

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group February 10–12, 2004, Silver Cloud Inn, Seattle

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to complete revisions to the recommendations for the final four regions and to the document containing the HSRG's principles and recommendations; identify key regional issues for the managers; discuss several key scientific concepts of hatchery reform; and receive update from the managers on implementation tracking and from the facilitation team on Hatchery Reform Project management and communications.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship, (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Mobrand, Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel, Bill Smoker and alternate Tom Flagg.
2. Facilitation team members Barbara Cairns, Betsy Daniels, Mark Glyde (February 10 only), Michael Kern, Linda Lyshall, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo. Michael Schmidt attended on the evening of February 10.

Discussions/Presentations:

On February 10, Jim Waldo welcomed HSRG members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. Barbara Cairns provided a facilitation/communications update. Barbara requested that HSRG members reserve the week of April 5 for a Hatchery Reform Project 2004 press conference and then a HSRG meeting (after the meeting, the dates for these events changed to April 23 and April 26–28, respectively). Barbara introduced Mark Glyde, the new LLTK Director of Community Development and announced that Mark will staff the press event. Barbara said LLTK will work with the HSRG to draft the annual Report to Congress. The draft report will be provided to the HSRG and Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee by the end of February for comment. The report will be sent to Congress in mid-March. The HSRG will host a hatchery reform conference in early 2005, as suggested by Congressman Norm Dicks. The HSRG and facilitation team will plan for this conference throughout 2004.

Lars Mobrand updated the HSRG on the technical discussions being held with key co-manager scientists. The next one will be on February 23 in Olympia. The expectation is that these discussions will be attended largely by in-state HSRG members and will focus on ensuring a common understanding on key hatchery reform principles and further refining the HSRG's scientific ideas.

Jim Waldo explained that facilitated discussions between the co-managers regarding key hatchery reform implementation issues will begin in April, following the North of Falcon process. The process will include a 2004–05 calendar that shows the co-managers' hatchery reform and other related deadlines (such as ESA compliance activities). In preparation for these meetings, the co-managers have asked the HSRG for a list of key regional issues on which to focus their attention. The HSRG finalized a list at this meeting and asked the Chair to send it to the managers. Following the facilitated co-manager discussions will be regional follow-up meetings, beginning in the summer. The HSRG would like these meetings to focus on: 1) key management issues identified by the co-

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managers and the HSRG; 2) confirming regional goals; 3) the HSRG's principles and system-wide recommendations; 4) how to use the regional review tools; and 5) the implications of properly integrating or segregating hatchery programs.

On February 11, the HSRG finalized its recommendations for the final four regions, taking into account the responses and comments received from the managers prior to the meeting. The HSRG asked LLTK to incorporate these changes and prepare the recommendations for publication.

The HSRG then discussed upcoming meetings and the 2004 budget. The April meeting will focus on preparation for the regional meetings. The May 24–28 meeting will be held in Juneau and Anchorage, in response to an invitation from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The HSRG has set aside June 21–23 for a meeting (location to be determined), if one is needed. Lee Blankenship reported that the 2004 budget for the Hatchery Reform Project was approved by the Coordinating Committee at their January 28, 2004 meeting. The HSRG approved it earlier. The HSRG concluded the day with a discussion of potential refinements to the integrated/segregated programs concept.

The HSRG began February 12 by considering proposals submitted under its HSRG 2004 Research Grants program. After a full discussion, Connie Mahnken moved, and Trevor Evelyn seconded, that the HSRG approve the full slate of proposals, with the following conditions: 1) funding for the Dungeness Artificial Stream will be contingent upon the investigators producing an experimental design for using adults to determine reproductive success and sampling protocols for smolt quality measures; and 2) the principal investigator for the Minter Creek study will be contacted by a representative of the HSRG to express concern regarding the high degree of unassigned progeny in the parenting analysis and the effect this may have on ensuring adequate power to confirm the study's hypothesis. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul Seidel provided HSRG members with a copy of the implementation tracking systems being developed by WDFW to track and prioritize the implementation of the HSRG's program-specific recommendations. John Barr explained that the tribes are developing a system based on the same template. Michael Kern read from an email from USFWS's Bob Wunderlich, indicating that USFWS is doing the same. The HSRG was pleased to learn about these tracking systems and agreed that they could provide the "progress report" information needed for the regional meetings beginning this summer.

The HSRG spent the remainder of the meeting completing revisions to the report it is preparing containing its principles, tool and recommendations. This included making a number of assignments and setting a series of deadlines, to ensure the document will be completed and printed in time for the April press conference.