



# Introduction

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This document contains the annual report to Congress from the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) and Long Live the Kings (LLTK) on the *Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project*. The report begins with a chapter from the HSRG entitled *Necessary Ingredients for Hatchery Reform*. This is intended to provide the state, tribal and federal salmon and steelhead managers (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife or WDFW, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission or NWIFC, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service or NOAA Fisheries, and US Fish and Wildlife Service or USFWS) with a succinct outline of criteria for tracking whether key elements of hatchery reform are being implemented.

Following this are chapters detailing project accomplishments in 2005 and work in progress for 2006. The report concludes with a series of appendices providing more detail on expenditures, activities and communications in 2005; a project budget for 2006; and background on some of the key scientific concepts that underlie the findings of the HSRG and this approach to reforming how hatcheries—and salmonids—are managed.

These key concepts—and early efforts by the state and tribal co-managers to implement them—were presented at an October 2005 conference in Seattle entitled *Hatchery Reform: Managing for Success* (see Communications section of 2005 Accomplishments). Much of the detail from that conference is captured in the conference summary, attached as a separately bound publication and/or available electronically from the project's web site.

***More information on this report, on the Hatchery Reform Project, and all project publications are available at:***

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