



Regional Implementation Progress Reports

Implementing the HSRG's recommendations and putting into practice the new approach to salmon and steelhead management will require capital investment, a continuing commitment to new hatchery practices, and accountability to ensure goals are being achieved. The state and tribal co-managers have agreed with the vast majority of the recommendations and have implemented many of them. The state, tribal and federal managers have each developed databases for tracking the status of each recommendation. They are working with the HSRG and the facilitation team to design a long-term strategy for changing the way hatcheries are managed, and incorporating hatchery reform into other salmon recovery and harvest management processes.

As described above, in 2004 that work included technical discussions that resulted in new management tools and papers refining key hatchery reform concepts; regional workshops where guidelines for integrated and segregated hatchery programs and tools such as AHA were applied to regional case studies; co-manager decision-making meetings on implementing reform in each region; and work by the HSRG to prepare manuscripts for the peer-reviewed scientific literature.

In 2005, the co-managers are continuing to use AHA; wrapping up regional decision-making meetings; and incorporating the recommendations into recovery plans and other management documents and processes. The HSRG is completing its tools and scientific publications; developing an agenda to guide hatchery-related research; and preparing for a workshop on hatchery reform to be held in the second half of the year.

Most of the co-managers have also provided the HSRG with draft reports that detail implementation progress to date in each region. What follow are a set of general observations, and then a synopsis of each regional draft report and analysis from the HSRG as to how the region is doing in implementing hatchery reform, based on those reports. The co-managers intend to publish their regional implementation progress reports in summer 2005.

The HSRG asked the co-managers to respond to the following questions when preparing these reports:

1. *What are the management premises/goals for each salmonid stock and the role of hatcheries now and into the future (provide updates to the regional stock structure and management premises for biological significance, population viability, habitat and harvest; and hatchery program purpose [harvest, conservation, both, etc.] and type [integrated or segregated])?;*
2. *What steps are the co-managers taking toward meeting these stock goals (for example, provide updates on progress toward meeting guidelines for proper genetic integration or segregation; can or will the proportion of natural-origin fish in the hatchery broodstock and hatchery-origin fish on the spawning grounds be determined and controlled?; what other changes have been or will be made to implement HSRG program-specific or system-wide recommendations in each region?)?;*



3. *What steps are being taken in each region to ensure hatchery programs are managed for success over time (describe the process/strategy that is in place or under development to track progress toward achieving stock goals over time)?*