



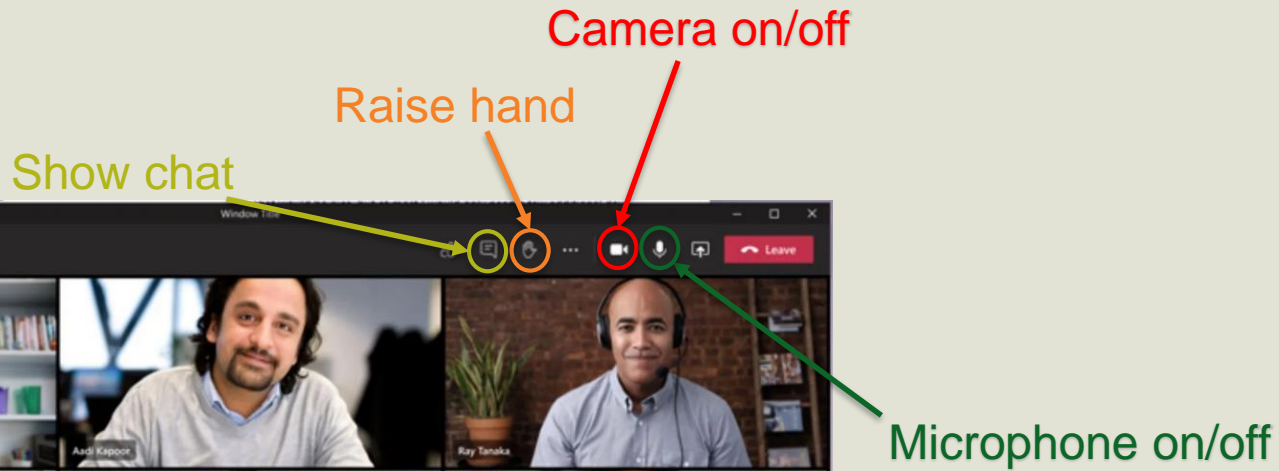
# Fisheries Strategic Plan

## Draft General and Hatchery Goals

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# Welcome Back- Meeting Logistics



# Welcome Back- Statement of Purpose and Guiding Principals



## Statement of Purpose- The Plan will:

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## Guiding Principles

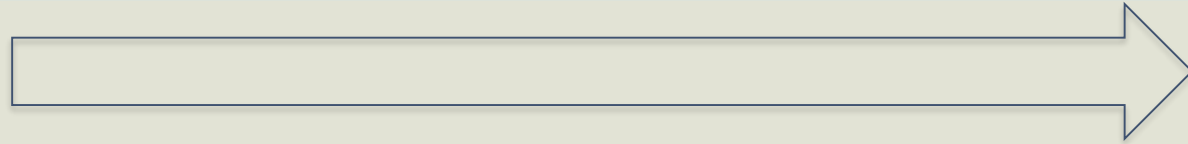
MDIFW, the steering committee, and subcommittees will ensure that the Plan:

- is built on a foundation of sound scientific principles and is feasible
- recognizes that the public has a genuine stake in the plan – fisheries resources belong to the public and is held in the public trust
- is developed in an open, transparent, and inclusive process that encourages and facilitates the involvement of the public

# Timeline Overview- Where are we at in the process?



Start



Completion

Species Goals ----- ✓

General Goals ----- In review (SC)

Hatchery Goals ----- In review (SC)

Body text ----- In final review (MDIFW)



# Timeline Overview- Next Steps

- MDIFW updates General and Hatchery goals based on SC feedback
  - General and Hatchery goals completed
- MDIFW finalizes edits in body text
  - Share w/SC
    - Update based on SC feedback
      - Body text completed

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- Send entire Plan to editor
    - MDIFW reviews text edits
  - Send updated Plan to designer
    - MDIFW reviews design edits

## PROFESSIONAL EDITING BEGINS

(mid-late April)

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- Start 30-day public comment period
    - MDIFW reviews and incorporates comments as appropriate

## DRAFT COMPLETE

(late July)

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## FINAL COPY SENT TO PRINTER

(September)

# Review and Discuss the General and Hatchery Goals- General Purpose and Overview



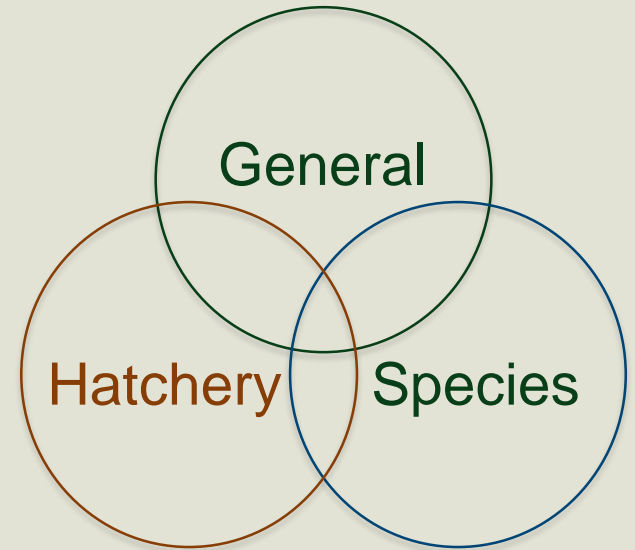
## Forward-looking sections of the Plan

### General Goals

- Provide broad direction for Division operations
- Outline general management philosophy

### Hatchery Goals

- Broadly focused on hatchery production and operational needs



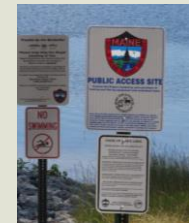


# Review and Discuss the General and Hatchery Goals- General Purpose and Overview



## General Goals

- Resource management
- Managing public interests and involvement
- Stakeholder engagement
- Access
- Program management



# Review and Discuss the General and Hatchery Goals- General Purpose and Overview



Hatchery operations



Native spp. conservation

## Hatchery Objectives

- Production
- Biosecurity
- Discharge
  
- Performance
- Stocking coordination and logistics
  
- Methods to guard against wild reproduction
- Conservation



# Review and Discuss the General and Hatchery Goals- Committee Comments



## General Goals

1. Maintain healthy fish populations and their habitat
2. Consider broad public interests in the development of stocking and management programs
3. Keep the public, stakeholders, and partners informed and encourage meaningful collaboration to build support for Division programs
4. Encourage, and where possible provide, fair, equitable, safe, and permanent access to Maine's public waters for fishing and boating
5. Operate the Division under an organizational framework that creates efficiencies, consistency, and accountability in meeting existing and future management challenges

**Do the goals and listed actions make sense and are they clear?**

**Are there any related items that you feel are not yet captured, but should be?**

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## Hatchery Objectives

- Protect facilities and stocked waters from biosecurity threats
- Consider broad public interests in the development of stocking and management programs
- Optimize fish health, quality, and condition to maximize survival after stocking
- Stock waters throughout the state using various transport methods, including truck, boat, plane, ATV, and backpack
- Comply with Maine Department of Environmental Protection wastewater discharge license requirements
- Explore opportunities to use sterilization techniques to prevent hatchery fish from establishing wild populations and/or breeding with wild fish
- Develop an isolation facility for research and special propagation of wild fish to support conservation efforts

**Do the objectives and listed actions make sense and are they clear?**

**Are there any related items that you feel are not yet captured, but should be?**

# What to expect next...

1. MDIFW will finalize General and Hatcheries goals considerate of SC comments
2. Body text will be shared with the SC for review (late March)
  - Outline already reviewed, looking for what we may have missed
  - MDIFW will finalize body text to incorporate SC comments
3. Entire Plan sent to editing team (late April)
4. 30-day public review (August)
5. Final Steering Committee meeting
6. Publishing (September 2021)

