



Precautionary Checklist

1. What do we value or care about?
2. What are we trying to accomplish?
 - a. Do goals reflect our values or what we care about?
 - b. Will meeting the goals move us toward desired futures?



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3. What choices do we have?
 - a. Which alternative is feasible and likely to help meet our goals?
 - b. How do alternatives compare and rank?
 - c. How do we find and develop better alternatives?



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4. What is the bigger picture?
 - a. What are the “upstream” problems?
 - b. What are the “downstream” repercussions?
 - c. What is the broader context?
 - d. Where (when & how) can we intervene to produce the best solution?



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5. Do we know enough to act?
 - a. Can we predict from what we know already?
 - b. Are we getting all the information we need from what is available (including local knowledge)?
 - c. How can we obtain new information that would inform our decision-making?
 - d. Is the uncertainty real or manufactured by industry?



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6. Who is responsible?
 - a. Are those responsible accountable?
 - b. Is government acting responsibly?
 - c. Who has the burden of proof?
 - d. How can power be distributed equitably?
 - e. How can costs and benefits be distributed equitably?