

Challenges in Adaptive Management

Institutional Challenges

How do we as agencies change to the AM paradigm?
How do we get our publics to change to the AM paradigm?
How does AM fit into our existing processes?
Does the application of AM require rulemaking?
How do we ensure a consistent approach between agencies?
How and when is AM employed?

Procedural Challenges

How does one define an action that may be changed?
How does one evaluate that action in NEPA?
How does one define indicators?
How and what does one monitor?
How does one document and implement a change in the action?
When is additional NEPA required?
When is a plan amendment required?

Scientific Challenges

What is the appropriate science for a particular AM decision?
How is the appropriate science decision evaluated and monitored?
When does one have enough information?
How does one use science in the emotionally and politically laden decision making process?
How does one define indicators and monitoring?
How can one apply science in a cost effective manner?

Sociological Challenges

What is the public's role in AM?
What is the role of other agencies in AM?
What is the role of FACA?
How does one gain the publics trust?
What is the fallback decision should the AM process fail?

Fiscal Challenges

What is the relative cost of an AM approach vs. a traditional approach?
How does one fund long term monitoring?
What is the fallback decision should monitoring funding become unavailable?

