



PUGET SOUND AND COASTAL WASHINGTON HATCHERY REFORM PROJECT

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QUOTES

“The Hatchery Reform Project has provided a road map for how hatcheries can be managed to balance the complex and related interests of Tribal treaty rights, sports fishing and salmon recovery. I will work to extend federal support into the critical implementation phase of hatchery reform.”

— U.S. Representative Norm Dicks (D-Wash)

“The collaborative approach of the Hatchery Reform Project and the integration of science and policy-making won bi-partisan support for funding in last year’s biennial budget and is worthy of continued support from state lawmakers.”

— Washington Governor Gary Locke

"The state is committed to moving ahead with hatchery reform. When this unique process began four years ago, our goal was to come up with a first-rate plan to guide hatchery operations into the 21st Century. I'm confident we've done just that."

— Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Director, Jeff Koenings

“The Hatchery Reform Project boasts peer-reviewed science, strong partnerships, local solutions backed by federal dollars. This blueprint for reform will be central to our successful recovery of threatened salmon in the Pacific Northwest.”

— U.S. Representative Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.)

“There are hatchery reform efforts in other parts of the country, but I know of none with both a vision for the future and clearly-described actions for immediate change — change that is already underway. This is a new era of hatchery management.”

— Hatchery Scientific Review Group Chair, Lars Mobrand

“The Tribes have long been leaders in putting the best available science into practice to protect and restore salmon. We embrace hatchery reform as another step on the road towards wild salmon recovery”

— Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Director, Billy Frank Jr.

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"With the Hatchery Reform Project, the co-managers are turning traditional hatchery management on its ear. This is a comprehensive, scientific, and systematic rethinking of how to redesign and manage the largest hatchery system in the world to achieve the twin goals of salmon recovery and sustainable fisheries. The co-managers are to be commended for their commitment to the process."

— Long Live the Kings Executive Director Barbara Cairns

"By moving ahead with these reforms, the state and Tribes will not only go beyond the Endangered Species Act's requirements to minimize hatchery impacts, they intend to help us bring back wild salmon."

— U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash)

"On behalf of NOAA Fisheries, I am pleased to endorse the comprehensive reform efforts of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group. NOAA Fisheries recognizes the Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project is a model for hatchery reform and cooperative fishery management not just in the Pacific Northwest, but for the rest of the nation."

— NOAA Fisheries Regional Director, Bob Lohn

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to be part of the Hatchery Reform Project, which has provided recommendations for change that help ensure Puget Sound and coastal Washington hatcheries are operating using the best science available, and designed to be part of the conservation solution to anadromous fish management in the Northwest."

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Regional Director Dave Allen