

RMP Objectives--Revised April 15, 1998

The RMP's overall goal is to provide data and interpretation that helps to address certain of the Board's information needs. In general, these efforts fall under five major objectives:

- * describe patterns and trends in contaminant concentration and distribution;
- * describe general sources and loading of contamination to the Estuary;
- * measure contaminant effects on selected parts of the Estuary ecosystem;
- * compare monitoring information to relevant water quality objectives and other guidelines;
- * synthesize and distribute information from a range of sources to present a more complete picture of the sources, distribution, fates, and effects of contaminants in the Estuary ecosystem