

# **Setting Local Targets**

**Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat**

**Degradation of Fish and Wildlife  
Populations**

# Guiding Principles for Setting Fish/Wildlife/Habitat Targets

- **Simplicity:** Make things as simple as possible, but no simpler
- Start from where each AOC is now with what is already known
- Focus on aquatic habitat and populations
- This is the fun stuff

# **State Criteria for Restoration**

**Restoration of these BUIs requires that a local aquatic habitat or population restoration plan be developed and implemented.**

**The plan must be part of the RAP for the AOC, and contain at least the following components:**

**A. A short narrative on historical fish and wildlife habitat or population issues in the AOC, including how habitat or populations have been impaired by water quality.**

**B. Description of the impairment(s) and location for each aquatic habitat or population site, or for multiple sites where determined appropriate at the local level to address all habitat or population issues identified in the RAP and RAP updates.**

**C. A locally derived restoration target for each impacted habitat or population site. Sources of information for targets may include data from social science surveys, if appropriate. Habitat restoration targets may be based on restoration of fish and wildlife populations, if appropriate.**

**D. A list of all other ongoing habitat or population planning processes in the AOC, and a description of their relationship to the restoration projects proposed in the plan.**

**E. A scope of work for restoring each impacted aquatic habitat or population site. The scope of work should describe specific habitat or population restoration action(s) to be completed, including:**

# **E: Continued:**

**1. Timetable**

**2. Funding**

**3. Responsible entities**

**4. Indicators and monitoring**

**5. Evaluation process based on indicators**

**6. Public involvement**

**F. A component for reporting on habitat or population restoration implementation action(s) to the MDEQ.**

**Removal of these BUIs will be based on achievement of full implementation of actions in the steps above.**

**Habitat values and populations need not be fully restored prior to delisting, as some may take many years to recover after actions are complete.**

**Actions already implemented in AOCs may be reported and evaluated as long as the reports contain all the elements above.**

# Phase I

- PAC works with the DEQ to convene a technical committee for development of criteria and seeks funding if applicable
- Technical committee reviews statewide Guidance requirements for restoration plans.

# Phase II

- Technical committee develops criteria following statewide Guidance (components A-F).
- PAC endorses local fish/wildlife/habitat restoration criteria plan(s) and sends a letter to DEQ requesting approval.
- DEQ technical team reviews restoration criteria plan(s) to determine whether they meet the components of the statewide Guidance, and makes recommendation regarding approval to Water Bureau
- Once Water Bureau approves the restoration criteria plan(s), a letter is sent to the PAC.

# Phase III

- Implementation
- Assessment
- Reporting

# Next Steps

- Breakout Session III tomorrow focuses on these BUIs
- DEQ is looking forward to participation in each AOC for fish/wildlife/habitat target-setting over the next few months/years/decades/centuries/millennia