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SESSION 31: Panel: Cornerstones of Adaptive Management: Science, Collaboration and Institutional Resilience

Panel Participants:

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Clearly defining how scientific information is utilized, developing collaboration between key participants and communities, and effectively implementing recommendations and experiments are all cornerstones of successful adaptive management programs. Sandra Davis and David Sale have worked on major scientific and collaborative projects in Alaska, Puget Sound, the Columbia River Basin and the Klamath River Basin, designing and facilitating connections between scientific assessment, collaboration building and the development of governance structures. This special interactive session will build on their experiences, and engage participants in exercises and dialogue which incorporate the group's knowledge and experiences related to integrating these three aspects of adaptive management. Areas to be explored include: • Design considerations for collaborative adaptive management: balancing creativity and rigor. • Integrating collaboration with effective decision-making: Success Factors for collaborative adaptive management. • Fitting science with policy and governance: the Governance Triangle and effective communications. • The role of stakeholders in adaptive management: supporting decision-making and science as well as stakeholder needs. • Managing organizational landscapes – effective change or rearranging the deck chairs? • How adaptive management can support or hinder community resilience. As Sandra and David weave their experience and ideas with those of the participants they will draw attention to various tools that can be used to collect information, build collaborative relationships, and develop resilient management structures. Participants will expand their understanding and take home some practical examples to use in their ongoing work.