

Interim Targets – EELGRASS

Eelgrass				
	2014	2016	2018	2020
Progress Milestones and 2020 Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall sound-wide eelgrass area increasing or stable relative to 2000-2008 baseline.^{1, 2} • Two or more of the 5 regions show eelgrass area stability or improvement.² • Within each region, fewer sites show eelgrass declines compared to 2011.² • Depth distribution identified ² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall sound-wide eelgrass area increasing 5% relative to 2000-2008 baseline. • Three or more of the 5 regions show eelgrass area stability or improvement. • Ratio of increasing to decreasing sites improves in all regions. • Depth distribution of eelgrass stabilized, relative to 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall sound-wide eelgrass area increasing 10% relative to 2000-2008 baseline. • At least 4 of the 5 regions show eelgrass area stability or improvement. • More increasing than decreasing sites in all regions. • Depth distributions of eelgrass increasing, relative to 2016. 	Eelgrass extent in 2020 is 120 percent of area measured in the 2000-2008 baseline period.
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eelgrass recovery target strategy developed. (B2.4 NTA 1) (DNR)³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a coordinated strategy to achieve the 2020 eelgrass recovery target. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement a coordinated strategy to achieve the 2020 eelgrass recovery target. 	

¹ 2009-2011 no significant trend increasing or decreasing from 2000-2008 baseline.

² Suggested as interim target by DNR (27 Sept 2012)

³ To address water clarity issues, deemed critical to successful eelgrass recovery, recovery strategy should include elements to control anthropogenic sources of nutrients contributing to eutrophication of nearshore areas. Elements may include revisions to water quality standards or nutrient source control measures, hence development of the strategy should identify key collaborators and stakeholders.