Predictive Models

- Spatial Models vs. Biological Models
- Where vs. what or how much, For example:
- Blueprint for habitat creation locations in the HEC (where).
- Biological indices, habitat diversity, species diversity goals for the HEC (what and how much).

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Step 4- Models

- Characterize system behaviors and responses to management actions.
- Incorporate different ideas about how the resource system works and how it responds to management.
- Capture key uncertainties (or disagreements) about resource processes and management effects.
- Compatible with, and calibrated to, available data and knowledge.

Step 5- Monitoring plans

- Designed to estimate system state and other attributes needed for decision making and evaluation.
- Promote learning through a comparison of estimates against modelbased predictions.
- > The plan should be efficient

So Why Now?

- Enormous amount of monitoring
- Physical/biological data accumulating
- Several management actions already in the water
- Developing technologies and expertise
- Galvanized public interest
- Growing need to demonstrate past success and refine future actions in common context