

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER RESTORATION
HREP Team Meeting
Monitoring Breakout Session

Monitoring Report Out Form

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Table Topic: <i>Wildlife</i>
Facilitator: <i>Steve W., Kendra P., Mike Griffin</i>
Discussion Question: <i>#6)</i>
Findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluating habitat is easier than evaluating species.• Just because it is good habitat doesn't mean species are using it• Planning process is very narrow for what objectives + monitoring could be.
Recommendations: <i>(SMART)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need <u>better defined objectives</u> to be able to monitor. Need base-lines.• Start with monitoring that is specific to the objective. If objective is for veg, monitor veg. Rest of observations are "icing on cake"• Species may not be the better objective → if poor weather year, poor habitats, no species show up.• It is very project/objective specific. Can't always just pick habitat or species - may need to monitor wild colony for ducks, but actually eagles for eagles

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Table Topic: Wildlife
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Discussion Question: 1, 2, 3, 4 - Aspects that do not don't lend themselves to study design + assessment
Findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Objectives should be project specific need to be project specific, + quantitative- Pre-project monitoring + planning should be tied to objectives- Monitoring needs to be long term- Monitoring needs to be long term to determine if habitat "improvements" are robust + not just resulting in temporary responses
Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smart objectives need to be project specific, + measurable- Don't set objectives that aren't measurable, + that are too broad or general <p><u>Not working well:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Haphazard, low priority, or convenience sampling, that doesn't inform inform objectives explicitly.