

Collaborative Resource Management in the Missouri River Basin

South Sioux City, Nebraska, July 20-25, 2003

Pre-Workshop Activities

Cocktail and Social Hour; Dinner

Introductions; greetings by course organizers

Day One: Introduction & Principles

Introduction and Overview

Case study #1: Nisqually River Council (WA)

Benefits and need for collaboration

What are the benefits of a collaborative approach? Why is it needed?

How might the Missouri Basin benefit from collaboration?

Challenges facing collaboration

What difficulties face individuals and organizations trying to work collaboratively?

Which of these obstacles are particular challenges in the Missouri Basin?

Negotiation skills: needed for effective collaboration

Exercise: Goldmark Butterflies role play simulation

Principles of effective interest-based negotiation

Implications for design & mngt of collaborative processes



Day Two: Designing & Managing Collaborative Processes for Ecosystem Management

Case study #2: Upper Colorado River Recovery Program

Stages of collaborative problem solving

Understanding the overall structure of collaboration

Assessing and initiating a collaborative

How can you assess the potential for a collaborative process?

How do you get one going?

Exercise: Yellowstone River Part 1

Developing a common purpose and getting organized

Designing the table, ensuring representation, visioning

Exercise: Yellowstone River Part 2

Strategy clinic: Getting started

Diagnosing and strategizing problems in the Missouri Basin that warrant a collaborative approach

Field trip: Collaborative restoration at Ponca St Park, NE

Day Three: Designing & Managing Collaborative Process for Ecosystem Management (cont'd)

Managing adaptively

Approaches to collaborative learning, joint fact-finding, credible science and adaptive management

Exercise: Red Canyon Dam

Designing an effective adaptive management program

Deliberating & deciding

Reaching decisions through consensus

Case study #3: Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Program

Strategy clinic: Ongoing collaboratives

Diagnosing and strategizing existing collaborative efforts

Day Four: Understanding & Overcoming Challenges

Dealing with challenges - Human dimensions

Discussion of human and relationship dimensions relevant to collaborative processes

Exercise: Identity and characterization

Dealing with challenges - Cultural differences

Focus on issues associated with tribal consultation and collaboration

Exercise: A Sage Grouse Saga

River trip: Endangered species recovery issues

Visit to Gavins Point Dam & boat trip on the river with stop on sandbars/islands; presentations by ACOE, FWS and NPS

Day Five: Applying the Concepts

Strategy clinic: Envisioning next steps

Brainstorming on the future of the river and a more effective decision making process

- *Vision: What do individuals hope is true in the future about the river and its decision-making process? Which elements of these individual images are shared?*
- *Opportunities: What opportunities exist to advance toward this vision? How can the collaborative capacity of agencies and organizations be developed?*
- *Commitment: What specific next steps are needed to foster these opportunities?*

Wrap-up and reflection

Talking stick circle: Concluding thoughts

Workshop evaluation