Effectiveness of the Federal-Tribal Relationship: Implications for Adaptive Management
Monitoring and Reporting Team

• USDA Forest Service
  – Region Five
  – Region Six
  – Six Rivers National Forest

• Tribe Members

• USDI Bureau of Land Management
  – Oregon State Office
• Background and Pilot Study
• Key Monitoring Items
• Key Findings
• Implications for Adaptive Management
• Improved Monitoring
Background

- 76 Tribes
  - Employment
  - Subsistence
  - Cultural Identity

- Must be consulted
Key Monitoring Items (ROD)

• Condition and trend of American Indian trust resources
• Effectiveness of coordination to protect religious or cultural heritage sites
• Adequacy of access to resources and to religious or cultural sites
Key Monitoring Items (2000)

• Examples:
  – Procedural compliance
  – Cooperative relationships
  – Interagency consistency
  – Response to specific needs
  – Accommodation
Participating Tribes and Tribal Organizations – Pilot Study

• Intertribal Timber Council

• Washington
  – Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
  – Quileute Tribe
  – Quinault Tribe
  – Tulalip Tribes
  – Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation
  – Skagit System Cooperative

• Oregon
  – Coquille Tribe
  – Tribes of Warms Springs Reservation

• California
  – Hoopa Valley Tribe
Participating Agencies- Pilot Study

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA – Fisheries)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Army Corps of Engineers
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
Participating Tribes - Initial Phase

• Washington
  – Quinault Tribe
  – Lower Elwha Tribal Community
  – Lummi Tribe
  – Quileute Tribe
  – Makah Tribe
Participating Tribes Initial Phase

• Oregon
  – Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde
  – Coquille Tribe
Participating Tribes 2003-2004

- California
  - Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
  - Blue Lake Rancheria
  - Karuk Tribe
  - Round Valley Indian Tribes
  - Table Bluff Reservation – Wiyot Tribe
  - Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians
  - Yurok Tribe
  - Hoopa Valley Tribe
Key Findings

• Enhanced federal-tribal contact

• Improved fisheries and water quality

• Instances of accommodation
Implications for Adaptive Management

- Inconsistencies
- Fire management
- Access
- Tribal knowledge
- Broadening consultation
- Regulatory agencies
- Sensitive information
- “Informal consultation”
- Adaptive Management Areas
Larger-Scale Issues

• Freedom of Information Act

• National Environmental Policy Act

• Resource Advisory Committees

• Consultation at the national level
Improved Monitoring

• Protocols
• Review
• Reporting