future state of HCP**
- **Objectives: measurables to achieve Goals**



# AMP: Policy Statement



VISION

**Adaptive management needed for FPA rules that protect aquatic species:**

- 1. Monitored for effectiveness with respect to BGOs**
- 2. Modified if necessary to achieve BGOs**

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# AMP: Program Purpose



- 1. Timely, effective change to meet BGOs**
- 2. Predictability, stability of rule change process**
- 3. Apply best available science in Board decisions**
- 4. Meet BGOs with less expensive prescriptions when feasible**

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# AMP Participants

- **Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC)**
- **Independent Research and Science Team (IRST)**
- **IRST Housing Agency (OSU/INR)**
- **Adaptive Management Program Coordinator**

# AMPC: Groups

1. Oregon Forest and Industries Council
2. Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
3. Associated Oregon Loggers
4. A conservation organization
5. Oregon Small Woodlands Association
6. Commission on Indian Services
7. A recreational or commercial angling organization
8. Association of Oregon Counties
9. ODFW
10. DEQ
11. ODF\*
12. USFWS\*
13. NOAA/NMFS\*

\* Non-voting members

*SB1501, Section 36(3, 5)*



# AMPC: Charge

- a) **Guide AM process**
- b) **Set research agenda & recommend IRST budget**
- c) **Assess IRST findings, report alternatives to Board**
- d) **Submit AMPC reports to Board**
- e) **Assist Board to regularly identify & modify resource objectives**
- f) **Review compliance monitoring & enforcement reports**
- g) **Board recommendations re: rule adjustment, guidance or training**
- h) **Strive for full consensus** (*but super-majority = required*)

*SB1501, section 36(7)*





# AMPC: Procedures



- **Team charter**
- **Public meetings**
- **Membership**
  - **4-year terms, unlimited renewals**
  - **Renewal and vacancies process**
  - **Interim status**
- **Decision-making Authority**





# AMP Participants

## Independent Research and Science Team (IRST):

Odd number of members, at least 5, including 1 each:

1. A public institution
2. Timber industry
3. Freshwater, aquatic, conservation non-governmental organization (NGO)

Members must have an advanced degree in a relevant natural resources

(e.g., forestry, ecology, fisheries)



# AMP Participants

## IRST Charge:

- **Conduct or oversee research requested by the AMPC**
- **Report to the Board & AMPC on research findings:**
  - **Effectiveness**
  - **Causal links**
  - **Magnitude of impacts on species of concern**
  - **Timescale**
  - **Scope of inference**
  - **Degree of scientific confidence or uncertainty**

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# AMP Participants

- **IRST supported by contracted public body (OSU/INR)**
- **ODF supports IRST via Coordinator**





# AMP Participants

## AMPC and IRST:

- **May receive participation grants**
  - **Eligibility**
  - **Budgeting, co-chairs**
- **Super-majority votes for substantive decisions**

# AMP Accountability



- Performance audits every 6 years
- Annual reports
  - Board
  - Federal Services





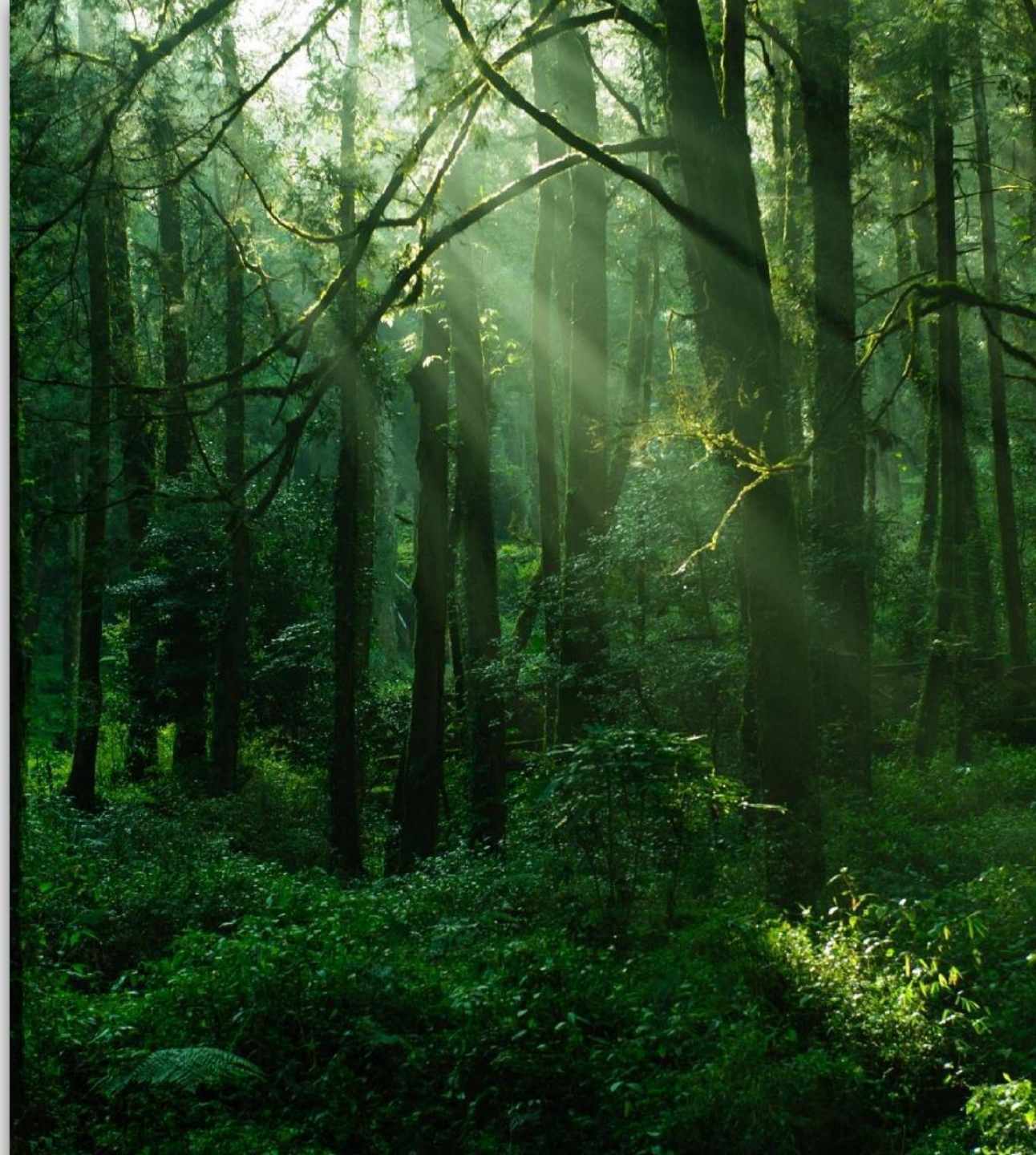
# AMP Process: Initial conditions

## AMPC:

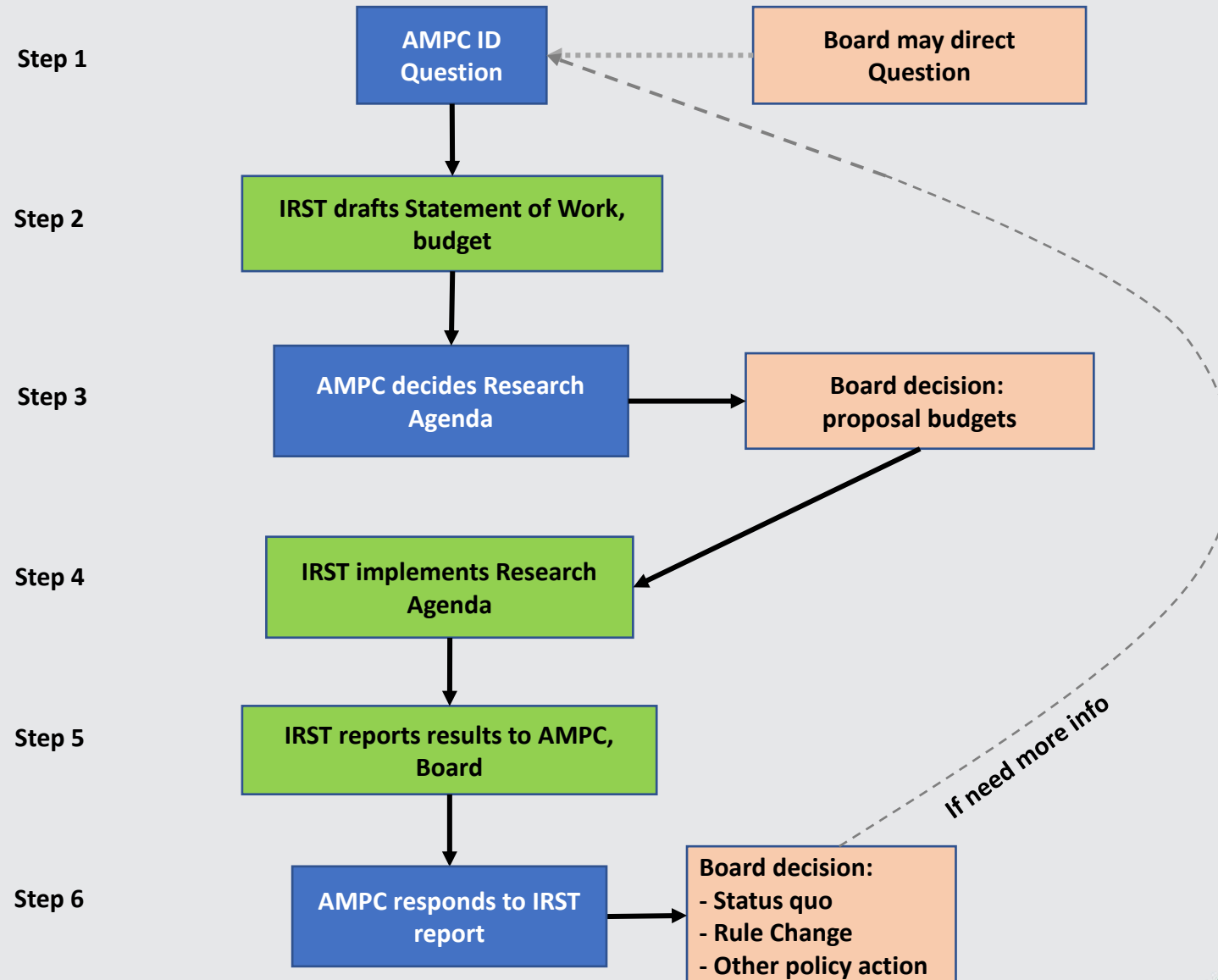
- Develop team charter
- Create initial list of research topics
- Nominate IRST members

## IRST:

- Develop team charter
- Determine “best available science”



# Adaptive Management Process Steps







# AMP: Current status

- **Budget request (legislature)**
- **Conversations with INR**
- **Conversations with NOAA/NMFS & USFWS**





# VIII. AMPC: First tasks

# Draft Timeline for first tasks

Project	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Charter	Info, conversations	Draft	Decision				
Elect co-chairs			Draft	Decision			
IRST nominees	Info, conversations	Draft	Decision				
List of topics		Info, conversations	Info, conversations	Draft	Decision		
1 <sup>st</sup> Research Questions					Info, conversations	Info, conversations	Decision

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Info, conversations

Draft

Decision



# IRST Nominees: Reminder

- **Odd number, at least 5, including 1 each:**
  - 1. A public institution;**
  - 2. Timber industry;**
  - 3. Freshwater aquatic conservation NGO**
- **Advanced degree in relevant natural resources (e.g., forestry, ecology, fisheries)**

## **Role:**

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## **Participation grants**



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- **Time commitment**
- **Characteristics of good nominees**
- **Next steps**





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- (f) Regular deadlines**
- (g) Maintain & improve the long-term effectiveness of AMPC, including:**
  - (A) Succession management procedures**
  - (B) Onboarding of new AMPC members**
  - (C) Regular review & updating of the AMPC charter**





## IX. Wrap up

- Next meeting:
  - 2/27 (invites sent for next ones)
- All virtual, some in person?
- Upcoming work:
  - Create charter
  - Nominate IRST members (homework)
  - Elect co-chairs
  - Develop initial list of topics







**Thank you for your  
participation today**