

## ANNOUNCING

### **Annual Pacific Northwest Monitoring Practitioner's Workshop**

Date: March 16-17, 2006

Day 1: 9:00-4:00

Day 2: 8:30-4:00

Location: Ambridge Event Center, Portland, Oregon

Purpose: Review a succession of RME work products to achieve standardization and to coordinate and exchange information on aquatic resource monitoring and evaluation efforts in the Pacific Northwest.

Rationale: Recommendations for specific regional monitoring programs and activities come from many specialist sources. This workshop is intended to organize these products and present, review and host in-depth workgroup discussions to facilitate regional coordination, acceptance and eventual adoption. For example, the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) and the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) serve to provide tools and recommendations in support of standardized programs for aquatic resource monitoring efforts in the Pacific Northwest. For PNAMP and CSMEP to best respond to regional needs we wish to survey the broadest possible group of RME professionals to solicit expert input and facilitate common understanding. At this workshop we believe that it is essential to discuss, conduct in-depth review and come to general consensus on: 1) resource management questions and information needs, 2) current monitoring techniques and activities, and, 3) improved regional coordination of RME programs and data sharing.

#### Workshop Goals:

1. **Share, review and discuss** results of recent surveys conducted by CSMEP and PNAMP of resource management questions and information needs.
2. **Share, review and discuss** current RME development processes (e.g., indicators, variables, protocols, methods and analytical approaches) and provide access and structure to these development resources.
3. **Convene specialized focused work groups** to assess current monitoring activities, approaches and methods, gaps, and critical problems.
4. **Provide feedback and guidance** to PNAMP and CSMEP and the entities involved in these groups.

Audience: Pacific Northwest monitoring specialists, resource managers and decision-makers.

Sponsors: The Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) and the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP).

Products:

1. Workshop Report on the Current Status of RME Status, Trend and Effectiveness technical products and Data Management Systems Development.
2. Strategies to regional management entities and decision-makers for coordinating future work on regional RME activities and implementation processes for standardized RME programs and activities.

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For more information on CSMEP, see: <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/csmep/>

**Detailed Agenda to Follow**