Capitol Lake
Situation Assessment
Preliminary Findings

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December 11, 2014
Mission

- Neutral resource for collaborative problem solving
- Improve availability and quality of voluntary collaborative approaches.
- Help leaders work together, build consensus, resolve public policy conflicts.
- Advance teaching and research missions of the universities.
Services

- Neutral Forum
- Situation Assessment
- Facilitation, Mediation, Conflict Resolution
- Project Management, Strategic Planning
- Applied Research
- Information Portal
- Training
- Policy Discussions
Project Criteria

- Project is consistent with Center’s vision, mission, policies and scope.
- Center’s involvement is acceptable to those directly affected and in authority.
- Project addresses important public policy issues or community needs.
- Potential sponsorship and support sufficient to promote meaningful results and follow through.
- Project is cost-effective.
- Universities add unique value, contribute expertise and other resources that can help project reach a successful resolution.
Capitol Lake Situation Assessment

“Provide a situation assessment examining the prospects of a collaborative process to address issues related to the management of Capitol Lake.”

“Identify a balanced cross-section of parties…to capture a wide range of perspectives, articulate the major issues & key parties involved, & document their interests & perspectives.”
Methodology

- Background research, develop and confirm approach.
- Interviews with 44 diverse parties.
- Report on issues, parties, interests, perspectives, prospects for collaborative process.
Common Themes: Elements of a Stable Solution

- Environmental
- Social & Cultural
- Economics
- Health & Safety
Key Themes: Different Perspectives on Management Options

- Polarization over dam removal
- Disputed science, perceived bias
- Views on aesthetics, economics, recreation of lake vs. estuary
- Prospects for collaboration
• Resolve dispute over water quality models
Recommendations

• CLAMP entities reconvene with new focus:
  - Develop/consider “hybrid” solution(s), or other approach that satisfies majority of agreed-upon common interests / elements of a stable solution
  - Whole basin (upstream land/river impacts, effects on Budd Inlet)
  - Data/science Qs to evaluate hybrid approach(es)
Recommendations

• Explore local funding mechanism
Next Steps/Q&A

• Courtesy copy to interviewees to identify any factual inaccuracies

• Revise finalize, and submit report by December 19, 2014

• What questions do you have for us?

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