



Salmon River Watershed Project, 1991-2008

Lessons Learned

A Lesson We've Learned

- cultural differences exist
- urban and rural perspectives
- government, landowners, First Nations and industry perspectives



A Lesson We've Learned

- avoid position taking
- look for concerns in common



A Lesson We've Learned

- Consensus planning takes time but the process and the outcomes strengthen partnerships



A Lesson We've learned

- Concurrent planning and field action builds interest amongst a broad range of stakeholders



A Lesson We've Learned

- Establish trust and respect amongst partners through consistency and a positive history of working toward common goals



A Lesson We've Learned

- create a collective vision
- implement one step at a time
- be prepared to revisit and reshape the plan



A Lesson We've Learned

- community participation is the glue between funding and partnership cycles



A Lesson We've Learned

- Recognize the need for a long term perspective...



A Lesson We've Learned

- ...with a need for some short term results



A Lesson We've Learned

- Don't expect 100% success
- successes and failures are both important feedback mechanisms to guide plans and actions over the long haul



A Lesson we've learned

- agencies priorities shift and that funding sources cycle through



A Lesson We've Learned

- Move away from short political/fiscal cycles toward deep biological cycles



A Lesson We've Learned

- Everything is incremental
- Showing progress takes time
- Our role is to go in the right direction



A Lesson We've Learned

- Be organized to accept help
- Example: EAEP/PSF project 2007



Participation: Community Involvement

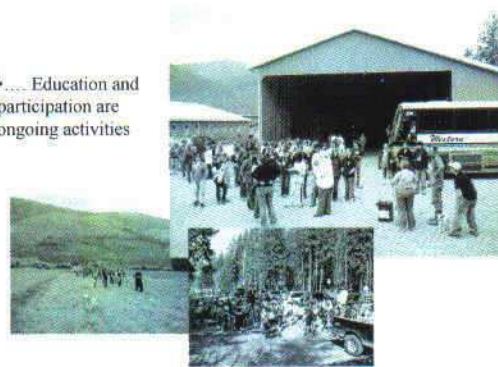
- Community awareness: Long term key to success
- A way to build enduring partnerships and cooperation toward common goals

Participation Increases Awareness

- In a 20-200 year plan....



- ... Education and participation are ongoing activities



A Lesson We've Learned

- perpetual education and awareness effort is needed



A Lesson We've Learned

- Build project momentum by reviewing results and taking action



A Lesson We've Learned

- monitoring and field activities have technical and educational functions



Value of Watershed Planning

- Provides broad perspective and involves broad range of stakeholders
- Encourages local ownership of the plan
- Powerful tool for fundraising and cooperative field action

Value of Field Actions

- Increases understanding and cooperation
- Supports sustainable agriculture and fish populations: mutual benefit
- Demonstrates progress toward long term watershed sustainability

Value of Monitoring

- Encourages clearer explanation of issues
- Clarifies what works and what doesn't
- broadens perspectives
- Can be used to multiply resource base



Value of Partnership and Participation

- improves resource accessibility
- whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts: multiplying effect in a collective view
- Ex: fish, forestry and agriculture values and coexist...fish friendly agriculture is sustainable
- mutual learning opportunities are generated by sharing knowledge and experience

