WHAT IS ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT?

ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT (EBM) is a systems approach that strives to balance the needs of people, nature, and the economy through science-based decision making. EBM meets all of the following criteria:

- is specific to a place
- considers natural and human-made systems and their relationships
- uses the latest science and social science
- considers ecological, social, and economic concerns
- uses adaptive management, changing to fit the situation
- promotes sustainable use of resources
- protects ecological services, functions, and processes
- requires ongoing collaboration of many stakeholders and agencies