



Nova Scotia's Water Sector: Adapting to Climate Change

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By the end of
this
presentation...



... you'll know:

- about the Climate Adaptation Leadership Program
- the main climate change challenges we face in Nova Scotia
- why we are creating a multi-stakeholder strategy to adapt the water sector to climate change
- which organizations are participating in strategy creation and the process they have followed
- the main areas the strategy will cover and the next steps to implementation

Agenda



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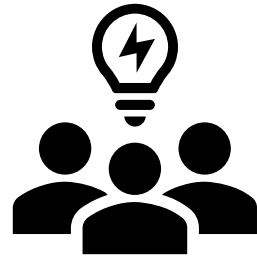
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The Climate Adaptation Leadership Program (CALP)



Awareness



Action



A journey....

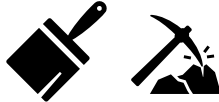






learning-by-doing process undertaken by the multi-stakeholder water sector team, building their capacity, skills and knowledge

...and a destination

collaborative creation of a climate change adaptation strategy for the water sector

Sectors and departments currently creating or implementing strategies



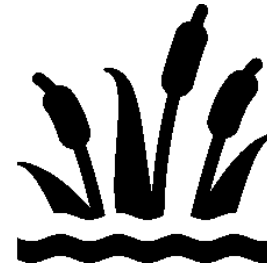
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Electricity			
Water		}	Dept. of Environment and Climate Change

Our focus: climate change adaptation



Climate change adaptation

-
preparing for the
current and
future impacts of
climate change



Climate change mitigation

-
reducing
greenhouse gas
emissions or
enhancing sinks



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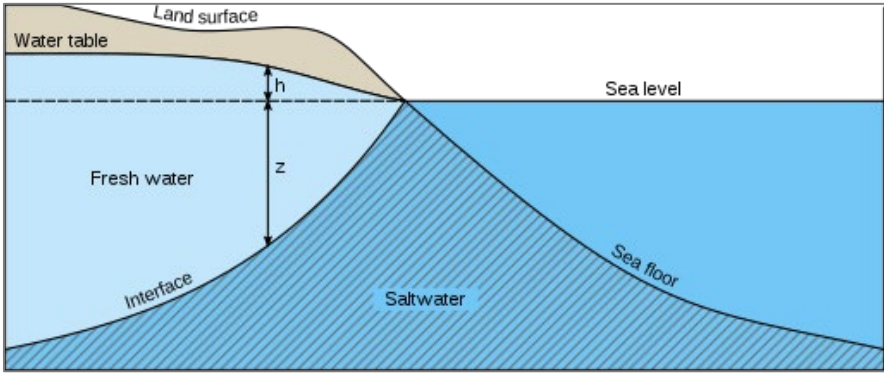
Climate change projections for NS



- Temperatures continue to rise
- Precipitation patterns are changing
- Storms will be more frequent and more intense
- Sea levels are rising
- Ocean conditions are changing



Climate change and water



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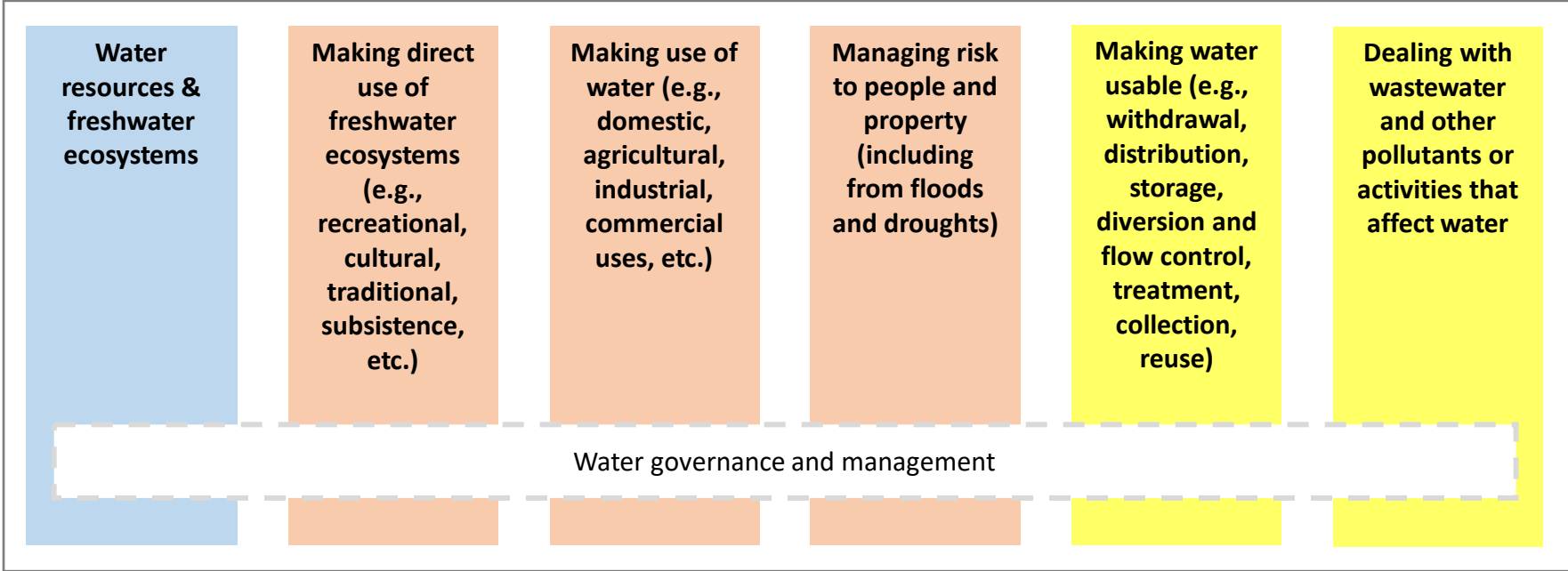
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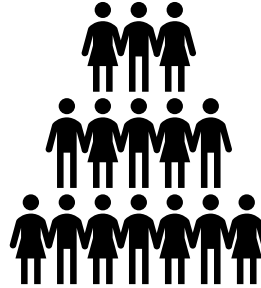
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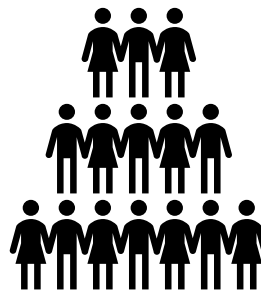
What do we mean when we talk about the 'water sector'?



Water sector team



A sector team leads on the process and delivery



A governance team provides strategic support

Organizations currently represented on the sector team



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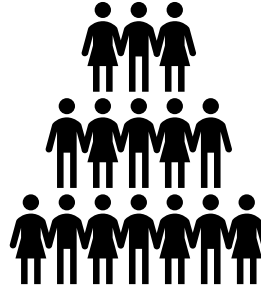
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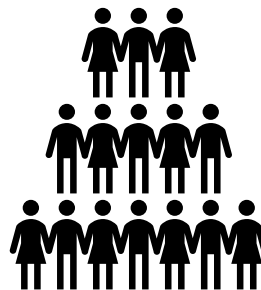
And until recently...



Governance team



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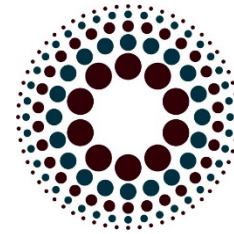
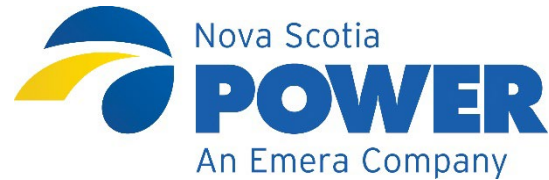


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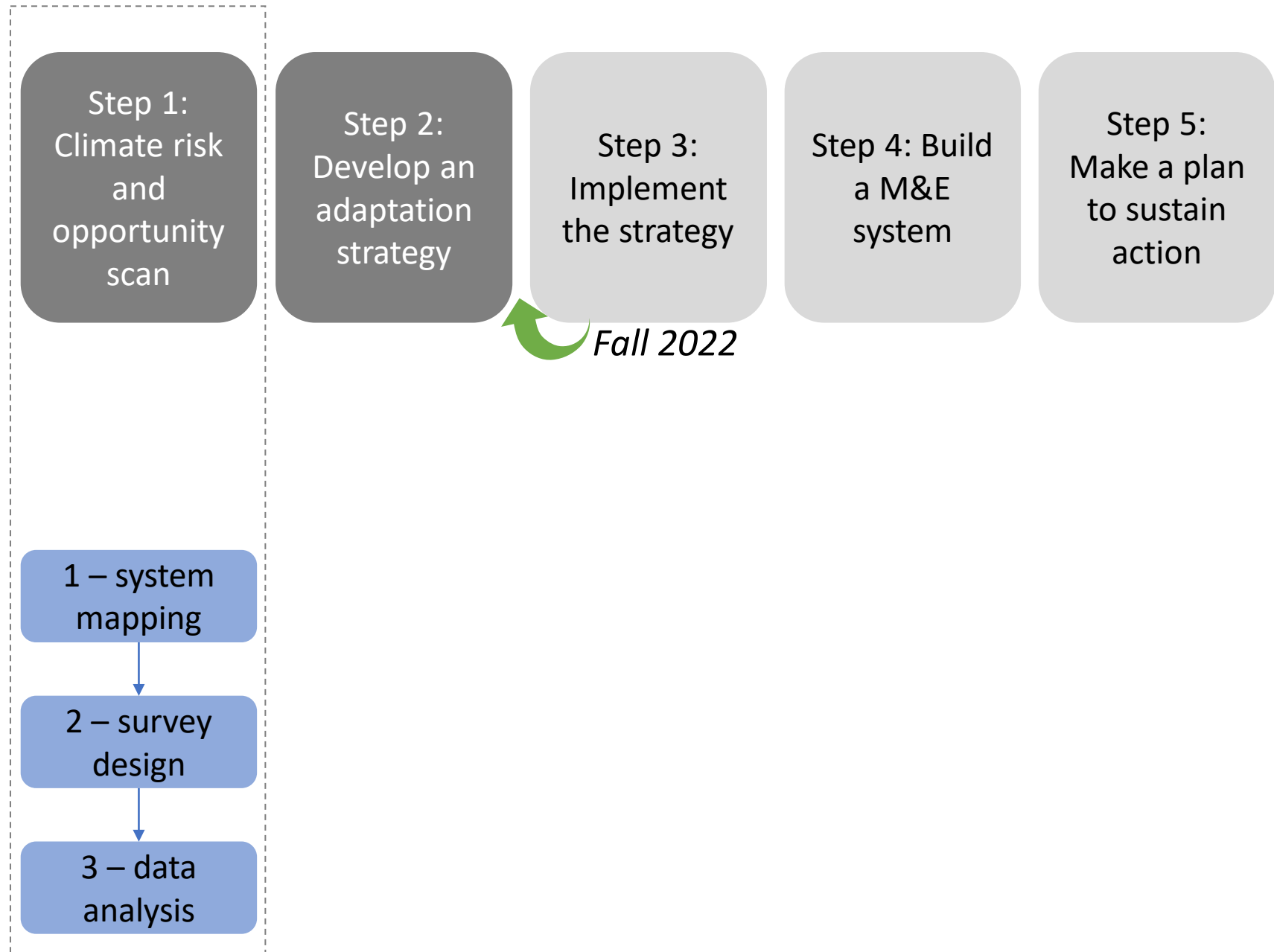
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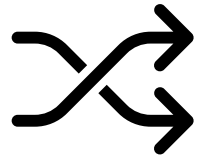
A five-step learning-by-doing process



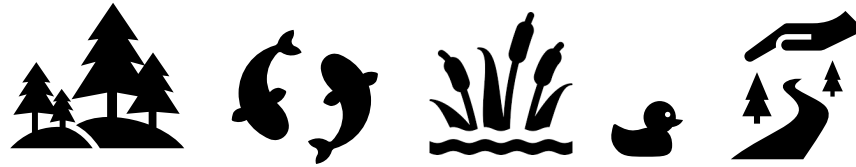
The climate change adaptation strategy



- Strategic direction
- Starting point
- Flexibility on how to get there
- Outcome-oriented



Focus areas



Freshwater ecosystems and watersheds



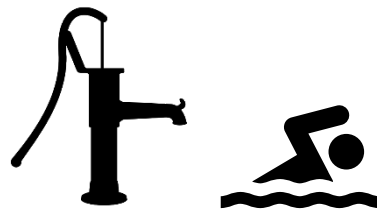
Floods, droughts and emergencies



Land use planning/watershed planning & management



Water-related infrastructure



Water resources (surface water and groundwater)



The regulatory framework





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Once the strategy has been finalized



Step 1:
Climate risk
and
opportunity
scan

Step 2:
Develop an
adaptation
strategy

Step 3:
Implement
the strategy

Step 4: Build
a M&E
system

Step 5:
Make a plan
to sustain
action

Forming the
teams

Training the
teams

Detailed
workplans

Resourcing

Key take away points

- Climate change is already creating challenges for the Nova Scotia water sector, and will continue to do so
- Adapting to climate change is imperative, and cannot effectively be done by one organization alone
- A multi-stakeholder group from across the Nova Scotia water sector has come together to create a climate change adaptation strategy
- Strategy implementation will involve more people, groups and organizations



Thank you for your attention!
We look forward to further engagement with the CWWA community on climate change adaptation

The 'Otters' team



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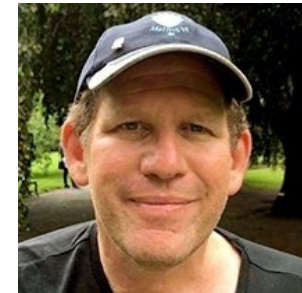
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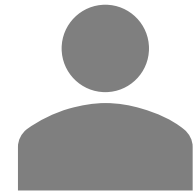
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