

Introduction to Participatory Action Research



I. Strategies

- **General area of interest**
- **Identifying Stakeholders**
- **Building Common Understanding**
- **Result: Research Question/s**
- **Outreach**

II. Preliminary Steps

- **Developing the research question is not the starting point**
- **Preliminary steps**
 - o **building trust**
 - o **identifying leadership**
 - o **organizing**

III. Identifying Stakeholders

- **Person or group that affects or is affected by issue or outcome**
- **Diversity - Respect and Safety**

IV. Questions to Identify Stakeholders

- **Who is affected by the research?**
- **Are there stakeholders who should be involved, but may need support?**
- **What support is required and how can it be provided?**
- **Are political or institutional “change agents” represented?**

V. Why Be Involved?

- **Ownership in design, process and results**
- **Verify assumptions about the outcome**
- **Learn research skills**
- **Build relationships and networks**
- **Other perspectives - reduce conflict**
- **Increasing the chances of success**

VI. Examples of Stakeholders

- **Community Members**
- **Landowners**
- **Local, County, State, Federal Agencies**
- **Tribal Governments**
- **Mobile and In-place Forest Workers**
- **Environmental Organizations**
- **Academic Institutions and Researchers**
- **Commodity Interests**
- **Industry and Small Businesses**
- **Recreation and Sporting Interests**

VII. Questions to Build Common Understanding:

- **Language (scientific, cultural, English) understandable?**
- **Do stakeholders respect different individual and cultural approaches?**
- **Do some stakeholders require technical or financial support to participate?
How can it be provided?**

VIII. Research Question/s

- **List stakeholders - local, mobile, regional, national and interests**
- **Conversations, Meetings**
- **Group identification of interests and needs**
- **Criteria and ranking**
- **One or several questions**

IX. Outreach

- **Attract and engage stakeholders**
- **Raise visibility and transparency**
- **Inform stakeholders about progress and results**

