



# Trout ad hoc group

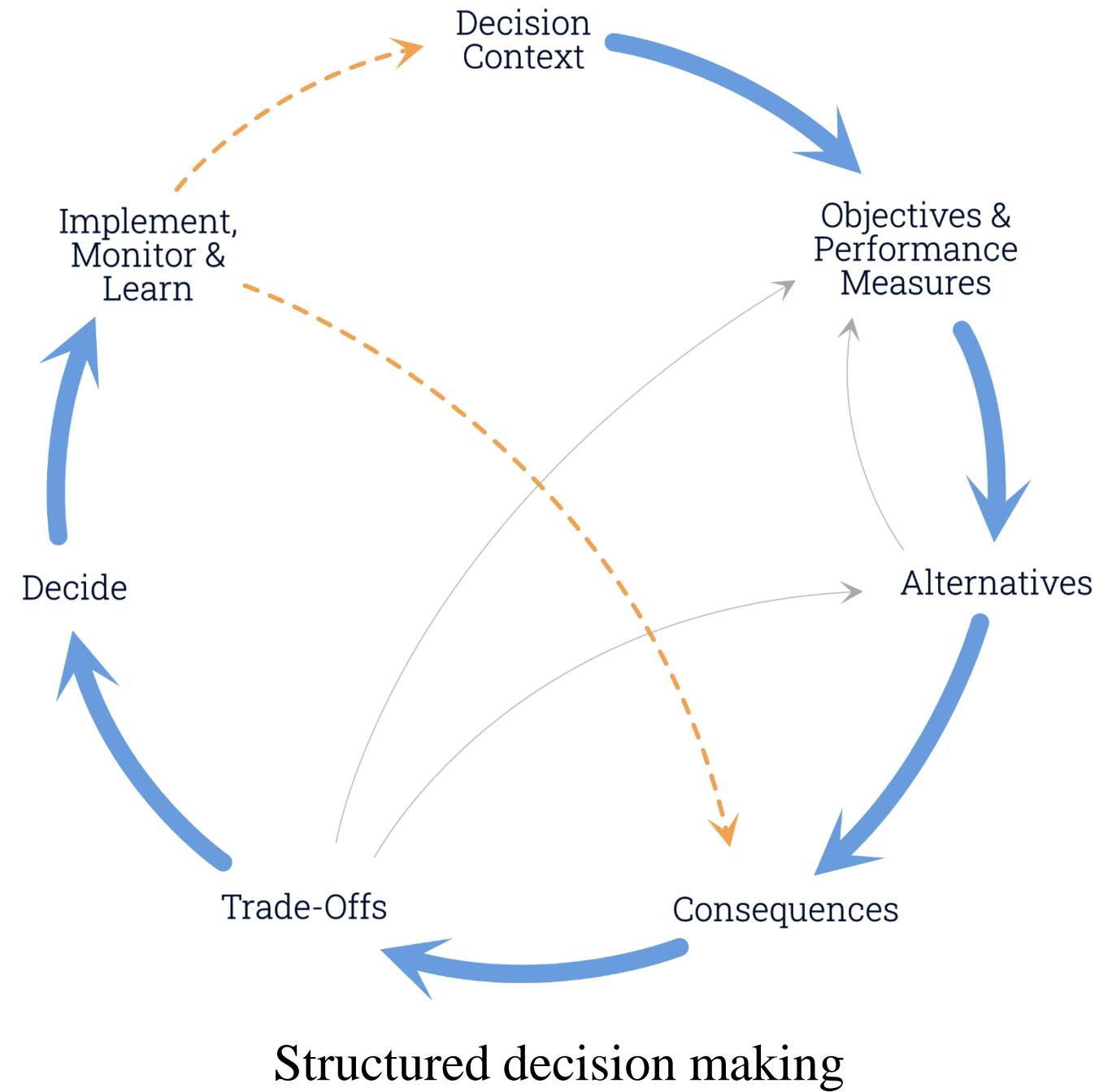
Chair – David Rogowski

~34 members



# Charge

The Trout Ad Hoc Group (TAHG) is charged with reviewing the factors negatively impacting the Lees Ferry rainbow trout fishery and proposing strategies that could be pursued/considered to help achieve the LTEMP rainbow trout fishery goal.



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C6   Food base quality, quantity, diversity

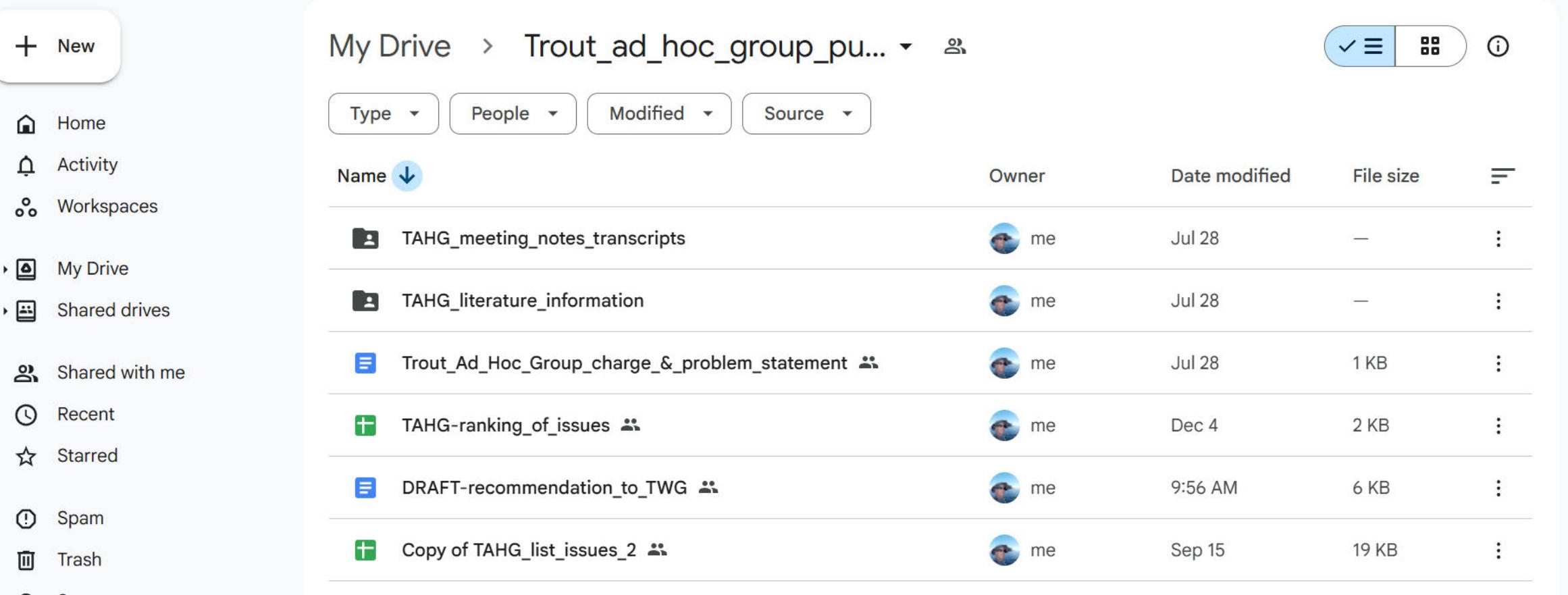
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1	rank	grouping	Issue/factors	rank_sum	objectives
6		biological	Food base quality, quantity, diversity	39	Increase the abundance large aquatic nutrient rich aquatic invertebrates preferre
7		biological	Lack of diversity in foodbase (low EPT)	30	Increase the EPT abundance and diversity in the Lees Ferry Reach
8		biological	Predation	29	Reduce predation on Rainbow Trout at all life stages
9	30.25	biological	Competition with other fish species	23	Reduce interspecies competition with Rainbow Trout at all life stages
10		life history	spawning	31	Increase the number and proportion of spawning Rainbow Trout
11		life history	Lack of recruitment	35	Increase YOY, and subadults recruitment
12		life history	No large fish	20	Increase the abundance of large Rainbow Trout (>20 inches)
13	24.5	life history	trout strain - genetics	12	Increasing genetic diversity to better handle changing conditions (increasing temp
14		Flows	Higher flows = harder to fish, less fish caught (angler success)	17	Maintain flows in a preferred range (8-12K cfs) that optimizes the ability to catch
15		Flows	Flows - stability - aquatic macrophytes/foodbase	18	? we don't know enough
16		Flows	HFEs - timing, frequency	28	We need further testing to determine positive or negative effects of HFE
17		Flows	experimental flows (bug flows, HFE, maintenance, equaliz	26	We need further testing to determine positive or negative effects of experimental

# Approach

Issue	Objective	subobjective	Option0	Option1	Option2
<b>Lack of recruitment</b>	Increase YOY, and subadults recruitment	increase abundance of RBT that could spawn (health)	no action	stock larger adult fish for spawning	
		increase yoy	no action	stocking fingerlings	
		increase spawning habitat	no action	remove vegetation, algae?	more spring HFE

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potentially
neutral
maybe not
not likely

Considerations  
Consequences  
Trade-offs



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# Recommendation to the Technical Work Group (TWG)

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- Working on a draft
  - Two parts
    - Short term
    - Long term
- Next meeting
  - 21 Jan 2026 (2-4 pm)

