

TEC Management Strategy Work Session Notes

July 8th, 2026

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Actions and Next Steps

- Challenges and Management Approaches will be edited to incorporate feedback from the work session and a revised version of both will be sent out the week of July 13th to TCW members and interested parties.
- A draft of the full TEC Management Strategy will be shared prior to the next TCW meeting. Feedback and support for the draft will be sought at the next TCW meeting to be incorporated into the full Clean Water Goal Management Strategy.
- For incorporating PPOW considerations, Erin Sonnenburg will share notes from today with PPOW leadership and they will share any updates or additional comments with TCW leadership.

Materials

- [Compiled CWGT MS Starting Thoughts Worksheets](#)
 - TCW on page 16-19
 - PPOW on page 20-22
- [Demystifying Management Strategies Presentation](#)
- [Management Strategy Template \[PDF\]](#)
- [Management Strategy Template \[docx\]](#)
- [Management Strategy Imaginary Example](#)

Notes

- While some of the challenges are similar to those from previous management strategies for the prior two toxics outcomes, the language needs to be tailored to the lens and framing of the new outcome.
- Continued struggle with the connection of the target to the outcome.
 - One connection is making sure the information sharing is deliberate about making the information actionable.

- Suggestion heard at the CWGT June meeting to track and report changes in Fish Consumption Advisories across the watershed. An important part is communication around what is working or not and what factors are influencing this.
 - TCW's role as synthesizing existing info fits this.
- Potential idea for setting up sub-groups as leads on some topical areas e.g. efficacy of BMPs, source identification, etc.
- Suggestion to remove or reframe the challenge about messaging the role of TCW, but maybe something else about communications and education on toxics.
- Support from CWGT on an update to the 2012 BMP co-benefits report.
- Discussion on how best to highlight fish health and impact on human health through fish consumption separately. Ensure both are called out in management approaches, perhaps within one about effects or levels of concern.
- Discussion on adding management strategy about emerging contaminants and how best to frame that. Perhaps focused on synthesis and prioritization of latest info.
- Discussion on keeping salt-related topics to only the efficacy of BMPs, not exploring salinity as a contaminant.
- Caution against being too ambitious with reporting of status and trends, given the continued challenges on synthesis of data across jurisdictions. USGS has tried this in some ways, and recently with PFAS – [link](#).
 - Change this management approach to more of a report on the state of toxics broadly, not aggregating any monitoring data.
- PPOW considerations will be incorporated into the TEC management strategy, since both groups are under the outcome. Many overlap with those in the TCW worksheet, since many are not contaminant specific.