

Confluence 2020 Open Space Session Notes

How to use the Collaborative Approach with and without Government Mandates

Key Points of Discussion:

- Government agreements are a barrier. Agreements often make it difficult to complete projects despite programs that support conservation projects.
- Doing projects on lands that involve multiple agency jurisdictions are often difficult because of communication barriers between and amongst agencies and differences in approaches to land management.
- Using local resources is important for completing project.
- The paperwork required for actions on species remains an issue.
- Often it takes a crisis to get agencies to collaborative. We need to look at the entire tool box available and use all the tools to get to conservation success.
- We need to be more preemptive or proactive in our conservation efforts. The lack of interagency coordination often does not all for preemptive action.
- How do we incentivize communities to get energized to solve problems?
- Too much middle level management to be able to work through and propose something new.

Key Next Steps:

- More “local engagement” or more “popular” support for projects. Upper level in agencies might be more receptive to this technique if support comes from local communities.
- More funding is needed for states. States can more easily then take the lead.
- Leadership needs to be take a collaborative approach to their work as directed by top level management.
- The next generation needs to be more collaborative by getting on the ground and learning from successful collaboratives.
- Use collaboration success stories to show agencies how to be successful.