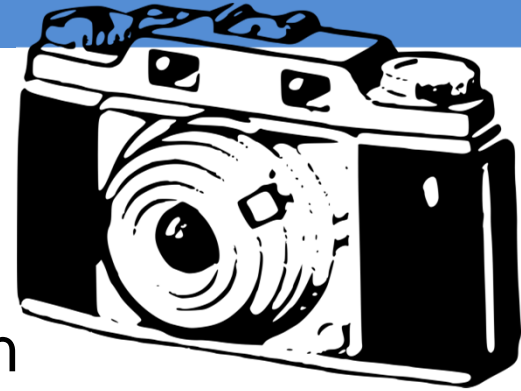# Big Picture -

- Prioritization restoration and protection
  - Top critical habitat
  - Diversity in terminology - e.g., critical habitat
  - 305(b)/303(d) – not mentioned
  - Need for groundwork/outreach
- Threats to Protection
  - Non-pollutants (habitat) ****
  - Pollutants
  - Support for stewardship
- Threats to Restoration
  - Regulatory barriers
  - Need for groundwork on existing regs. /outreach
  - Regulatory integration

Big Picture -

- Monitoring & Assessment
  - Most stakeholders engaged in monitoring for assessment
  - High degree of confidence in planning and conducting surveys
  - Opportunity to streamline QAPP development and approval
  - Less confidence in data management, analysis, sharing, opportunity
  - Lack of common practice in data analysis and reporting, opportunity
  - Leverage know-how, do not reinvent the wheel

- Engagement/Integration
  - Engagement Interest NGO <33%, State/Fed 64%
  - Integration 50% - NGO, State/Fed

- Resources limit all of us
- Communication is key

Strategic Goals

Prioritization for Restoration

- Develop a clearly documented process to identify statewide priority areas for developing TMDL plans to address other impairments (beyond bacteria and nutrients)

- Develop a process for identifying and working with stakeholders on non-DEP priority projects, along with methods to capture these activities.

- Align partners to implement measures to restore and protect water resources

Strategic Goals

Prioritization for Protection

- DEP and non-DEP protection plans are developed that enhance stewardship of high quality waters
- Ensure existing regulations for protection are well understood by the public and regulated community
- Identify enhancements to the existing regulatory framework for protection of high quality waters.

Alternatives

- Develop guidance on options for alternative plan development to restore water quality
- Develop system to approve and capture (record) plans
- Integrate alternative plans that are under development into the prioritization scheme for TMDL development.

Strategic Goals

Monitoring and Assessment

- Optimize WPP resources in concert with internal and external partners to monitor multiple water types for multiple objectives
- Optimize the usability of water quality monitoring data collected by organizations outside MassDEP
- Communicate CWA monitoring needs to meet multiple objectives for data collection
- Communicate current statewide process for assessment
- Develop process for optimizing partnerships for data collection by DEP and non-DEP, identify obstacles internal to DEP and external
- Opportunity for outreach QAPP development, data analysis, management, sharing

Strategic Goals

Engagement

- Identify opportunities to enhance engagement of State, Federal, NGO, WWTP operators and municipalities in CWA programs
- Establish process for ongoing engagement

Integration

- Improve understanding of how MassDEP water resources planning and regulatory programs interact, look for overlap
- Improve our understanding of how sister agency water resources planning and regulatory programs interact, look for overlap
- Improve stakeholder and regulated community understanding of our regulations