

# **Effectiveness of the Federal- Tribal Relationship: Implications for Adaptive Management**



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  - Oregon State Office
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  - Region Five
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- Tribe Members

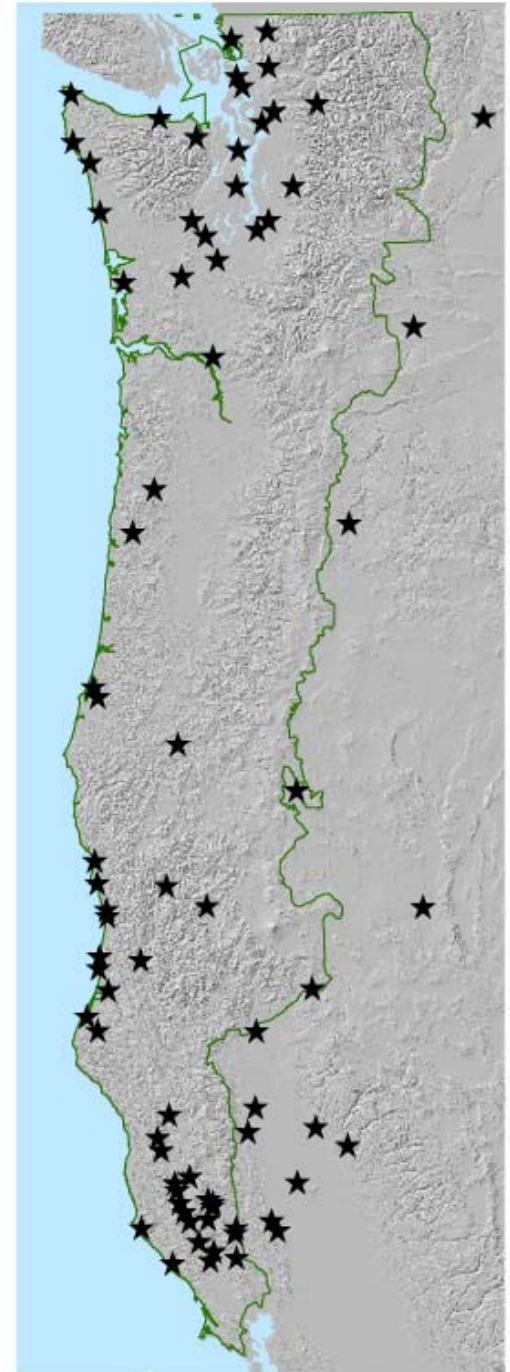


- Background and Pilot Study
- Key Monitoring Items
- Key Findings
- Implications for Adaptive Management
- Improved Monitoring



# Background

- 76 Tribes
  - Employment
  - Subsistence
  - Cultural Identity
- Must be consulted



# Key Monitoring Items (ROD)

- Condition and trend of American Indian trust resources
- Effectiveness of coordination to protect religious or cultural heritage sites
- Adequacy of access to resources and to religious or cultural sites

# Key Monitoring Items (2000)

- Examples:
  - Procedural compliance
  - Cooperative relationships
  - Interagency consistency
  - Response to specific needs
  - Accommodation

# Participating Tribes and Tribal Organizations – Pilot Study

- **Intertribal Timber Council**
- **Washington**
  - Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
  - Quileute Tribe
  - Quinault Tribe
  - Tulalip Tribes
  - Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation
  - Skagit System Cooperative
- **Oregon**
  - Coquille Tribe
  - Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation
- **California**
  - Hoopa Valley Tribe



# Participating Agencies- Pilot Study

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA – Fisheries)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Army Corps of Engineers
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service



# Participating Tribes - Initial Phase

- Washington
  - Quinault Tribe
  - Lower Elwha Tribal Community
  - Lummi Tribe
  - Quileute Tribe
  - Makah Tribe

# Participating Tribes Initial Phase

- Oregon
  - Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde
  - Coquille Tribe

# Participating Tribes 2003-2004

- California
  - Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
  - Blue Lake Rancheria
  - Karuk Tribe
  - Round Valley Indian Tribes
  - Table Bluff Reservation – Wiyot Tribe
  - Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians
  - Yurok Tribe
  - Hoopa Valley Tribe





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# Key Findings

- Enhanced federal-tribal contact
- Improved fisheries and water quality
- Instances of accommodation





# Implications for Adaptive Management

- Inconsistencies
- Fire management
- Access
- Tribal knowledge
- Broadening consultation
- Regulatory agencies
- Sensitive information
- “Informal consultation”
- Adaptive Management Areas



# Larger-Scale Issues

- Freedom of Information Act
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Resource Advisory Committees
- Consultation at the national level





# Improved Monitoring

- Protocols
- Review
- Reporting



