

*This series of questions has been developed to facilitate the break-out sessions. After break-out Session II your input to these questions will be used to inform the last facilitated discussion. Please modify or add questions as you discuss issues. If you do not have enough information to address a question, please outline the types of information you, your bureau, or the department still needs to inform its discussions and policy development.*

- Should AM be the ‘tool of choice’ for land and resource management for DOI?
- Does DOI need a consistent definition and application of adaptive management?
- Adaptive management requires that a suite of management alternatives exist and that management can and will be altered, based on learning through monitoring. However, management alternatives may not exist or may not be realistic to apply.

*Are there general categories of resource issues that are not well suited to adaptive management?*

- Should DOI consider application of elements of the adaptive management model if full application is not desired or appropriate?
- How can DOI ensure that critical scientific elements are incorporated into each step of the AM cycle?
- DOI has various regulatory requirements to apply “defensible science” or “best available science”
  1. *Does this policy require use of past knowledge (available) or can the “learn by doing” model of adaptive management fulfill that requirement, and how?*
  2. *What policy considerations exist?*
- Are there policy changes or budget guidance that might mitigate some of the common challenges of adaptive management?
- Did you hear any approaches in the case studies that might serve as examples of Best Management Practices for AM?
- What do you need to know more about, i.e., next steps, to move forward on policies and application of adaptive management in your bureau and DOI?

