Lessons from Cases About Effective Adaptive Management

In groups, discuss the following questions. Please select a notetaker/reporter to share your observations when we reconvene.

- What lessons did you take away from the previous day’s case studies?

- Considering Tuesday’s presentations and/or your own experiences, what factors promote successful and effective adaptive management?

Think about lessons dealing with …

- The overall approach taken to adaptive management and the role of science and scientific information in it, including issues related to models, experimental design, ways to develop credible information, etc.

- Methods used to develop objectives and measure progress, including issues related to visioning, indicators, etc.

- Ways that projects made decisions, structured and governed themselves, and dealt with other institutional issues, such as generating or organizing resources and dealing with conflicting organizational cultures and the regulatory context.

- Ways to manage the process of adaptive management, particularly ways of involving people and dealing with stakeholders, political forces, the media, and other external forces.