

MEETING SUMMARY

**Hatchery Scientific Review Group
March 19 and 20, 2003, Phoenix Inn Suites, Olympia
March 21, 2003, West Coast Hotel, Silverdale**

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to complete the Hood Canal Regional Review; meet with the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee; finalize the FY 2003 Hatchery Reform Project budget; and make decisions on the 2003 HSRG research grant program.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Mobernd (chair), Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker, and HSRG alternate Tom Flagg.
2. Facilitation team members Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo. Barbara Cairns and Kathleen Hopper were in attendance on March 21.
3. Lee Boad and Eileen Palmer, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group; Rick Endicott and Joy Lee, Long Live the Kings; Kyle Brakensiek, Willy Eldridge and Marcia House, NWIFC; Chris Weller, Point No Point Treaty Council; David Herrera, Skokomish Tribe; Dan Adkins, Martin Chen, Kent Dimmitt, Thom Johnson, Ed Jouper, Steve Kalinowski, Bob Leland, Denis Popochock, Brad Sele, Doris Small and Jack Tipping, WDFW; and Judy Gordon, Tom Kane, Sonia Mumford, Larry Telles, Ron Wong, Bob Wunderlich and Dave Zajac, USFWS joined the Scientific Group on March 21 for an informal review of regional hatchery programs.

Discussions/Presentations:

On March 19, Michael Kern welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. The Scientific Group reviewed additional information about Hood Canal hatchery programs that it had requested after the February meeting. The group then discussed proposals for continued funding for current grantees under the 2003 HSRG research grant program. The Scientific Group unanimously agreed to fund all six proposals. The group spent the rest of March 19 completing the Benefit/Risk Tool's Part 3 worksheet: *Is Current Hatchery Program Consistent with Short- and Long-Term Goals?; Recommendations and Alternatives* for all hatchery programs in the region.

On March 20, Barbara Cairns provided the Scientific Group with an update on Hatchery Reform Project facilitation and communications activities. She said she will continue working with Pyramid Communications, the Scientific Group, the Coordinating Committee, the Hatchery Reform Coalition and others to coordinate the 2003 Hatchery Reform Briefing in Olympia.

The Scientific Group spent the middle portion of March 20 meeting with the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee, to provide the Committee with an update on the regional review process and to hear from Committee members on the salmon and steelhead management

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agencies' hatchery reform activities. The Scientific Group and the Coordinating Committee approved the Hatchery Reform Project FY 2003 budget, as well as the 2003 Report to Congress. The Scientific Group then departed Olympia for Silverdale.

The Scientific Group spent March 21 hosting an Informal Review session with regional participants. Jim Waldo welcomed the participants to the meeting, led a round of introductions and explained that the purpose of the informal review was to provide the managers with an informal, oral review of the Scientific Group's preliminary observations and recommendations for the region. The following Hood Canal hatchery programs were presented:

- Hamma Hamma summer/fall chinook
- Big Beef hatchery summer/fall chinook
- Finch Creek hatchery summer/fall chinook
- Skokomish hatchery summer/fall chinook
- Big Beef summer chum
- Hamma Hamma summer chum
- Lilliwaup Creek summer chum
- Little Quilcene/Big Quilcene summer chum
- Union River summer chum
- Purdy Creek hatchery fall chum
- McKernan hatchery fall chum
- Finch Creek hatchery fall chum
- Big Quilcene hatchery fall chum
- Little Boston Creek hatchery fall chum
- Enetai Creek hatchery fall chum
- Finch Creek hatchery pink
- Hood Canal hatchery winter steelhead
- Hamma Hamma winter steelhead
- Big Quilcene hatchery coho
- Purdy Creek hatchery coho
- Port Gamble net pen coho
- Quilcene net pen coho

Preliminary recommendations for a number of facilities improvements were also presented at the informal review session, as were several region-wide recommendations and the Scientific Group's Area-Wide Recommendations—reform measures that apply to the entire Puget Sound and Coastal Washington area. The regional participants agreed to hold an internal, follow-up session on May 13 to discuss what they heard at the informal review, and provide feedback to the Scientific Group.

The Scientific Group finalized the following dates and locations for upcoming meetings:

- 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, Tukwila, June 10–12, 2003

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- North Coast Regional Review, Forks, July 15–18/August 19–21, 2003
- Grays Harbor Regional Review, Westport/Ocean Shores, September 15–17/October 15–17, 2003
- Report writing, dates and locations TBD, November/December 2003