

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group Silver Cloud Hotel, Seattle, Washington January 17–18, 2002

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to continue work on a report containing hatchery reform recommendations from the three regions reviewed during 2001; continue assembling a companion document to that report; hold member and officer elections, update the group's policies and procedures; receive an update on project communications; and discuss upcoming meetings.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Lars Mobrand (chair), Lisa Seeb, and Bill Smoker. Paul Dorn was in attendance on January 18.
2. Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo. Barbara Cairns was in attendance on January 18.

Discussions/Presentations:

On January 16, the Scientific Group hosted its second annual Research Review, featuring oral reports from researchers funded through the 2001 HSRG research grant program. On January 17, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials.

The Scientific Group then held a discussion about the members and officers whose terms were up at the end of 2001. After discussion, the Scientific Group supported John Barr's and Connie Mahnken's reappointment as agency representatives for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service, respectively, by a consensus vote. The group also reelected Lars Mobrand as chair, and John Barr and Lee Blankenship as vice chairs, by a consensus vote.

The chair announced that independent member Bob Piper had requested to retire from the group, since his term was expiring. Bob stressed that his decision was driven by the rigorousness of the monthly travel from Montana, and that he remained fully supportive of the project and the Scientific Group's progress. By a consensus vote, the Scientific Group accepted Bob's retirement, but approved an interim reappointment for him until such time as a new independent member can be selected from a list of candidates provided by the Past President's Council of the American Fisheries Society (in keeping with the Scientific Group's policies and procedures). The Scientific Group asked the chair to author a letter to the Past President's Council requesting a set of nominees to fill this seat.

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The Scientific Group accepted a series of minor revisions to their Policies and Procedures proposed by the facilitation team. The group asked Lisa Seeb to draft a section of publications policies for review and adoption at the February meeting.

The Scientific Group spent the bulk of this meeting editing each set of program recommendations in the draft 2001 Hatchery Reform Recommendations report, taking into account draft managers responses received. The group directed the facilitation team to report back to the managers on ways in which the report was modified after taking into account the managers' responses. The Scientific Group also requested that the facilitation team communicate to the managers that the HSRG agreed with their request to extend the deadline for responses to January 25, 2002.

The Scientific Group discussed the *HSRG Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program* document it is drafting as a companion to the 2001 report. The group agreed that a draft of this "companion document" should be ready for finalization at the February meeting, since there will not be an opportunity to work on it once the regional review process begins again in March. Various members of the Scientific Group and facilitation team were assigned responsibility for drafting sections of the companion document.

In discussing upcoming meetings, Lars Moberand agreed to work with the facilitation team to ensure that the regional review tools are ready for use in the Skagit Regional Review in March. The Scientific Group agreed that, given the current workload, it might be preferable to have a small group meet in February with Nooksack/Samish Regional Review participants, rather than to have this introductory meeting on the Scientific Group's February meeting agenda. The full Scientific Group could still have an informal lunch meeting with this region's participants at the March or April meeting in Mount Vernon. The Scientific Group decided to change the dates of the Skagit Regional Review meetings, to better fit the schedules of key regional participants. The new dates are as follows:

- March 6–8, Mount Vernon
- April 3–5, Mount Vernon