

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles, Washington June 13–15, 2001

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to complete the regional review of the Eastern Straits of Juan de Fuca.

In Attendance:

- HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Mobernd (chair), Bob Piper, Lisa Seeb, Bill Smoker and alternate Paul Dorn (Paul was not in attendance on June 14).
- Facilitation team members Barbara Cairns, Kathy Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo.
- Regional participants Pat Crain and Larry Ward, Elwha Klallam Tribe; Scott Chitwood and Byron Rot, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; Marianna Alexandersdottir, Kyle Brakensiek and Willy Eldridge, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC); Brian Winter, Olympic National Park; Chris Weller, Point no Point Treaty Council; Donald Haring, Washington State Conservation Commission; and Chris Byrnes, Martin Chen, Thom Johnson, Darrell Mills, Don Rapelje, Dick Rogers and Paul Seidel, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) joined the Scientific Group for an informal review of the region on June 15.

Discussions/Presentations:

On June 13, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. Jim reviewed the agenda. He reminded the group that the purpose of the meeting was for the Scientific Group to apply their Simplified Benefit/Risk Tool to the information provided to them about the region and its hatchery system; to use the results of this benefit/risk assessment to make preliminary determinations about recommendations for the region; and to convey these preliminary recommendations to the regional participants in an informal setting. Formal recommendations for this region and the other two pilot regions to follow will be included in a report to be issued at the end of the year.

Lars Mobernd explained that a task team had met between meetings to develop worksheets for the Scientific Group to use as the vehicles for employing the Benefit/Risk Tool. The Scientific Group reviewed and approved the worksheets and—working both in task teams and as a group—spent June 13 and 14 applying them in their evaluation of the region. The worksheets include:

- Part 1: Summary of Goals and Current Hatchery Programs;
- Part 2: Is Current Hatchery Program Consistent With Long-Term and Short-Term Goals?;

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- Part 3: Culture Methods Evaluation; Accountability/Education Evaluation; Physical/Morphological/Ecological Evaluation; Genetics/Conservation Evaluation;
- Part 4: Recommendations and Alternatives.

On June 15, the Scientific Group reviewed several memos drafted in response to specific requests from the regional managers. The group made a number of revisions to these memos and directed Vice Chair Lee Blankenship to send the revised memos to the regional managers and to provide copies to the facilitation team. The Scientific Group decided to have a conference call to complete the review of the Elwha Restoration Plan it is undertaking at the regional managers' request. Regional participants have requested an informal session with a task team of Scientific Group members, to go over the resulting review.

The remainder of June 15 was spent conducting an informal review at which the Scientific Group provided the regional managers with preliminary observations and recommendations. These recommendations were grouped into the following categories:

- Summary of goals and current hatchery programs;
- Dungeness chinook;
- Dungeness coho;
- Dungeness fall pink;
- Elwha chinook;
- Elwha coho;
- Elwha chum;
- Steelhead in the Eastern Straits region;
- Chum programs in the smaller watersheds.

The Scientific Group finished the meeting by agreeing to a preliminary agenda for the South Sound Regional Review meetings in July and August. The group also agreed to propose the following sub-regions to the managers in the South Sound region:

1. Chambers Creek Basin (Fort Lewis and north)
2. Nisqually River and Delta
3. Deschutes River
4. Squaxin/South Sound Net Pens
5. Key Peninsula (including Fox Island Net Pens)