

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Hatchery Scientific Review Group Phoenix Inn Suites, Olympia, Washington August 15–17, 2001

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**Agenda:** The purpose of this meeting was to complete the regional review of the South Sound and prepare for an informal review of the Elwha Restoration Plan.

### **In Attendance:**

- HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton (not present on August 15), Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Bob Piper and Lisa Seeb.
- Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo. Barbara Cairns was present on August 17.
- Regional participants Marianna Alexandersdottir, Jim Bertolini, Kyle Brakensiek, and Willy Eldridge, NWIFC; David Troutt, Nisqually Tribe; Will Henderson, Squaxin Island Tribe; Kevin Amos, Charmane Ashbrook, Martin Chen, Rich Eltrich, Jim Fraser, Ross Fuller, Darrell Mills, Denis Popochock, Paul Seidel and Jo Wadsworth, WDFW joined the Scientific Group for an informal review of the region on August 17. Rich Eltrich, Denis Popochock, and Paul Seidel joined the Scientific Group during the afternoon of August 16 to assist with completing the Part 3 Culture Methods worksheet.

### **Discussions/Presentations:**

On August 15, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials and provided an update on Hatchery Reform Project communications activities. He said that the facilitation team met on August 7 with regional managers from the Stillaguamish/Snohomish Region (the third and final pilot region), to discuss briefing book materials for the review of that region, slated to begin in September. He presented the revised instruction sheet that was provided to the regional managers at that meeting, as requested by the Scientific Group. He also presented a document containing a list of key questions being presented to stakeholder groups that have scientific information to share relevant to the region review process. These groups are being invited to provide a memo addressing these questions, for inclusion in the regional briefing book.

The Scientific Group spent the bulk of this meeting completing the four worksheets it has developed to implement its Benefit/Risk Assessment Tool. First, the group reviewed and revised the program descriptions it had asked John Barr to draft between meetings in order to complete the group's Benefit/Risk Tool Part 1: Summary of Goals and Current Hatchery Programs. The group then completed Part 2: Are Current Hatchery Programs Consistent with Long-Term and Short-Term Goals?

The Scientific Group broke into task teams to complete Part 3: Culture Methods Evaluation; Accountability/Education Evaluation; Physical/Morphological/Ecological Evaluation; and Genetics/Conservation Evaluation. Rich Eltrich, Denis Popochock, and Paul Seidel joined the

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Scientific Group to answer specific questions relating to the Part 3 Culture Methods worksheet during this process. The Scientific Group prepared for an informal review of the region by considering each sub-regional species and recording the resulting preliminary recommendations and observations onto flip charts and into Part 4: Recommendations and Alternatives.

The Scientific Group reviewed materials provided by Lee Blankenship in response to a specific request from the regional managers for review of chinook and coho run timing issues. The group agreed to author a letter on this issue, emphasizing the importance of maintaining traditional run timing, run composition and fishing opportunities. The Scientific Group also agreed that it cannot reply to a request to review the Nisqually chinook supplementation program until it receives a copy of that part of the Nisqually chinook recovery plan, and the adaptive management plan.

The final day of this regional review was spent conducting an informal review, at which the Scientific Group provided the regional managers with preliminary observations and recommendations. These recommendations were grouped into the following categories:

- Region-wide,
- Chambers Creek chinook,
- Nisqually chinook (Clear Creek, Kalama and McAllister),
- Deschutes chinook,
- Hupp Springs chinook,
- Fox Island chinook and coho,
- Coulter Creek chinook and coho,
- Minter Creek chinook and chum,
- Squaxin/South Sound Net Pen coho,
- Nisqually coho,
- Minter Creek coho,
- Garrison chum,
- Minter Creek pink,
- All steelhead in the region.

The Scientific Group finished the meeting by agreeing to a preliminary agenda for the Stillaguamish/Snohomish Regional Review meetings in September and October. The group also agreed that—after completing the pilots—it will need to revise and fine tune the questions it asks regional participants to address, to make the questions clearer and ensure they result in the information necessary to complete the Benefit/Risk Tool Worksheets.

The Scientific Group agreed that HSRG members Don Campton and John Barr, and facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper and Michael Kern will attend the Elwha Restoration Plan Informal Review meeting with the Elwha Fisheries Technical Group (EFTG) on August 20 in Port Angeles. The Scientific Group reviewed and revised a draft memorandum from the HSRG to the EFTG, for presentation at that meeting.