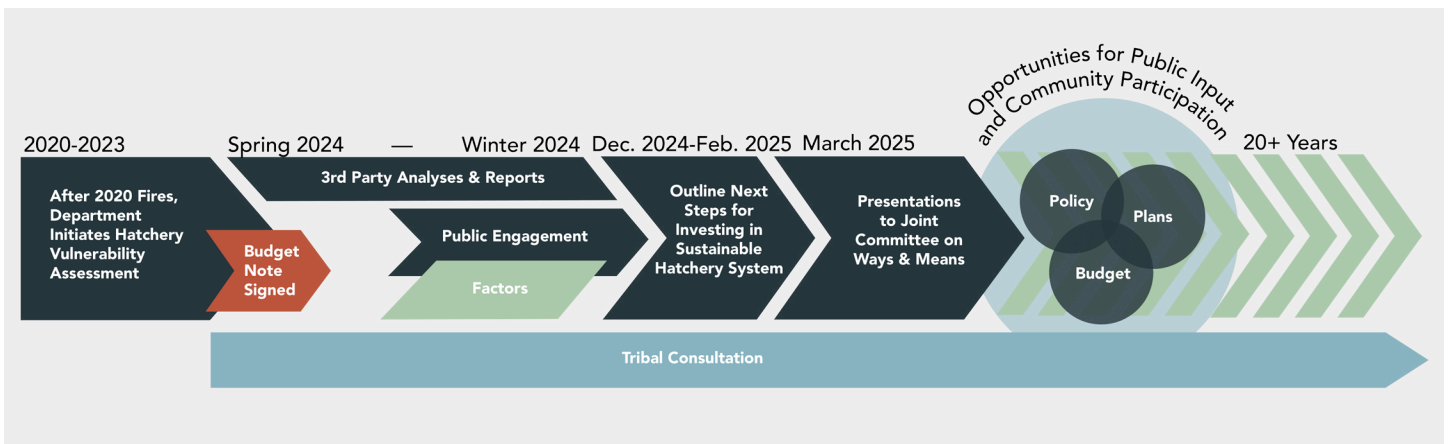


ODFW HATCHERY ASSESSMENT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW



While ODFW has been engaged in assessment of its hatchery system since 2020, ODFW's most recent work was directed and funded by a budget note included in Senate Bill 5506 (2023). The budget note required ODFW to procure third-party assessments of the operations, sustainability, and climate vulnerability of state-owned fish hatcheries. In addition to work required by the budget note, from June to November 2024, ODFW contracted with Willamette Partnership to facilitate large and small group meetings with interested members of the public. These meetings allowed the public to discuss implications of the third-party assessments conducted by ODFW's contractors and to expand beyond those assessments to consider experiences and perspectives of interested parties from around the state.



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

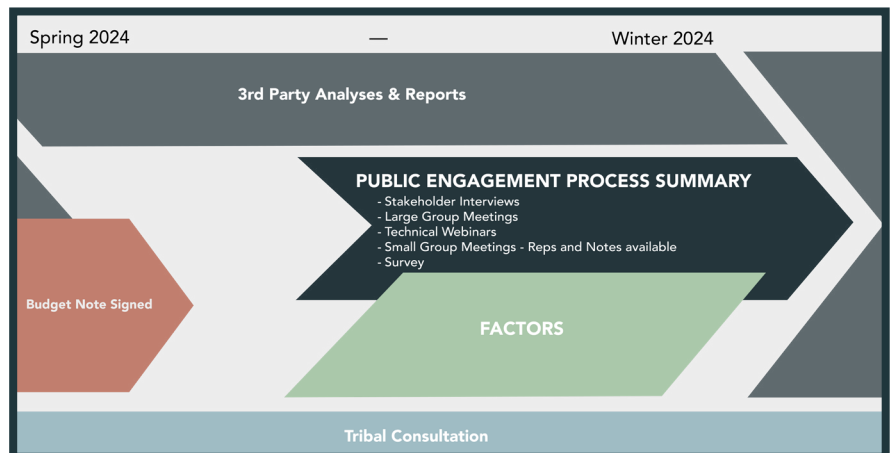
Interviews with ten interested groups allowed ODFW to collect initial insights to inform the public engagement process to ensure it was grounded in community perspectives.

LARGE GROUP MEETINGS

ODFW hosted three hybrid large group meetings to keep interested parties up to date on the hatchery assessment and provide opportunity for engagement, learning, and dialogue.

WEBINARS

ODFW conducted three public webinars to provide an overview and key takeaways from the work of its third-party contractors covering operations, sustainability, climate vulnerability, infrastructure, and economic costs/benefits.

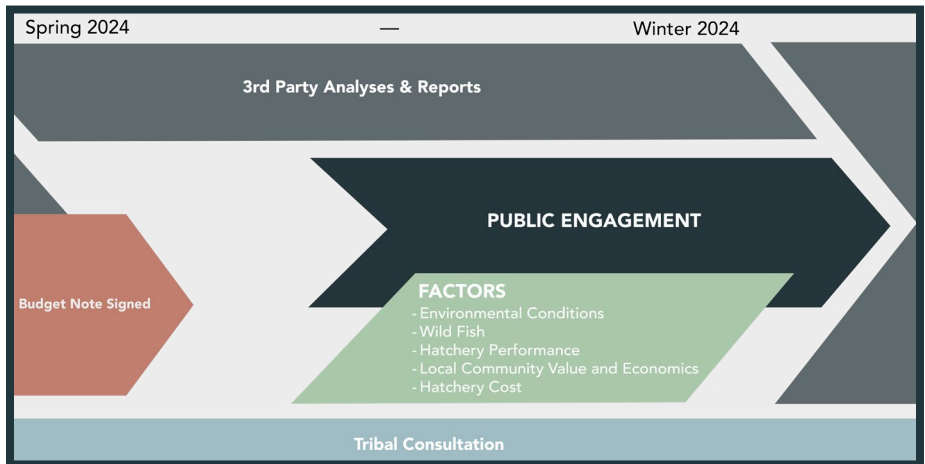


SMALL GROUP

ODFW hosted a series of small group meetings to provide a space for group representatives to share their perspectives and experiences, understand and learn from each other, and provide insight to ODFW's hatchery resilience leads. Members of the small group acted as liaisons to the broader community. The Department did not seek consensus from this group, the group did not vote on proposals, nor did the group provide recommendations to the Department.

FACTORS FROM SMALL GROUP

Small group participants worked to develop a list of factors that they viewed as relevant to the decision of whether to invest in a hatchery, program, or policy today or in the future. Each factor is further described by a list of considerations applicable to the factor and available or needed data to measure considerations.

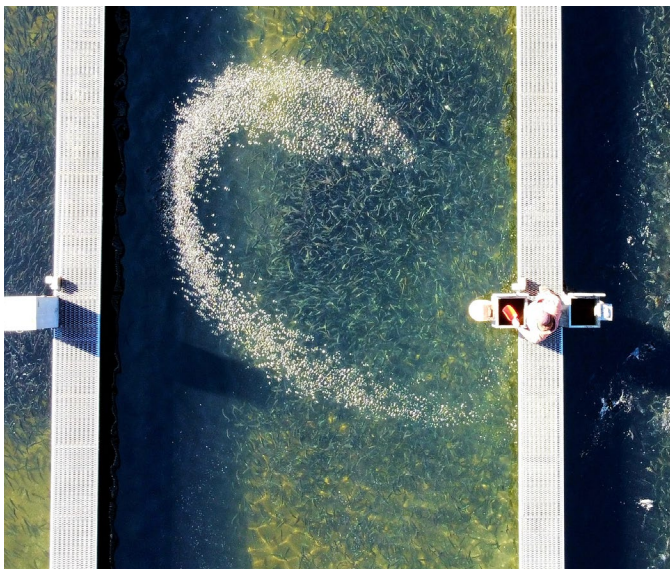


These factors reflect divergent interests and are intended to be considered as a whole and balanced against each other. These factors reflect an expansion of the data considered by ODFW's third-party contractors in their assessments.

Small group members discussed application of the factors to potential infrastructure alternatives presented in one of the third-party reports. The value in having small group members reexamine the alternatives was to further develop the factors, gain insights into their application to decisions, and bring community and industry focused perspectives to a set of current alternatives.

SURVEY

Following large group meeting 3, ODFW posted a nine-question survey for interested members of the public to complete. The survey questions were related to the information presented at the third large group meeting, specifically including the factors the small group created.



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWEES AND SMALL GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Groups were chosen that have an interest in ODFW's hatchery system, engage statewide or across a broad geography, and have diverse perspectives.

- American Sportfishing Association (ASA)
- Native Fish Society (NFS)
- Association of NW Steelheaders (ANWS)
- Trout Unlimited (TU)
- Coastal Conservation Association (CCA)
- Wild Salmon Center (WSC)
- The Conservation Angler (TCA)
- Northwest Guides & Anglers Association (NWGAA)
- Oregon Anglers Alliance (OAA)
- Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA)

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