

**MAFAC CBP Task Force
Path Forward/Governance Team
Proposed Roles and Functions**

Summary Document from the January 6th Meeting, Revised per the January 24th Small Group Call, and further revised following the February 5th team call

Who Would Be Involved:

A broad range of groups from across the basin representing the geographic and interest-based diversity.

- Federal agencies - NOAA Fisheries and others
- States
- Tribes
- Stakeholders

Roles and Functions That a Future CBP Would Do:

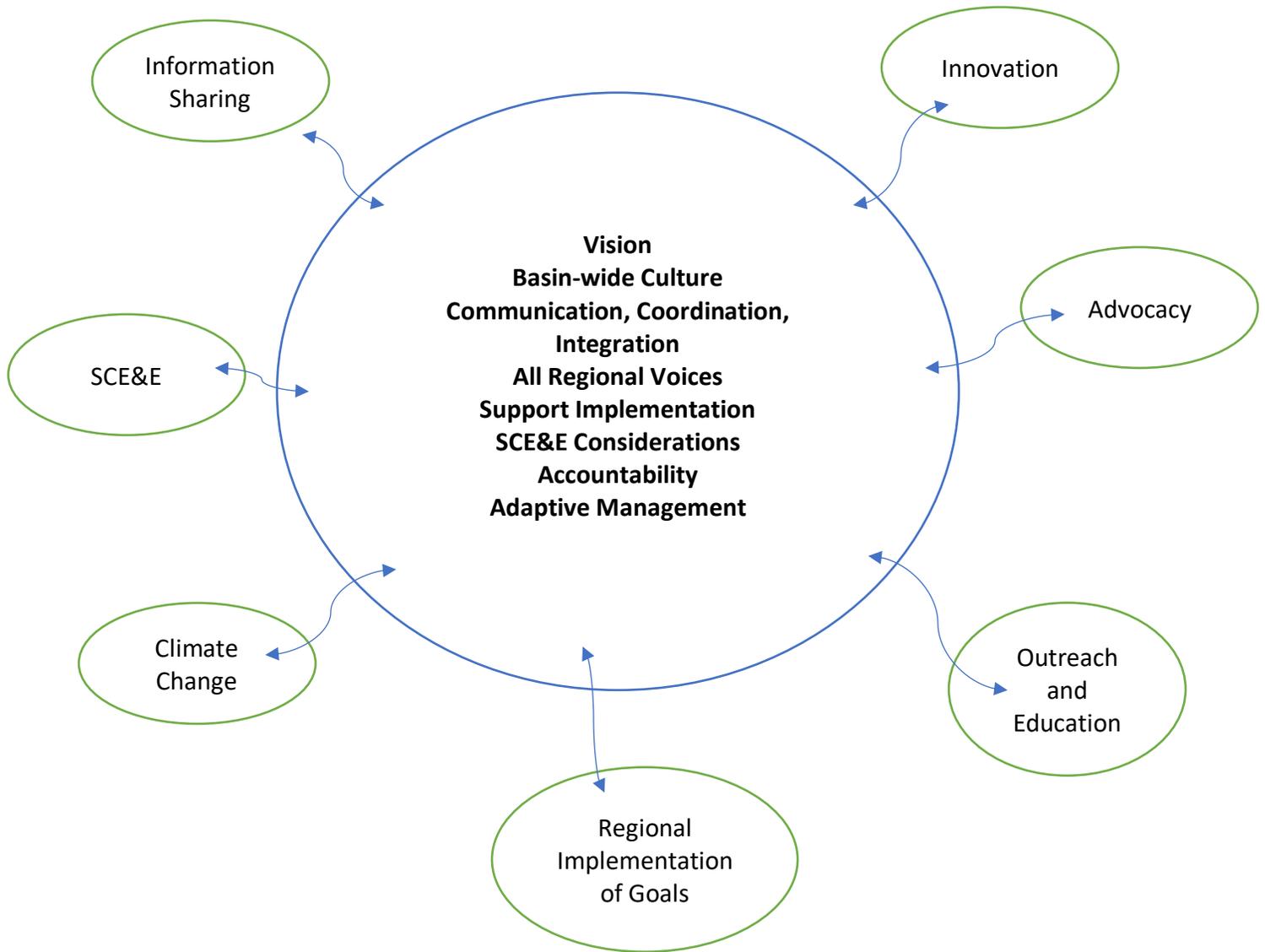
- Represents a comprehensive, holistic basin-wide perspective promoting a “salmon culture.” Provides for communication, collaboration, and information sharing.
 - Advance integration and coordination of basin wide and regional efforts to implement goals
 - Provides ongoing and consistent opportunities for information exchange to ensure efficient and effective use of time and resources in the basin
 - Promotes basin-wide collaboration among basin stakeholders and decision-makers
- Promotes achieving the qualitative and quantitative goals through adaptive management and incremental targets.
 - Track and report on progress toward achieving goals on a regular basis and share insights regarding the elements of success and failure of projects and initiatives
 - Identify opportunities and challenges for achieving goals, including leading with and addressing social, cultural, economic and ecological considerations
 - Advocate to achieve goals within other existing forums
 - Identify and advocate for additional funding sources

Roles and Functions That a Future CBP Would NOT Do:

- Policy decisions
- Management decisions
- Project approvals
- Regulatory actions
- At least initially, would not be accepting and distributing funds for projects

Basin-wide Forum/Partnership with sub-regional Connectivity

A credible forum that supports achieving the Partnership's goals for the Columbia River Basin and will help to fill gaps and add value.



Next Steps for Team:

- Bring proposal to the February Task Force meeting for discussion and agreement
- Find another word to describe what the Path Forward/Governance will be called other than a “Governance Group” as governance tends to be interpreted to mean a group that has decision-making power and influences the process of governing including decision-making and policy-making
- Based on roles and functions, Path Forward/Governance group develops options and recommendations for May webinar:
 1. Clear articulation of group purpose and function in the basin
 2. Structure for new group
 3. Membership and selection process
 4. Funding options for operating and administrative costs
 5. Ideas about meeting frequency and approach
- Additional Input
 - Perhaps we could call our group the “Looking ahead” or “Moving forward” group
 - We must ensure that any future group continues with the well-balanced stakeholder representation – similar to the Partnership table.
 - At this moment, the Partnership has real credibility and relevance throughout the region – not just in the circles of folks who live and breathe these issues. As I consider the governance element and future rolls for this group, my #1 priority is to ensure that this process maintains its relevance to the broader communities in the region. Whatever rolls we give the governance group; it really doesn’t matter much if the group fades into obscurity and becomes “just another meeting” folks have to attend.
 - I agree that it would be helpful to remain formally connected with NOAA for the time being. I would then look to this NOAA connection to give PATH FORWARD periodic access to the Columbia River Basin Federal Caucus, hence access to discussions/deliberations that also include the Action Agencies.
 - It would be good to stay under the NOAA umbrella. Members meeting 2 or 3 times per year should be adequate. It would be beneficial for long-term participation if expenses could be paid, providing funding can be found.
 - I think it would be helpful to have NOAA maintain the leadership role and the people that want to continue could do so.
 - I prefer the process used to initially populate the Partnership Task Force, i.e. interested parties are encouraged to apply for membership. The existing PATH FORWARD members would establish a vetting and decision-making process for new members.
 - Membership consisting of key players and stakeholders—similar to our membership currently is my recommendation.
 - I believe a companion NGO-501(c)3 non-profit status entity will provide access to a broader prospective funding base, hence would advocate for establishing this.

- It would be helpful for the next stage of our work to continue to be linked to NOAA Fisheries in some way—to lend credibility and structure; however, we need to be able to accept funds from outside sources.
- Quarterly meeting schedule, possibly reducing the meetings to one or one day + half days. I feel meeting 4 times/year keeps the relationships lively and intact.
- I like the idea of the future group being a source for education and coordination of projects and efforts in the region. I wonder if 2 meetings a year would be sufficient. There is so much stuff going on all the time. I wonder if quarterly meetings would be appropriate.
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