

Adaptive Management

A structured process of learning by doing (in the management of ecosystems)
(Holling et al. 1978; Lee, 1993; Walters 1986,97)

Given that

- Uncertainty is unavoidable
- Policies are experiments that should be designed to produce usable lessons

Adaptive Management

Operates on scales compatible with natural processes,
cognizant of nature's time frames, recognizes social and
economic viability within functioning ecosystems

Is realized through effective partnerships among private,
local, state, tribal and federal interests