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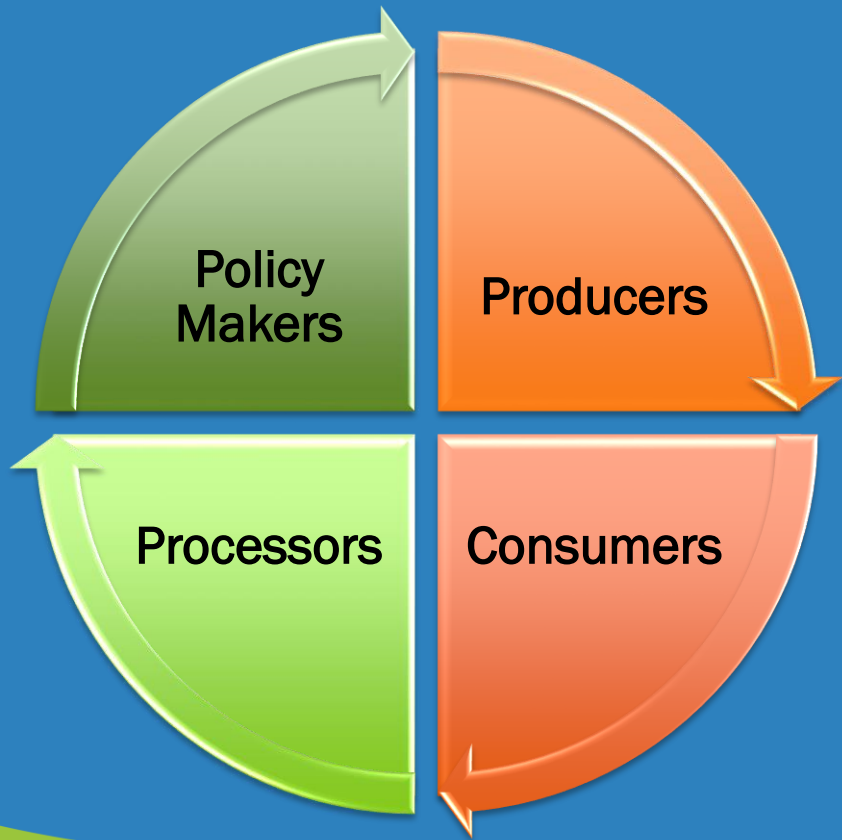
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Free To Choose

Costly if you do, You'll pay if you don't

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Why are we scrambling now?



Choices along the supply chain are largely independent of each other.



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How can we best improve alignment in decisions across the supply chain?

Key Points...

- A holistic approach is needed to align choices towards a common purpose.
- Indecision is a decision – the markets and environment won't wait.
- It's time to have the talk, recycling is not free!
- Contamination is counter-productive.

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Environmental Costs



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Time Costs

- Time spent can limit future options
- Some damage is irreversible
- Some capacity can't be recovered
- The time is NOW!



The Opportunity

- We are presently drafting our Comp Plan which will provide regional policy direction for the next 6 – 10 years...
- We are free to choose...what will we do?



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