

Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Briefing, Public Comment

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Overview of Briefing

- **Commission Guidance**
- **SEPA Review Draft**
- **General Guidance**
 - Risk Management Framework
 - Policy Implementation Steps
- **Proposed Schedule**
- **Questions**



Commission Guidance

December 2020

- Incorporate appropriate suggestions for grammatic, wording, and readability improvements and technical lapses, such verbiage duplications and Appendix 3 not including a schedule.**
- Add clarifying or additional descriptive language regarding limits to increases in hatchery production that would be enabled by changes currently being considered to Policy C-3619, and the process by which any increase in hatchery production might occur.**
- Provide additional language responsive to the Tribal input from the December 2 Tribal Co-Manager meeting on the November 6 public review draft.**
- Consider adding clarifying or more descriptive language consistent with the policy intent expressed by the Commission to date.**





SEPA Review Draft

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Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy

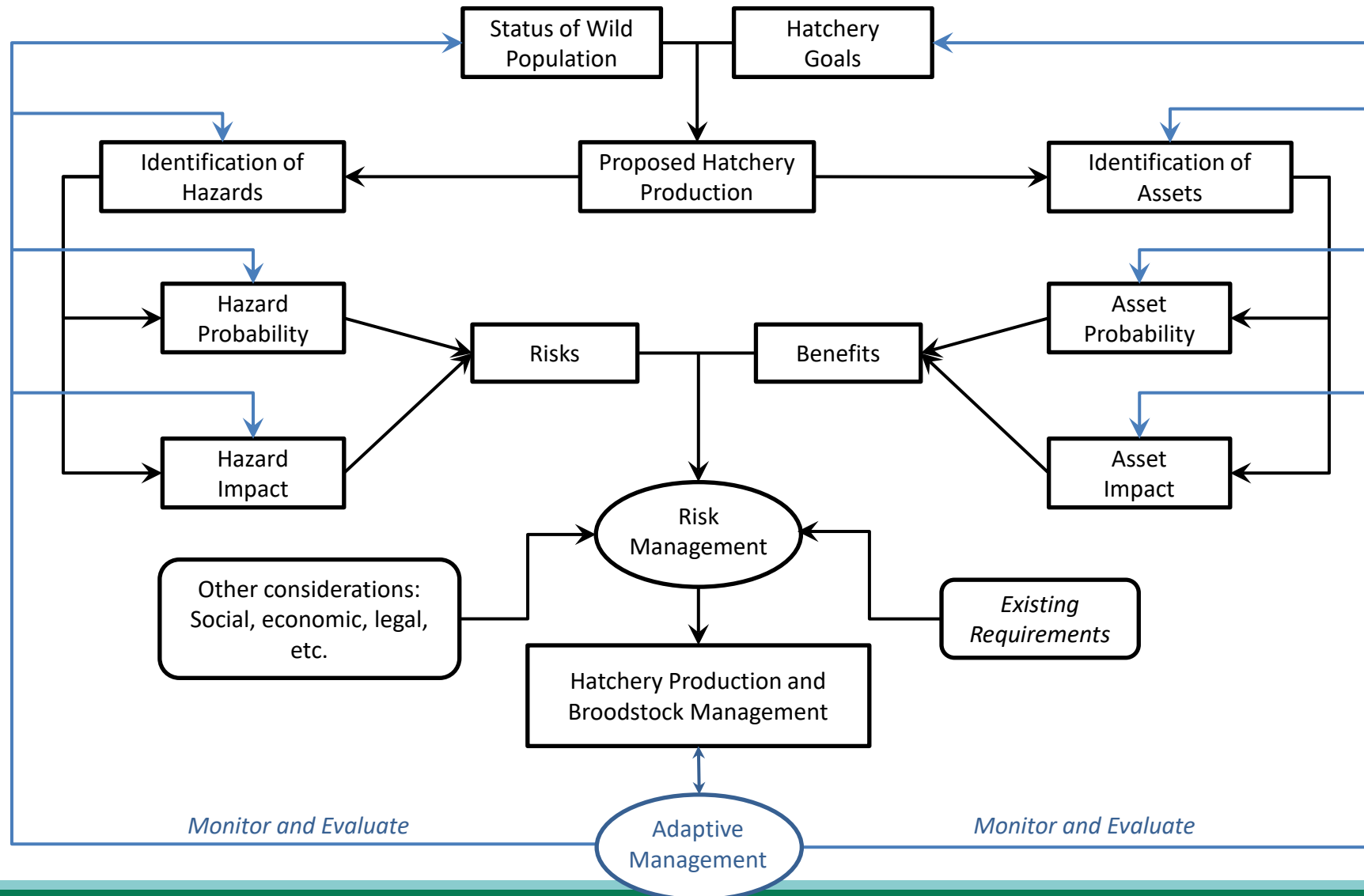
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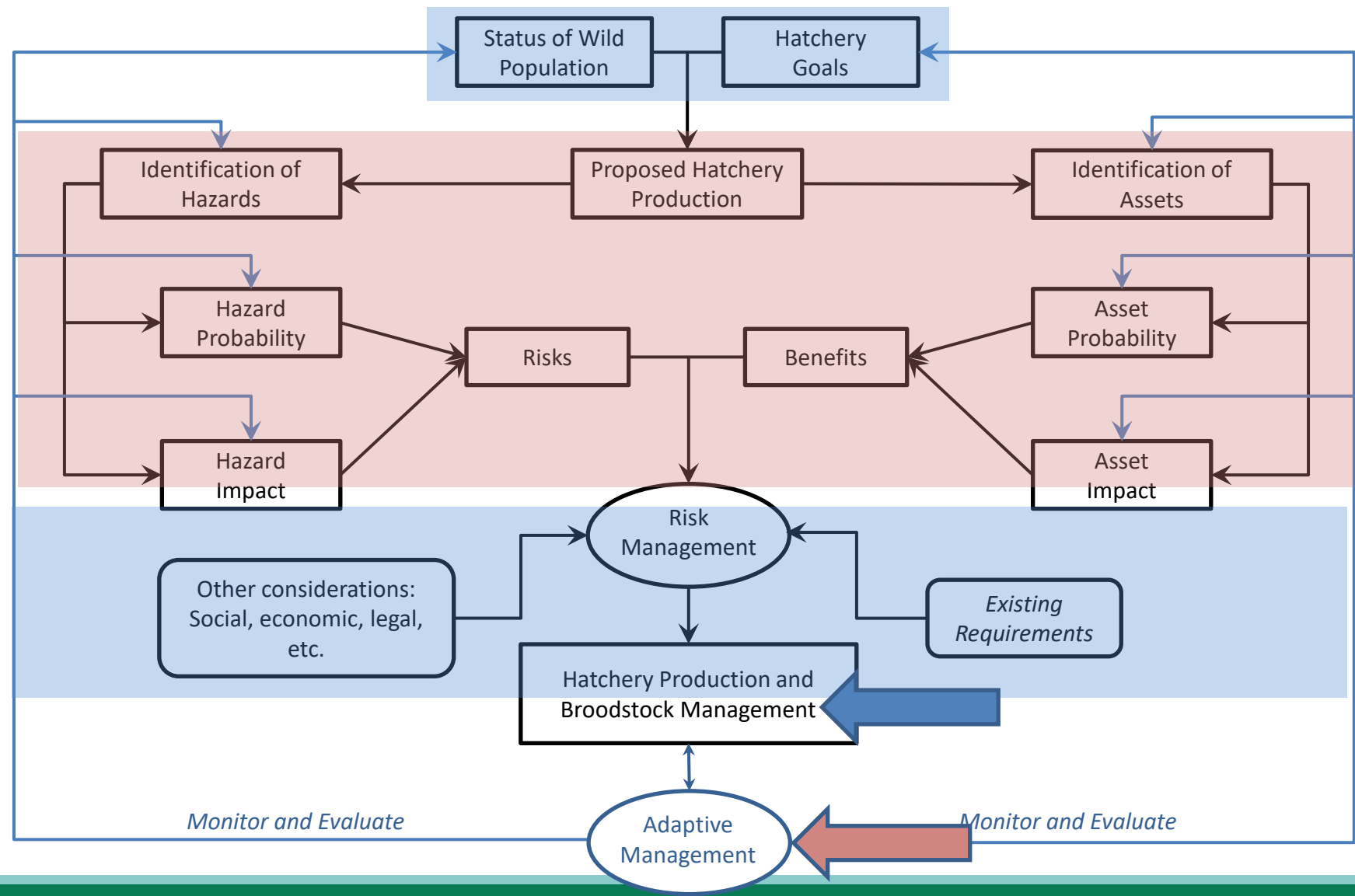
Policy Guidelines

RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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Policy Implementation Summary

1. Develop technical procedures document [Risk Management Framework].
 - Outreach – Tribal co-managers
 - Assemble document development team
 - Periodic progress reports to Commission
 - Draft final report
 - Public comment
 - SEPA Review
 - Final report
2. Develop HMPs – based on prioritization in Policy
 - ❖ Existing hatchery operational plans, goals and objectives in effect on June 14, 2018 shall remain intact as current policy direction
 - ❖ Begin development of a joint policy agreement on salmon and steelhead hatchery programs with Tribal Co-Managers





Proposed Schedule

2021	Event	Process Step
January 28	Fish Committee Meeting	Consider recommendation to the full Commission regarding approval of a SEPA Review Draft and a process and schedule to final Commission action
January 30	Commission Meeting	Commission to consider approving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft of containing changes to Policy 3619 for the purposes of conducting a review under SEPA, and • an expected schedule and process in reaching a final decision on Policy 3619 changes
February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff completes a SEPA Assessment document • Tribal Co-Manager and Gov't ⇌ Gov't Meetings
March 3-18		Public Review of SEPA Assessment
March 19-24		Staff reviews public comment and finalizes SEPA Assessment document
March 25-27	Fish Committee and Commission Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Committee considers issue • Full Commission hear public comment and discusses final decision
April 9	Commission Meeting	Final Commission Action

[1](#) The phrase “SEPA Review Draft” is intended to mean a draft of Policy 3619 language revisions that Department staff will review for environmental impacts in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act.



Questions?

