

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group February 11–14, 2003, West Coast Hotel, Silverdale

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to begin the Hood Canal Regional Review.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair, not in attendance on February 11 and 12), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken (not in attendance on February 12), Lars Mobrand (chair), Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker (not in attendance on February 11), and HSRG alternate Tom Flagg.
2. Facilitation team members Barbara Cairns (not in attendance on February 11 and 14), Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk (not in attendance on February 11) and Jim Waldo (not in attendance on February 11).
3. Lee Boad, Dan Hannifous and Neil Werner, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group; Rick Endicott and Joy Lee, Long Live the Kings; Chris Weller, Point No Point Treaty Council; Tim Seachord, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe; David Herrera, Skokomish Tribe; Dan Adkins, Ed Jouper, Darrell Mills, Denis Popochock and Jack Tipping, WDFW; and Larry Telles, Sonia Mumford, Ron Wong and Dave Zajac, USFWS joined the Scientific Group on February 11 and 12 for portions of the field tour.
4. Lee Boad, Dan Hannifous and Neil Werner, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group; Rick Endicott and Joy Lee, Long Live the Kings; Kyle Brakensiek, NWIFC; Chris Weller, Point No Point Treaty Council; David Herrera, Skokomish Tribe; Martin Chen, Kirt Hughes, Thom Johnson, Ed Jouper, Steve Kalinowski, Bob Leland, Darrell Mills, Denis Popochock, Doris Small, Jack Tipping and Ron Warren, WDFW; and Tom Kane, Sonia Mumford and Dave Zajac, USFWS joined the Scientific Group on February 13 to review regional goals and hatchery program purposes and types.

Discussions/Presentations:

Before the tour began, the facilitation team provided the Scientific Group with meeting materials, including a regional Briefing Book compiled from information provided by the managers. On the evening of February 11, the Scientific Group received a presentation from Lee Boad, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG) on HCSEG's salmon restoration activities and priorities.

On February 12, the Scientific Group toured the following facilities: the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Hatchery and Net Pens, US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Quilcene National Fish Hatchery, HCSEG's and Long Live the Kings' (LLTK) Hamma Hamma River conservancy sites, LLTK's Lilliwaup Hatchery, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) Hoodport Hatchery, Skokomish Tribe's Enetai Hatchery, WDFW's Eels Springs,

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McKernan and George Adams hatcheries, and Skokomish River conservancy sites/Endicott Pond.

On February 13, Barbara Cairns provided the Scientific Group with an update on Hatchery Reform Project facilitation and communications activities. She said that several Scientific Group members joined her in a breakout session on hatchery reform at the Shared Strategy for Puget Sound Salmon Recovery conference on February 5 in Tacoma. She reported that the Scientific Group and facilitation team have been invited to make a presentation on the Hatchery Reform Project on February 18 to staffers from several state agencies with which WDFW partners on salmon recovery. The facilitation team will draft the agenda for a March 20 joint meeting between the Scientific Group and the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee (Coordinating Committee). The facilitation team is working with the Scientific Group to set up an appropriate event to mark the publication of the 2002 Hatchery Reform Recommendations. The Scientific Group expressed a need to more effectively communicate hatchery reform to mid-level managers, to ensure implementation occurs and reform is institutionalized. The group wants the event to support this, and may host one or more workshops to promote it.

Jim Waldo then welcomed regional participants to the meeting, led a round of introductions and provided an overview of the regional review process. The participants spent the remainder of the day working with the Scientific Group to review the preliminary ratings a Scientific Group task team created for the region's current and future goals for stock status, habitat and harvest opportunity for all regional stocks; along with purpose, type and description for all regional hatchery programs. These ratings provide the premise for the Scientific Group's review. After a series of revisions, the regional participants agreed that the information was accurate and complete. At the end of this session, regional participants were asked to provide the Scientific Group with specific issues they would like to see addressed as part of this regional review.

On February 14, the Scientific Group and the facilitation team discussed the Hatchery Reform Project's FY 2003 budget, given that Congress will be providing \$3.5 million for the project in 2003. The Scientific Group established a budget task team to prepare a draft FY 2003 budget and a draft Scientific Group/LLTK annual report to Congress. These will be discussed at the March 20 joint meeting of the Scientific Group and the Coordinating Committee. The Scientific Group asked the task team to draft the budget and proposal around the following priorities:

- 2003—Regional reviews, research, implementation, workshop(s) with mid-level managers, communication with the Coordinating Committee, monthly Scientific Group meetings.
- 2004—Accountability, research, institutionalization of reform, a regional approach, communication with the Coordinating Committee, quarterly Scientific Group meetings.

Scientific Group task teams, working with regional hatchery managers, then completed a comparison of current regional hatchery operations to the Scientific Group's Hatchery Operational Guidelines. The hatchery managers then departed.

At the end of the day, Scientific Group members were assigned to present preliminary recommendations for individual hatchery programs at the March informal review session. The Scientific Group made a series of assignments to fill any gaps in the information they had been

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presented to date for this region, and to complete revisions to its *Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program* document. The group decided to send a request for proposals for 2003 HSRG research grants to current grantees, and also asked the facilitation team and agency members to develop participant and stock lists for the North Coast and Grays Harbor regions. The invitation for the April 25 joint introductory meeting for these regions will go out before the March meeting. Finally, the Scientific Group agreed to the following dates and locations for upcoming meetings:

- Hood Canal Regional Review, Olympia and Silverdale, March 19–21, 2003
- Willapa Bay Regional Review, Long Beach, April 22–24/May 14–16, 2003
- North Coast/Grays Harbor Introductory Meeting, Aberdeen, April 25, 2003
- Report writing, Olympia, June 10–12, 2003
- North Coast, Forks, July 15–18/August 19–21, 2003
- Grays Harbor, Westport/Ocean Shores, September 15–17/October 15–17, 2003
- Report writing, location and dates TBD, November/December 2003