

Interpreting the Summary Tables

- **Key Attribute**
 - The ecosystem attribute being evaluated
- **Indicator**
 - A meaningful measure for assessing the key attribute
- **Current Rating**
 - Indicates the degree of departure or how out of whack the indicator is relative to the reference condition.
- **Trend**
 - Indicate if the condition is improving, worsening, or maintaining
- **Cause**
 - Past or present actions or disturbance that is causing the system to be out of whack.
- **Effect**
 - Risks and impacts of the current condition
- **Potential Outcome**
 - If management action were taken , what would be the potential result
- **Threat**
 - Are the risks presented by the current condition imminent? Are the effects likely to continue or worsen if action is not taken?