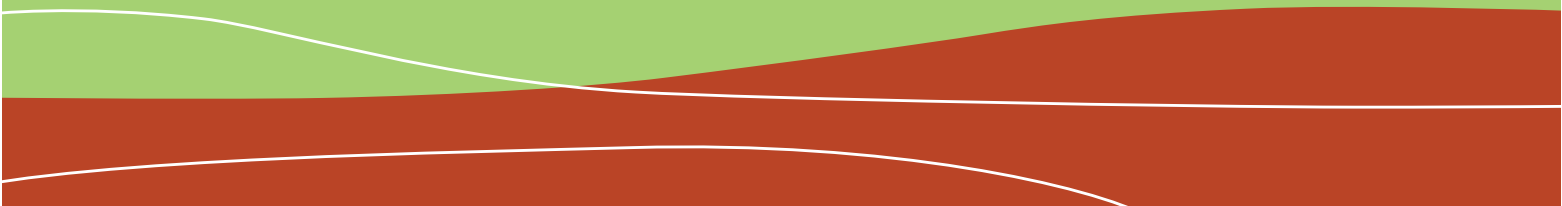


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Hatchery Reform: Managing for Success

Preface

On October 28, 2005, representatives from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC), and individual Puget Sound and Coastal Indian Tribes came together with the Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project's Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) at the Mountaineers Building in Seattle to present a conference entitled *Hatchery Reform: Managing for Success*.

This conference was designed to tell the story of the accomplishments and future commitments resulting from the Hatchery Reform Project, which has been funded by the US Congress beginning in the year 2000. The twin goals of this \$20 million dollar project are to help conserve naturally-spawning salmon and steelhead and support sustainable fisheries. The conference marked the transition from a hatchery-by-hatchery scientific review, to a long-term state and tribal co-manager-led effort to implement hatchery reform recommendations.



Conference speakers and moderators (see page 93 for complete biographies)
(Back row, left to right) Thom Johnson, Kit Rawson, Trevor Evelyn, Jim Waldo, Jim Scott, Ron Warren, Andy Appleby, Mike Grayum, Larry Peck. (Middle row, left to right) Lars Mobrand, Terry Williams, Billy Frank, Jr., David Troutt, Kip Killebrew, Dan Diggs. (Front row, left to right) Don Campton, Sara LaBorde, Jeff Koenings, Barbara Cairns, Ken Currens.

The *Hatchery Reform: Managing for Success* conference was sponsored and coordinated by Long Live the Kings (LLTK), with assistance from Triangle Associates, Inc., and hosted by The Mountaineers' Conservation Division. NWIFC Chair Billy Frank, Jr. and WDFW Director Jeff Koenings served as Co-Chairs of the event. Attendees included scientists, legislators, tribes and federal and state agency staff. Great enthusiasm and sincere expressions of gratitude from presenters marked this conference as a unique event for fisheries managers.

PLEASE NOTE: The conference was video-recorded in its entirety by TV-W. An audio recording was also made. A complete transcript of the event was edited for length and each section was distributed to its respective presenter for review. This document is an abridged transcript, intended not as formal proceedings, but rather to capture and communicate the substantive content of each presentation and the upbeat energy of the day.

Complete video and DVD copies of the conference are available from TV-W. To order, please call Jan Richardson at 360-586-5555.

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Puget Sound and Coastal WA Hatchery Reform Project

In a 1999 report to Congress, a group of leading scientists suggested a science-driven process to limit risks posed by many current hatchery practices while identifying ways to assist the recovery of naturally spawning salmonid populations and supporting sustainable fisheries. Congress responded in 2000 by creating and funding the Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project, a systematic, science-based redesign of hatchery programs to achieve two goals:

- help conserve wild salmon and steelhead populations; and

- support sustainable fisheries.

As part of the Hatchery Reform Project, Congress established the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) as the independent scientific panel, and designated Long Live the Kings (LLTK) as the project's independent, third-party facilitator.

LLTK's role included providing facilitation and project coordination to the HSRG and the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee, and helping the managers communicate hatchery reform progress to Congress, state legislators, stakeholder groups, and the public.

The Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee served as the vehicle for cooperative management and recognizes the Washington State and Tribal co-manager relationship and the responsibility of the co-managers to develop policy and ultimately to implement hatchery reform.

The Hatchery Reform Project brought together a unique combination of independent science, manager involvement, political support, and third-party project coordination that has proven to be a highly effective formula.

The partnership was guided by the assumption that the best way to help the state and tribes succeed in the monumental task of moving their hatchery system from its 19th-century roots to a 21st-century future is to let the scientists focus on science and the managers on management. The scientific recommendations assess benefits and risks, but leave the "how-tos" to the managers.

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LLTK was asked by the US Congress to act as the Hatchery Reform Project's independent, third-party project manager. LLTK subcontracted with Gordon Thomas Honeywell to enlist the additional facilitation expertise of Jim Waldo and BJ Mirk.

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