Considerations for Evaluating Potential Actions
SRKW Task Force

These considerations were refined by the Task Force at the June 14 meeting. Working Groups will address these considerations (including assigning high/med/low ratings where appropriate, coupled with an explanation of the ratings) in their discussion of potential actions and when delivering updated actions for consideration by the Task Force. The considerations will not be used by Working Groups to limit what is sent to the Task Force. The considerations are simply a way to organize information to make it digestible and clear for the Task Force.

Considerations
- Effectiveness, in terms of potential to address threat to SRKW survival and/or ability to reproduce
  - Magnitude of response/benefit to orca (quantifiable when possible)
  - Time for response to occur
  - Degree of certainty
- Affordability ("Cost" positively framed so that "high" is good on all criteria)
  - Estimated cost to implement (in dollars)
  - Degree of certainty
- Ease of implementation
  - Regulatory feasibility (laws, regulations and treaties—including local, state, federal, international, tribal, etc.)
  - Degree of alignment with current federal and state law (versus requiring changes to laws)
  - Political/social feasibility
  - Technical feasibility
  - Degree to which it reinforces or leverages existing efforts
  - Degree of certainty

Additional information
Working Groups will provide additional information about each potential action to give the Task Force additional context and detail that may be useful to inform decision-making. Additional information may include:
- Recommendations about where and when to implement each action, including sequencing
- Who has the authority to implement each action
- Social/cultural, economic, community, and environmental costs and benefits of actions (local and statewide), and potential ways to ameliorate any negative impacts. The equity of impacts will also be discussed
- Comments on current and potential funding sources and estimated gaps
- Information on integration (tradeoffs and complementarities across the actions under the three threat areas)
- Links to existing programs, communities, groups, or mechanisms
- If and how each action could be evaluated, monitored and responsive to adaptive management
- Whether each action will improve conditions for all pods or a subset
- Severity of threat being addressed
- Additional considerations unique to each Working Group, as appropriate

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