

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group
October 15–17, 2003, Quinault Resort, Ocean Shores

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to complete the Grays Harbor Regional Review; discuss the 2004 Hatchery Reform Project Work Plan; and receive an update on Hatchery Reform Project management and communications.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Lars Mobernd, Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker, and alternate Tom Flagg.
2. Facilitation team members Barbara Cairns, Betsy Daniels, Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Linda Lyshall, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo.
3. Joe Durham, Doug Fricke and Dave Hamilton, Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force; Terry Baltzell, Long Live the Kings; Marianna Alexandersdottir, NWIFC; Steve Meadows, Quinault Indian Nation; and Randy Aho, Gary Bell, Bill Campbell, Rich Ereth, Manuel Farinas, Curt Holt, Kirt Hughes, Ken Isaksson, Jack Tipping, Ron Warren and Kevin Young, WDFW joined the HSRG on October 17 for an informal review of regional hatchery programs.

Discussions/Presentations:

On October 15, Jim Waldo welcomed HSRG members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. The group then spent half a day discussing a draft 2004 work plan for the Hatchery Reform Project, along with some other issues not directly related to the Grays Harbor Regional Review. The HSRG reviewed and approved the draft work plan, after providing comments, priorities and concerns. The facilitation team will use the list of HSRG implementation priorities and concerns to revise the work plan before it is presented at the November 4 Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee meeting. The HSRG agreed that the chair and vice chairs should represent the HSRG at that meeting. The facilitation team will include time on the November agenda for the HSRG to discuss the results of the Coordinating Committee meeting.

The task team set up to complete revisions to the HSRG's *Hatchery Reform Tools and Processes* document reported that it will determine which revisions can be finalized by the team alone, and which need to be reviewed by the full HSRG prior to finalization. Those in the latter category will be presented at the November and December meetings.

As in past years, the HSRG asked the Chair to send a memorandum to the co-managers informing them that they will receive the HSRG's draft recommendations for the final four regions by the end of November, and that manager comments and responses will be requested by the end of January, so that the report can be completed at the February meeting.

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The HSRG decided that there will be no formal meeting in January 2004; rather, the task teams being formed to address the priority items on the 2004 work plan will get together whenever convenient during the month, and there will be a four-day meeting in February. Co-manager agency scientists will be invited to participate in some or all of these task teams. The HSRG agreed to hold a February 9–12, 2004 meeting, either at the NOAA Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, or the NRB Auditorium in Olympia. The exact location will be determined in November, as will dates and locations for meetings beyond February.

The group spent the remainder of the day—and most of October 16—completing the Benefit/Risk Tool’s Part 3 worksheet: *Is Current Hatchery Program Consistent with Short- and Long-Term Goals?; Recommendations and Alternatives* for all hatchery programs in the region. At the end of the day on October 16, NWIFC’s Marianna Alexandersdottir made a presentation to the HSRG on the tribes’ hatchery monitoring and evaluation (M&E) project. The HSRG agreed that its M&E task team should work with Marianna to apply the HSRG’s M&E approach to Stillaguamish/Snohomish stocks, as a pilot process. In addition, HSRG Vice Chair John Barr will continue to work with Marianna on applying the approach to the Nisqually stocks, as a second pilot.

The HSRG spent October 17 hosting an Informal Review session with Grays Harbor regional participants. Jim Waldo and Lars Mobernd welcomed the participants to the meeting, led a round of introductions and explained that the purpose of the informal review was to provide the managers with an informal, oral review of the HSRG’s preliminary observations and recommendations for the region. The following Grays Harbor hatchery programs were presented:

- Humptulips River Fall Chinook
- Satsop River Fall Chinook
- Wishkah River Fall Chinook
- Wynoochee River Fall Chinook
- Upper Chehalis River Coho
- Chehalis River Late Coho
- Hoquiam River Coho
- Humptulips River Coho
- Humptulips River Late Coho
- Satsop River Coho
- Satsop River Late Coho
- South Grays Harbor Tributaries Coho
- Wishkah River Coho
- Westport/Ocean Shores Net Pen Coho
- Lower Chehalis Coho
- Wishkah River Chum
- Satsop River Chum
- Gheer Creek Chum
- Wynoochee River Hatchery Summer Steelhead
- Chehalis Winter Steelhead

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- Humptulips River Winter Steelhead
- Newaukum River Winter Steelhead
- Satsop River Winter Steelhead
- Skookumchuck River Winter Steelhead
- Wynoochee River Winter Steelhead
- Wynoochee River Hatchery Winter Steelhead
- Humptulips River Hatchery Summer Steelhead
- Chehalis River Hatchery Summer Steelhead
- Hoquiam River Hatchery Winter Steelhead
- South Grays Harbor Hatchery Winter Steelhead

Preliminary recommendations for a number of facilities improvements were also presented at the informal review session, as were a regional overview, regional recommendations for each species, the HSRG's three Principles for Hatchery Management, and 16 Area-Wide Recommendations (reform measures that apply to the entire Puget Sound and Coastal Washington area).