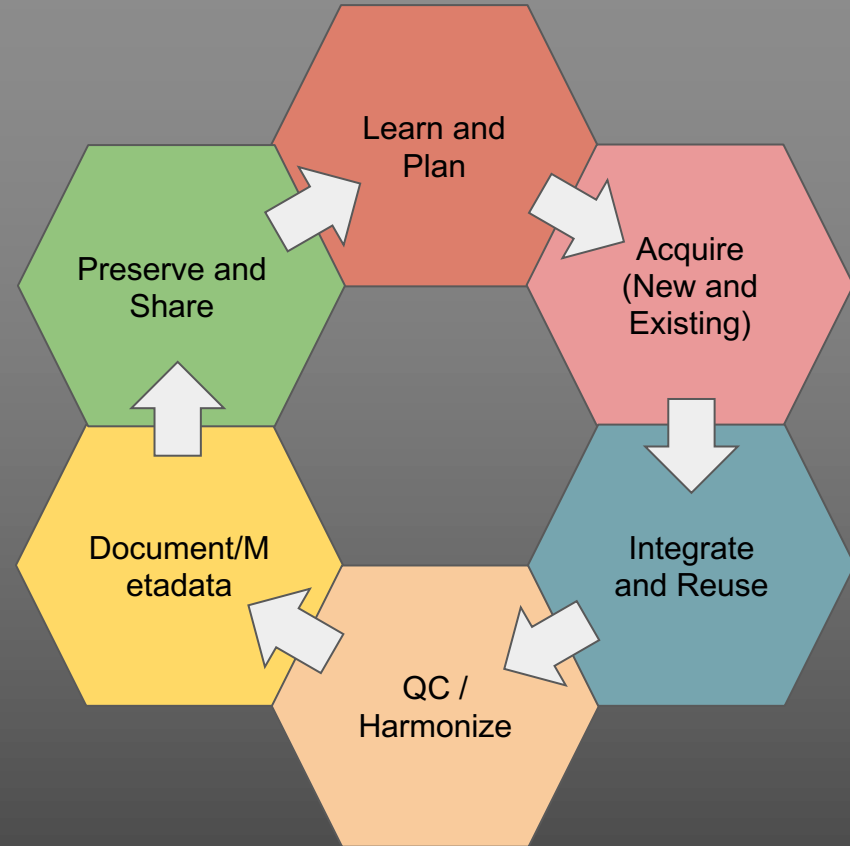


# Salmon Data Mobilization

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# The IYS Challenge

## Theme: Information Systems

### Objective:

Freely available information systems contain historic and current data about salmon and their environment.

### Sub-theme: Towards a Data driven Future: Progress and Future Requirements for Data Mobilization across the Salmosphere

Ensure data related to salmon are readily available to scientists and decision makers.

# International Challenge? International Response!

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
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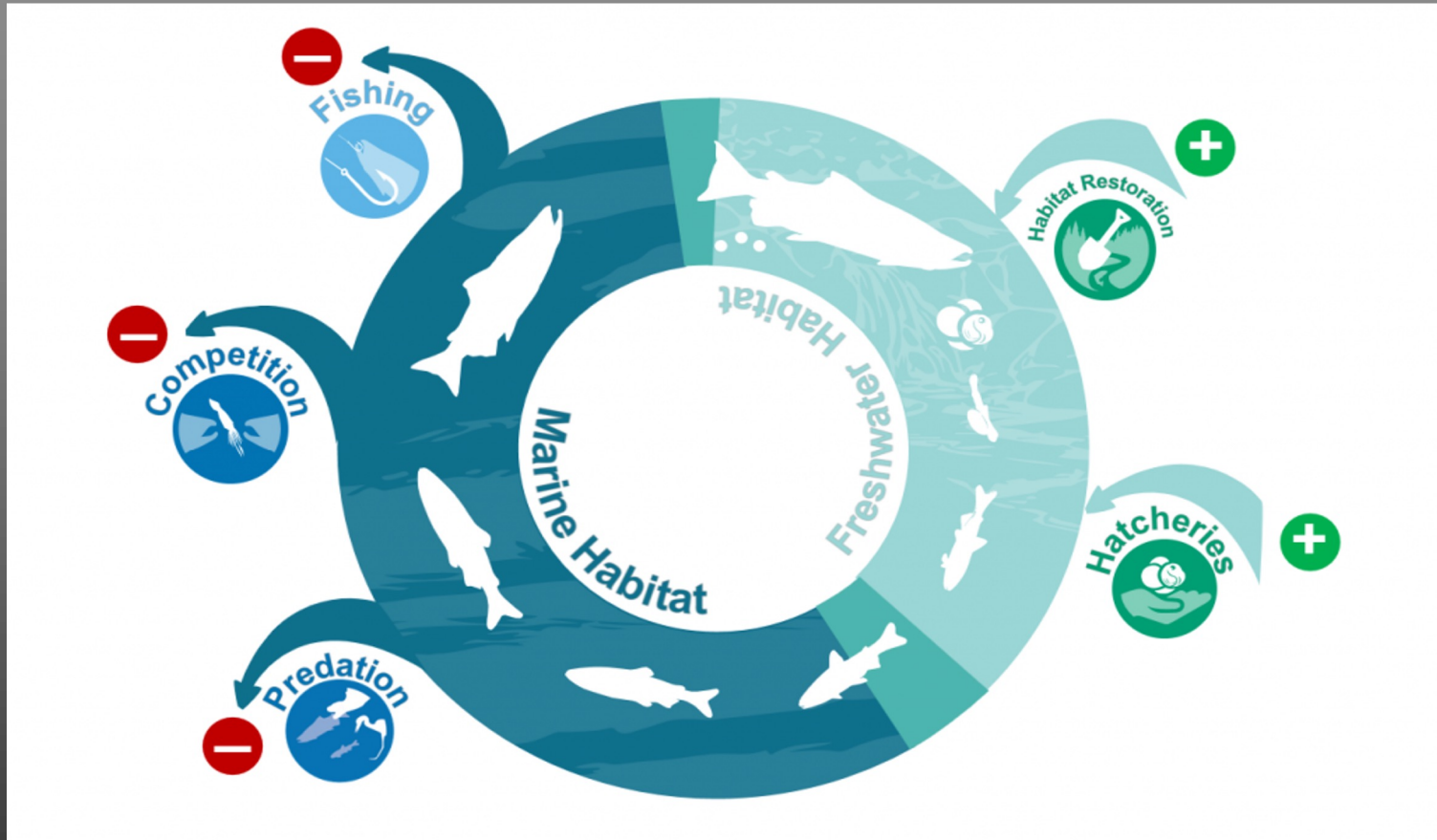
# Outline

1. **Problem:** failing salmon marine survival
2. **Solution:** salmon data mobilization (SDM)
3. **SDM:** definition, context
4. **Requirements:** consumer, producer, community
5. **Barriers:** sociocultural, technical, institutional
6. **Recommendations:** leadership, education, community

# 1. Problem

Population declines across salmon species – globally – remain unexplained despite *massive* research and conservation efforts... and expense.

# 1. A wicked problem



## ECOSYSTEM PRESSURES



Warmer water



More extreme weather events



Erosion



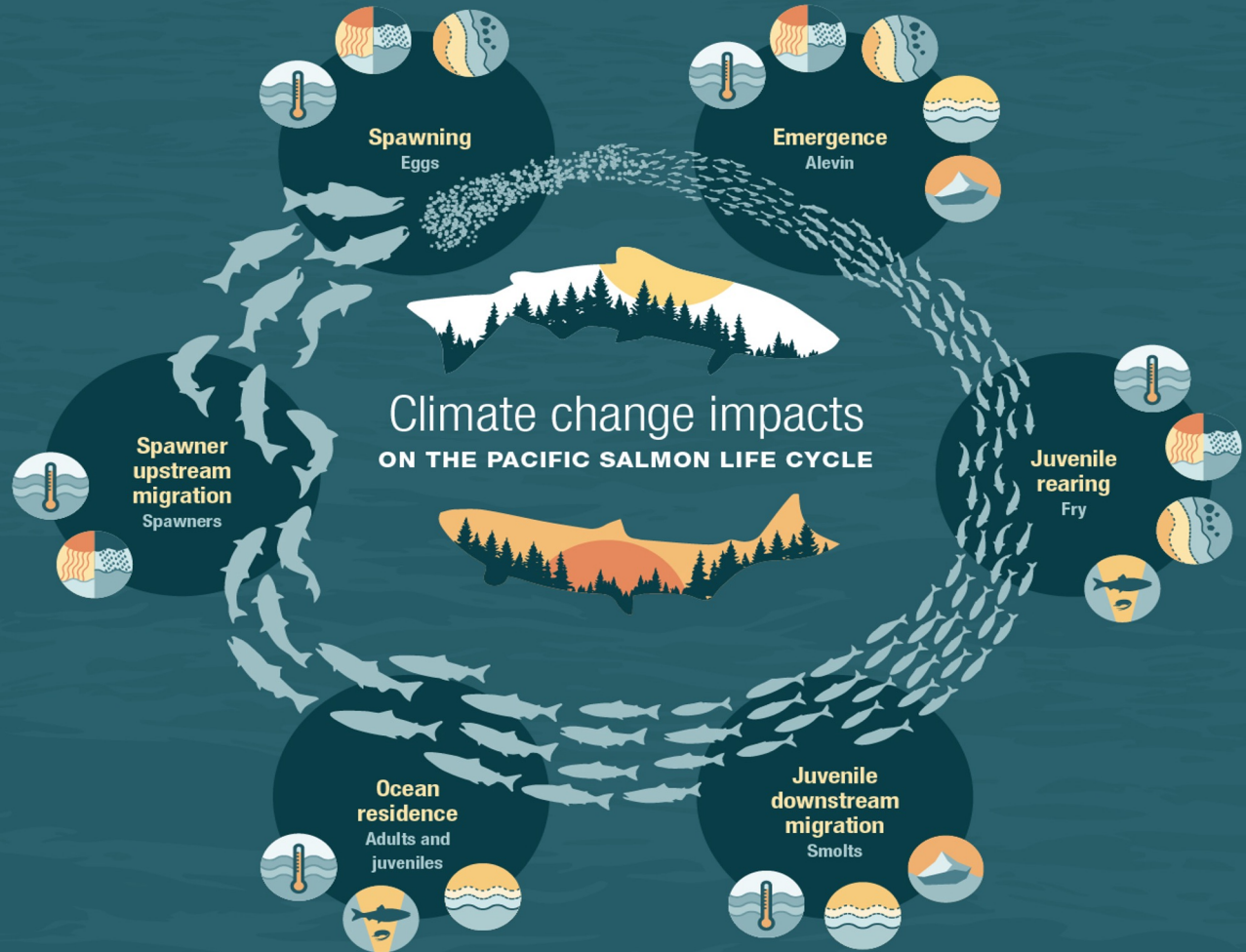
Changes in food web



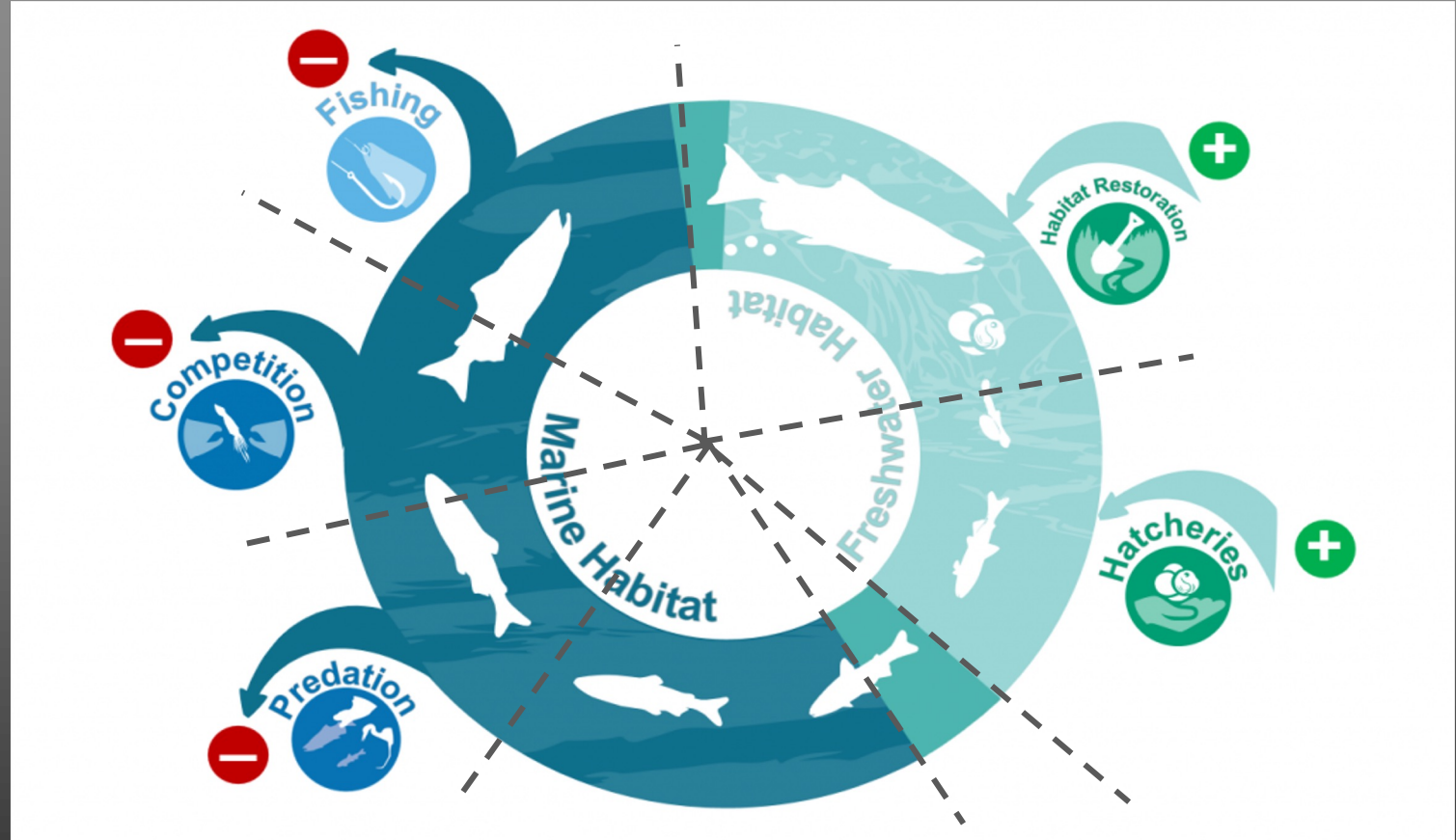
Changes in water flow



Less ice cover, shrinking glaciers



# 1. Areas of expertise are not enough





# 1. The fragmentation problem

## **Poor coordination of data collections means:**

- Datasets are not accessible outside of their immediate context;
- Broad-scale, data-driven insights and solutions are impossible;
- Redundancy, project inefficiency and churn.

# 1. We need to synthesize *Data* into *Knowledge* and *Action*

To solve the salmon crisis we need:

- Integration of information across silos
- Larger samples sizes
- Borrowing of information between systems
- Sharing of successes and failures

*At scale, in context and leading to useful advice*

## 2. Solutions:

These require standardized data that is

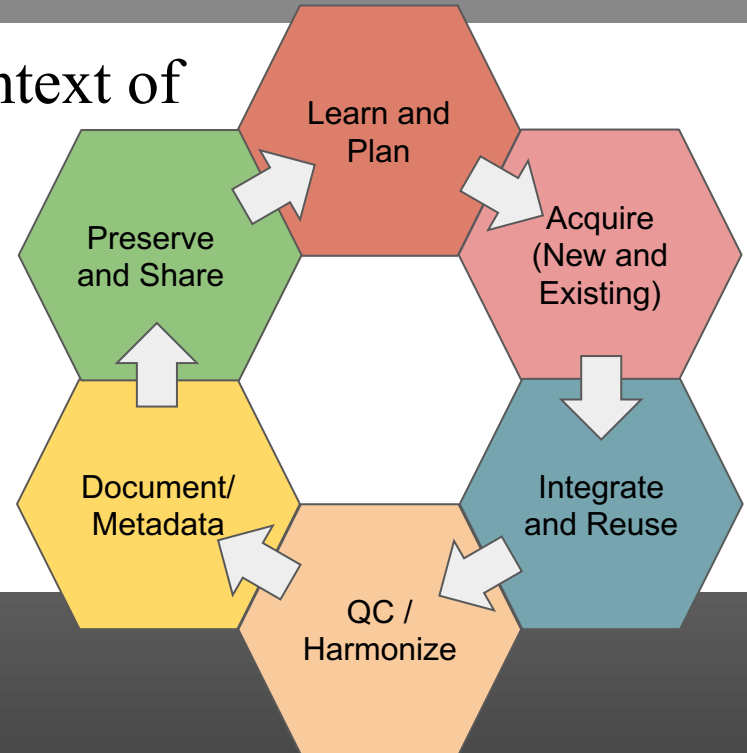
- well documented
- openly available
- near real-time
- Contextually linked

**We need Salmon Data Mobilization.**

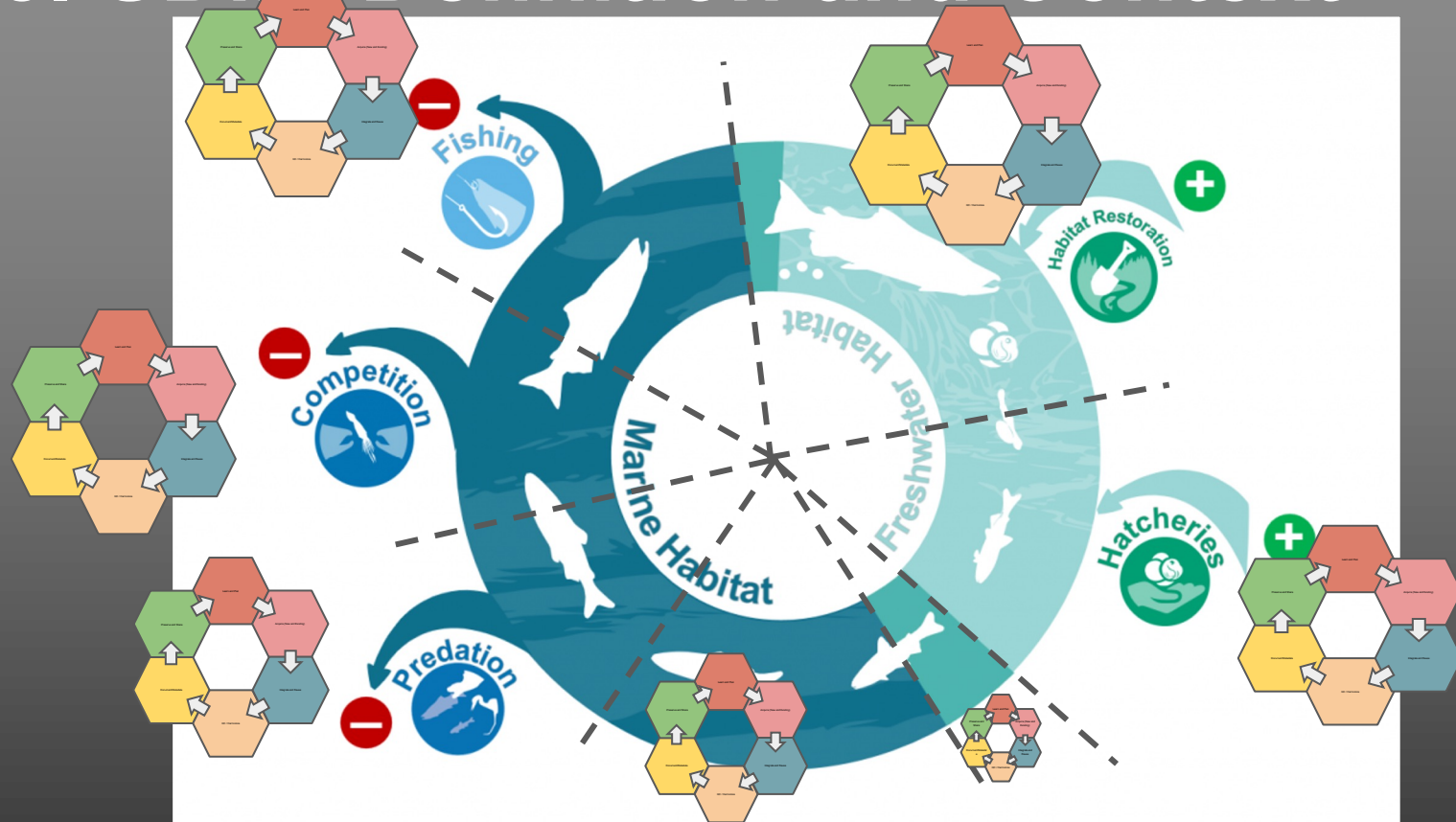
# 3. SDM: Definition and Context

- The Data Life Cycle<sup>1</sup> in the context of Data Mobilization
- Single Project Cycle

Where does it interact with other projects?

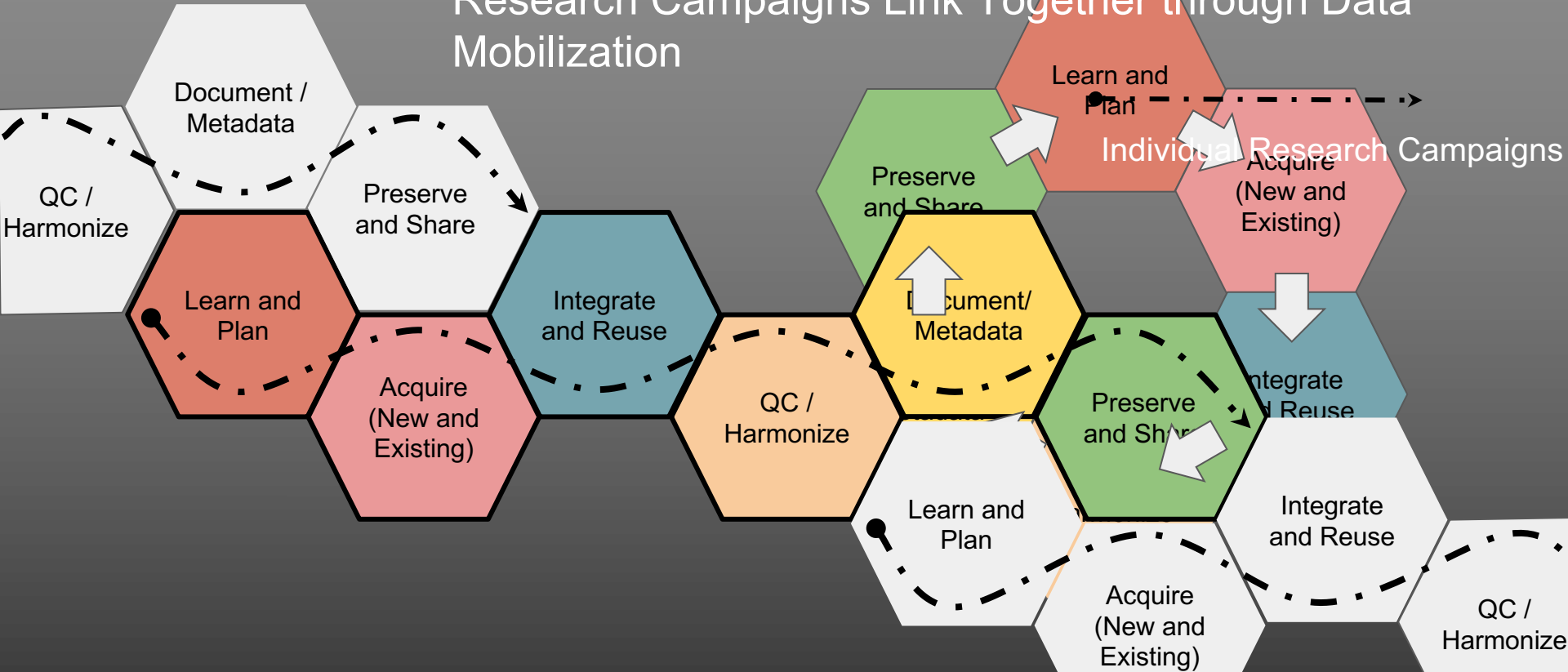


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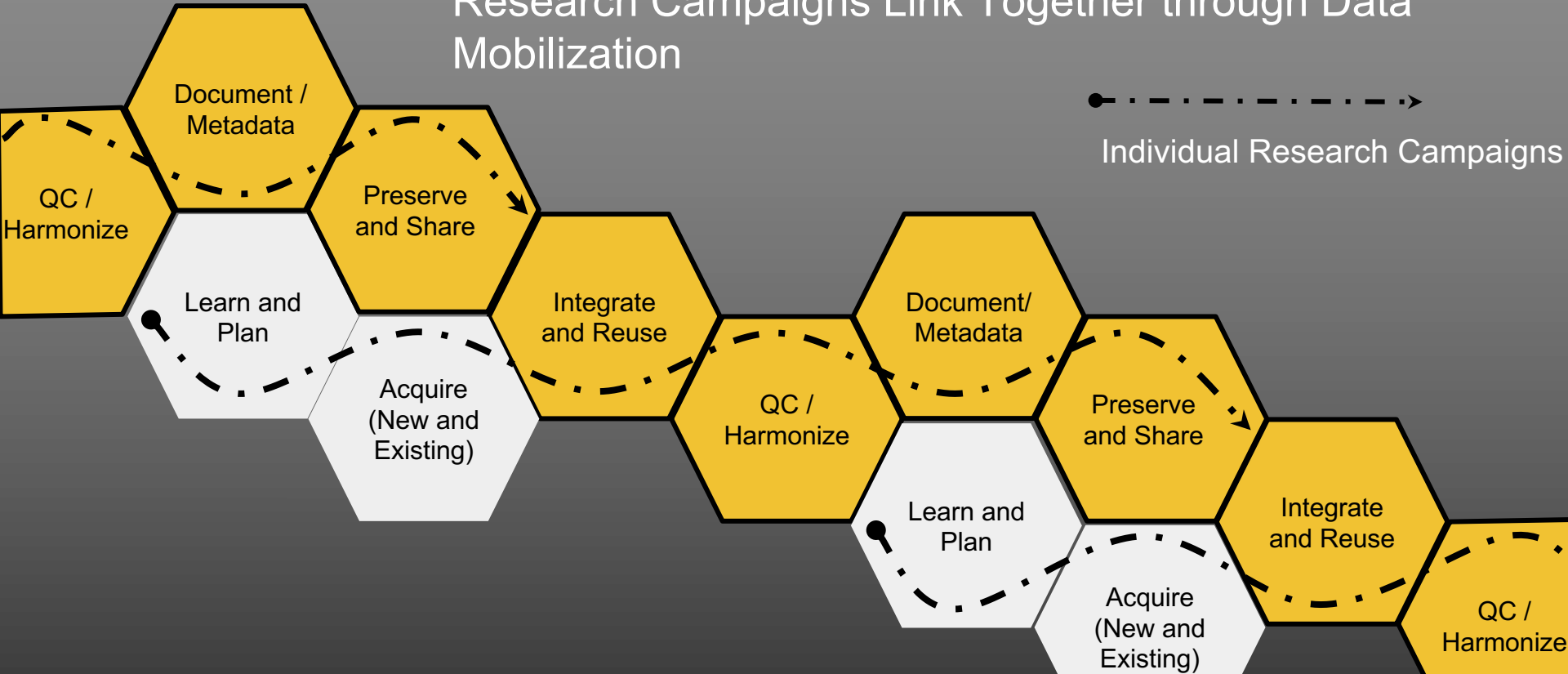
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## 4. Requirements: Producer

- Access and training in usable and relevant standards and metadata
- Shared methods vocabularies and ontologies
- Federated and robust data repositories
- Rewards for sharing/re-use
- Best practices with pathways to success



# 4. Requirements: Community

*Community of practice* to mobilize data

- Interconnected users, producers and brokers
- Coordinated
- Evolving
- Nodes of expertise, leadership, and capacity
- Social capital (rewards)

## 4. Requirements: Consumer

**Findable** - *to a novice user, either manually or using code*

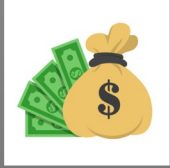
**Accessible** – *using trusted authentication protocols*

**Interoperable** - *via broadly used language, code and tools*

**Re-Usable** – *in a different context*

# 5. Barriers

## Sociocultural



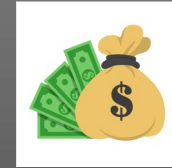
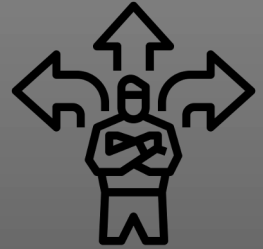
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## Technical



## Institutional



# 5. Barriers

## Sociocultural

## Technical

## Institutional

These general Data Mobilization barriers apply to the salmon problem, but are exacerbated by those ‘wicked’ elements:

- Invisible migration pathways
- Migration through multiple Economic Zones
- High social, economic, cultural value

# 6. Recommendations

International Salmon  
Community

From

Current Data  
Accessibility and  
Reuse

To

Improved Uptake of  
DM Practices and  
Tools

By

Recommendations

With  
Result

A new **environment** that:

- Aligns Research Communities
- Rewards Data Curation/Sharing
- Mobilizes Knowledge
- **Benefits Salmon**

## 6. Recommendations

Create a new environment in which these efforts can be shared and understood.

This is a key step towards the research insights and informed management actions needed to address this **crisis**.

*New environment means:*

new tools, new processes, new support, new experts,  
new training, and – critically – a new culture.

# 6. Recommendations

1. Policy Leadership (Guidance)
2. Funding and Education
3. Data Community Building

# 6.1 Recommendation #1



## Develop Policy Leadership so that

- Salmon Data Mobilization is part of the core structure of data creation campaigns
- The requirements that need to be met are clear; all participants know what is expected of them



# 6.1 Recommendation #1



Examples:

- The Open Data Directive (EU)
- The Open Government Data Act (International)

With results:

- Publication guidelines bringing these ideas into practice
- FOI Requests will theoretically become easier to fulfill

## 6.2 Recommendation #2



### Funding and Education

- Salaries for Ecological Data Experts
- Data Management Education Programs
- Long-term funding for data repositories, catalogues and social networks

## 6.2 Recommendation #2



### Include workplanning for

- Education program scheduling
- Collaboration with data expert(s)
- Data management tasks
- Support future re-use

## 6.2 Recommendation #2



### Examples:

- EU Horizon Europe research funding through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). *Requires FAIR data handling as a prerequisite for grants.*
- Specific Data Stewards Roles (*e.g.*, CEFAS UK)
- NCEAS Learning Hub - *environmental data science skills*
- 4TU.ResearchData - *store and re-use datasets*

## 6.3 Recommendation #3



### Build a Data Community

- Create, promote, and sustain a peer-support network to mobilise data
- Social incentives for making data accessible and for contributing to the development of consistent vocabularies and standards
- Promote best practices with examples that can be replicated

## 6.3 Recommendation #3

### Build a Data Community

- Provide toolkits and methods libraries
- Enable security and longevity of data repositories
- Enable continuous funding to re-use (and evolve) tools
- Enable thorough documentation for confidence in appropriate reuse



DataONE

Data Services Community Learning About

# DataONE

Making data more discoverable, accessible, & usable

What data are you looking for?

# GBIF

## Global Biodiversity Information

### THE MISSING SALMON ALLIANCE

Search:

- Introduction
- Submit Data Source
- Search and Explore
- Explore Map**
- Explore Hypotheses
- Explore Life-Stage Domains

Data Source Title	Year
NS-IBTS (North Sea International Bottom Trawl Survey): 1965-ongoing	1965-ongoing
SWC-IBTS (Scottish West Coast Bottom Trawl Survey): 1985-2010	1985-2010
EVHOC (French Southern North Atlantic bottom Trawl Survey): 1997-ongoing	1997-ongoing
Burnishoole River Flow derived from Lough Feagh station, Marine Institute ...	
SP-North (Spanish North Coast Bottom Trawl Survey): 1990-ongoing	1990-ongoing
SP-PCPC (Spanish Provincial Coastal Bottom Trawl Survey): 2004-ongoing	2004-ongoing

Access Protocol:  
Organisation:  
URL:  
Geography and Time:

The Global Ocean Observing System

## Hakal

Datasets

Filter by location

Search datasets...

188 datasets found

2019 to 2020

Show blank range

Ocean Variables

- Inorganic Carbon (20)
- Sea Surface Temperature (13)
- Invertebrate abundance (10)
- Macroalgal canopy cover (10)
- Sea Surface Salinity (10)
- Dissolved Organic Carbon (9)

### Monitoring Resources

Document and share your methods and protocols. Plan your study plans and sample designs. Track your monitoring locations.

DOCUMENT

## SALMON WATERSHEDS PROGRAM

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### Data Library

Welcome to the Salmon Data Library!

Access salmon-related datasets compiled by the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Product Solutions Open Source Price

GitHub Universe: A global developer event. Register how to get early bird passes 2019.

## Let's build from together.

The complete developer platform to scale, and deliver secure software.

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## OCEA TRACKING NETWORK

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Explore Data

## MetaShARK

Welcome in MetaShARK

MetaShARK

MetaShARK (Metadata Shiny Automated Resources and Knowledge) is a tool designed for ecology data description tasks. The tool relies on ecology metadata standards, and mainly the Ecological Metadata Language. Its vocation is to allow any ecologist to fill in metadata for its dataset to permit the understanding, reusability and reproducibility of his work. But as metadata is becoming more and more complex, this tool is trying to get as user-friendly as possible.

MetaShARK is written and maintained by the French National Biodiversity Data Hub (PNDB). You can interact with the development team on their git repository.

PNDB

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About EML Assembly Line

Authorship

The EML Assembly Line package used in this app and its children is the intellectual property of the Environment Data

## ERDDAP

Easier access to scientific data

## Atlantic DataStream

An open access hub for sharing water data

Our mission is to promote knowledge sharing and advance collaborative stewardship

# Lest We Lose The Salmon

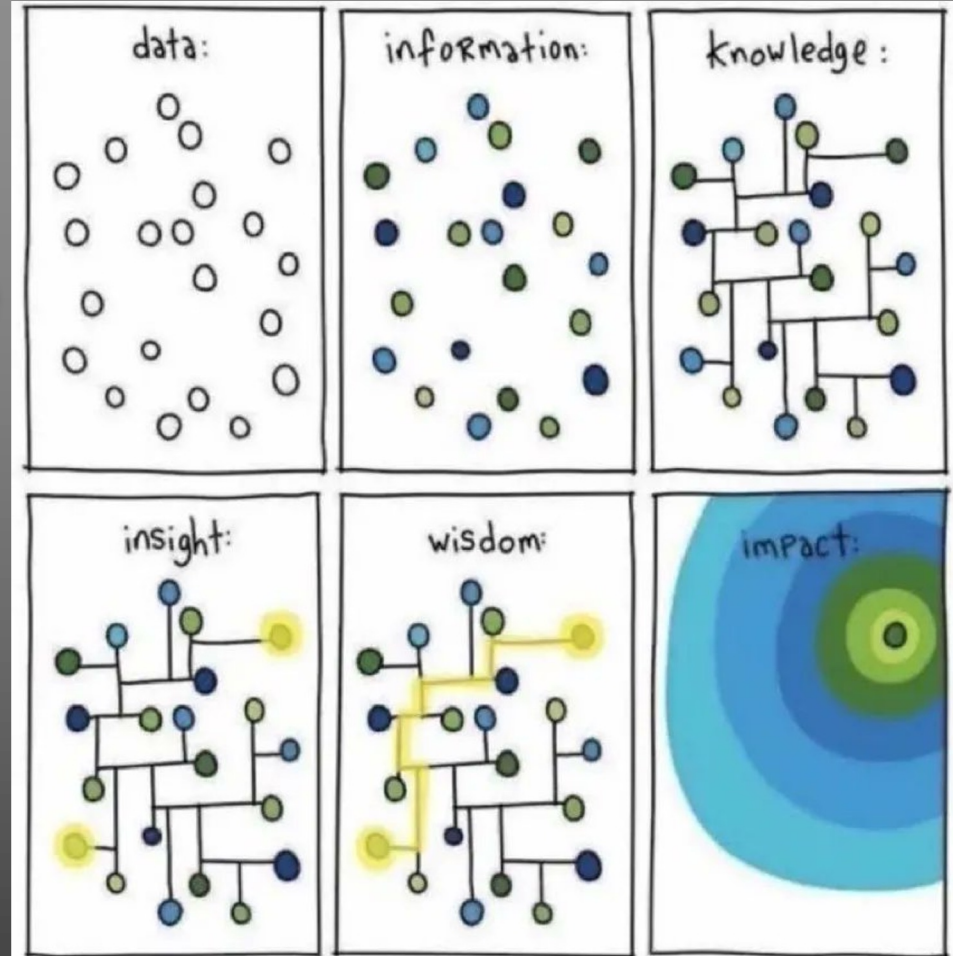
## Salmon Data Mobilization

- is a critical first step toward understanding why salmon marine survival is failing, and then fixing that.
- The scope is international and YOUR desktop.
- This is not *Somebody Else's Business*.

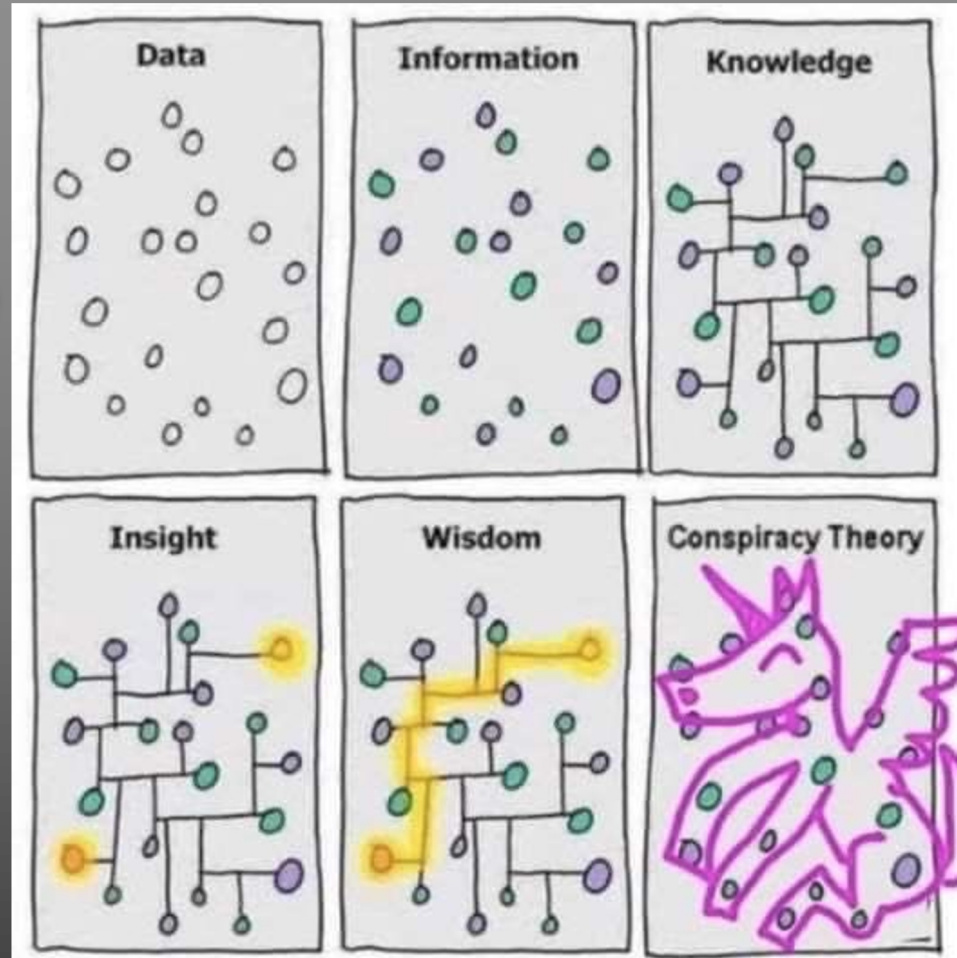
**Our ability to respond to the salmon crisis depends on it**



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# Discussion