

Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership – CCMP Update Objectives:

- Update the CCMP with focus on four key topics:
 - Climate change,
 - Environmental Justice,
 - Access and recreation,
 - Community education
- Clearly acknowledge the multifaceted and reciprocal relationship between people and the environment. The update should include an exploration of shared stewardship, shared management, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK).
- Acknowledge communities that are unequally burdened by environmental impacts, identified in the Estuary Partnership Equity Plan. Engage community members from those overburdened communities in the update process.
- Involve community partners, respectfully and responsibly, in the plan update. Explore the strengths and assets of our communities and identify roles beyond “shared” and “lead,” including more specifically how the plan can help position partners for funding opportunities under the Clean Water Act, and how the Estuary Partnership can play roles that support other partners.
- Ensure the plan is practical and implementable, and that actions are informed by the Estuary Partnership’s strategic direction, DEI Strategy, and Equity Plan. The plan should leave room for adaptation to the rapidly changing operating context.
- Acknowledge the CCMP is a resource for partners and the public. Ensure that the process as well as the format, content, and distribution of the updated document help bring partners and the public into the work. Make sure the document is readable and informative, including visual elements and simple formatting.

Tools to Utilize in the Update:

- A clear description of the ecosystem’s status and the pressures affecting the estuary in key topic areas – provide this description through a variety of platforms.
- Gather external input from throughout the study area through surveys to community members, stakeholders, and partners, followed by listening sessions with respondents. Surveys and listening sessions will be targeted to gather feedback from throughout the study area, with two listening sessions in Oregon and two in Washington.
- Launch an annual meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) with initial focus on the CCMP Update
- Involve the Board strategically to maximize expertise, experience, and networks.

Timeline for the Update:

Approach Approval	Finalize surveys, ecosystem data presentation, other materials	Conduct surveys and interviews/host CAC meeting	Compile outcomes	Draft Updated CCMP
Sept. 2023	Sept. - Dec. 2023	January - May 2024	May-23	May - Aug. 2024
Board Review Draft CCMP & comment	Meet with Communities & Partners for comment on draft	Compile comments & revise	Final Approval from Board to Submit	Submit Final CCMP for approval to EPA/publish on website/send to partners
Sep-24	September - October 2024	Oct - Nov 2024	Nov. 2024	Nov. - Dec. 2024