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?