

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group January 14–16, 2003, Phoenix Inn Suites, Olympia

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to host a review of 2002 Hatchery Reform research grants; to complete recommendations for the Skagit River, Nooksack/Samish Rivers, and Central Puget Sound regions; to elect Scientific Group members and officers; to host an introductory meeting with regional participants for the upcoming Willapa Bay Regional Review; and to continue revisions of the *Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program*.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Trevor Evelyn, Lars Moberg (chair), Paul Seidel and NMFS alternate Tom Flagg. NWIFC alternate Paul Dorn and Connie Mahnken were in attendance on January 14. Don Campton was in attendance on January 16.
2. Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper and Michael Kern. Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo were in attendance on January 15–16. Barbara Cairns was in attendance on January 16.
3. Larry Ward, Elwha Klallam Tribe; Barry Berejikian, Michael Ford and Des Maynard, NOAA Fisheries/National Marine Fisheries Service; Kyle Brakensiek, Willy Eldridge, Marcia House, Bruce Stewart and Terry Wright, NWIFC; Russ Ladley and Blake Smith, Puyallup Tribe; Jeff Dickison, Squaxin Island Tribe; Dana Anderson, Charmane Ashbrook, Peter Butterfield, James Dixon, Howard Fuss, Paul Graham, Jeff Grimm, Kyon Gy, Pat Hulett, Thom Johnson, Eric Kinney, Gil Lensegrav, Darrell Mills, Lucinda Morrow, Lang Nguyen, Shelley Peterson, Denis Popochock, Steve Schroder, Gary Schurman, John Sneva, Jack Tipping, Val Vanderwall and Eric Volk, WDFW; Ernie Brannon and Dave Smith, University of Idaho; and Elizabeth Duffy, University of Washington joined the Scientific Group on January 14 for the Research Review.
4. Kyle Brakensiek and Willy Eldridge, NWIFC; Charles Stensvall, USFWS/Willapa National Wildlife Refuge; Randy Aho, Robert Allan, James Bauer, Bill Campbell, Larry Durham, Manuel Fariñas, Kirt Hughes, Ken Jansma, Darrell Mills, Sue Patnude, Ike Qeral, Chad Stussy, Jack Tipping and Ron Warren, WDFW; Don Amend and Ron Craig, Willapa Bay Fisheries Enhancement Group; and George Pigott, University of Washington joined the Scientific Group on January 16 for an introductory meeting on the upcoming Willapa Bay Regional Review.

On January 14, the Scientific Group held a Research Review, receiving oral presentations from researchers funded under the 2002 Hatchery Reform Research Grant Program. On January 15, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials.

The Scientific Group spent January 15 completing edits and revisions to hatchery program reviews in the three regions reviewed in 2002, taking into account comments received from the managers before the meeting. They also made several changes to their Area-Wide

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Recommendations. The Scientific Group asked the facilitation team to incorporate these revisions into the document and to send a memo to the co-managers detailing them. Managers Responses are due on January 20.

The Scientific Group then held a discussion about the members and officers whose terms were up at the end of 2002. After discussion, the Scientific Group supported Trevor Evelyn's and Lisa Seeb's reelection as independent members and Paul Seidel's reappointment as agency representative for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, by consensus votes. The group also reelected Lars Moberg as chair, and John Barr and Lee Blankenship as vice chairs, by a consensus vote. The Scientific Group decided that no revisions or additions are needed to their Policies and Procedures at this time.

On January 16, Barbara Cairns provided a communications update. She said that the press conference announcing the Scientific Group's 2002 Recommendations has been tentatively rescheduled for early March, in response to the managers' request for more time to provide responses. Barbara has been working with Scientific Group and Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee members to respond to requests for presentations on the Hatchery Reform Project. Recent requests have come from the Washington State House of Representatives Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee, the Washington State Senate Natural Resources Committee, and the 2003 Shared Salmon Strategy Conference being held in Tacoma on February 5 and 6. Barbara said the facilitation team is continuing to work to resolve uncertainties surrounding this year's federal appropriations process.

The Scientific Group and facilitation team concluded the communications update with a wide-ranging discussion about the Scientific Group's approach to making recommendations, the managers' implementation efforts to date, and what messages the Scientific Group wants to make sure are included in the project's communications strategy. The Scientific Group will have a follow-up conversation on this topic in the next few weeks.

The Scientific Group then hosted an introductory meeting for regional participants in the upcoming Willapa Bay Regional Review, to be held in April and May 2003. After a presentation on the Hatchery Reform Project, the Scientific Group, the regional review process, and instructions for providing information for the regional briefing book, the Scientific Group and the regional participants agreed to a list of regional stocks to be evaluated. The facilitation team agreed to send this list of stocks, a contact list and the briefing book instruction form to the regional participants electronically, for the participants use in developing briefing book materials. The Scientific Group and the regional participants agreed that all materials will be provided electronically to the facilitation team by Friday, February 28 at the latest.

The facilitation team said it would provide the Hood Canal Briefing Book to the Scientific Group and regional participants as soon as it is completed. A Scientific Group task team will meet to draft stock status, habitat and harvest ratings and program descriptions for discussion with the participants during the February Hood Canal Regional Review. Scientific Group members also agreed to complete their remaining *HSRG Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program* assignments before the February meeting.