

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group NMFS Science Center, Seattle, Washington February 12–14, 2001

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to receive oral progress reports from recipients of FY 2000 HSRG research grants; to discuss a budget proposal for the Hatchery Reform Project in FY 2002; to discuss a proposal for staggering member terms; and to continue planning for a regional review of the Puget Sound and Coastal Washington hatchery system including preparing a benefit/risk tool, operational guidelines, monitoring and evaluation criteria, and an instruction sheet for use in that review.

In Attendance:

- HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Moberg (chair), Robert Piper, Lisa Seeb, Bill Smoker and alternate Paul Dorn (Lars and Connie were not in attendance on February 14).
- Facilitation team members Kathy Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo (Jim and Bj were not in attendance on February 12–13).
- Recipients of FY 2000 HSRG research grants attended the Research Review to make presentations, at the request of the HSRG.

Discussions/Presentations:

On February 12 and 13, recipients of FY 2000 HSRG research grants attended the HSRG Research Review to provide oral progress reports. On February 14, Michael Kern welcomed Hatchery Scientific Review Group (Scientific Group) members to their regular meeting and reviewed the agenda for the day.

Jim Waldo provided a Hatchery Reform Project communications update. He said the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee met on January 22. They reviewed and reaffirmed the 2001 work plan and budget, but said they would like more input and interchange in the development of budgets in the future. The Scientific Group agreed about this need for more communication and with the Coordinating Committee's recommendation of submitting a budget request for 2002 similar to the 2001 request. The Scientific Group directed its chair and vice chairs to develop such a request. Jim also said that he and Barbara Cairns had a very productive week in Washington, DC informing decision makers about the Hatchery Reform Project's accomplishments to date and plans for the future.

Michael Kern led the Scientific Group in a discussion of administrative issues. The Scientific Group approved a form for providing information about potential conflict of interest and bias, as required in their Policies and Procedures. Trevor Evelyn moved, and John Barr seconded, that the Scientific Group accept a proposal from the Chair, Vice Chairs and facilitation team for staggering member terms, so that not all the terms would be up at the same time. Under the

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proposal, the terms of members Don Campton, Lars Mobernd and Bill Smoker run through December 2000; the terms of members John Barr, Connie Mahnken and Bob Piper run through December 2001; and the terms of members Lee Blankenship, Lisa Seeb and Trevor Evelyn run through December 2002. The motion carried unanimously. Lee Blankenship moved, and Bob Piper seconded, that the Scientific Group reappoint Lars Mobernd and Bill Smoker to terms running from January 2001 to December 2003; and that the Scientific Group recommend to USFWS that Don Campton also be reappointed to a term running from January 2001 to December 2003. The motion carried unanimously.

The Scientific Group spent the remainder of the day continuing preparations for the upcoming regional review process. The group directed the Chair to send a memo to the co-managers about preparation of the benefit/risk tool, operational guidelines and monitoring and evaluation criteria. The memo will provide the timeframe under which these tools are being developed and the names of agency science team members the Scientific Group needs to work with.

Time will need to be set aside on the March agenda to make progress on the monitoring and evaluation criteria. The group asked Kathy Hopper to take the lead in setting up meetings and otherwise coordinating this effort, as well as the operational guidelines preparation activities.

The Scientific Group worked in task teams and as a group to develop a draft regional review instruction sheet containing the key questions and sources of information the Scientific Group would need in advance from regional personnel, including regional management goals, stock status (wild and hatchery), habitat, and hatchery programs. The group will further revise this document via email, so that it can be provided to appropriate persons from WDFW, the Lower Elwha Tribe and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe. These people will be invited to a portion of the March meeting, to share the Scientific Group’s thinking, and learn about the group’s information needs and preliminary tools to be used for the Eastern Straits Regional Review. The Scientific Group further clarified the boundaries of the Eastern Straits region as east of the Hoko River and west of Point Wilson.

The Scientific Group agreed on dates and locations for upcoming meetings through October 2001. They are as follows:

- March 19–21, downtown Seattle
- April 16–18, Olympia
- May 16–18, Port Angeles or Sequim (regional review)
- June 13–15, Port Angeles or Sequim (regional review)
- July 18–20, Olympia (regional review)
- August 15–17, Olympia (regional review)
- September 17–19, Everett (regional review)
- October 17–19, Everett (regional review)