

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group
August 19–21, 2003, Olympic Natural Resources Center, Forks

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to complete the North Coast Regional Review; and receive an update 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 Mobernd, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker.
2. Facilitation team members Betsy Daniels (not in attendance on August 19), Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo.
3. Jim Jorgenson, Hoh Tribe; Joe Hinton, Al Jensen and Caroline Peterschmidt, Makah Tribe; John Meyer, National Park Service; Willy Eldridge, NWIFC; Mark Galloway and Kris Northcutt, Quileute Tribe; Guy McMinds and Steve Meadows, Quinault Indian Nation; Ray Brunson, Tom Kane and Dave Zajac, USFWS; and Martin Chen, Manuel Farinas, Mike Gross, Scott Moore, Don Rapelje, Jack Tipping, Ron Warren and Scott Williams, WDFW joined the HSRG on August 21 for an informal review of regional hatchery programs.

Discussions/Presentations:

On August 19, Jim Waldo welcomed HSRG members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. The group spent the day—and most of August 20—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 August 20, Betsy Daniels provided the HSRG with an update on Hatchery Reform Project facilitation and communications activities. She reported that the facilitation team was arranging a series of meeting to discuss hatchery reform implementation and develop a draft FY 2004 Hatchery Reform Project work plan. The facilitation team will meet with the HSRG chair and vice chairs, and then with the full HSRG. Concurrently, the facilitation team will meet with individual members of the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee. This process will result in a set of ideas for discussion and finalization at Coordinating Committee meetings in November and December. Work plan priority ideas expressed by HSRG members to date include knowledge transfer from the HSRG to regional managers and Science Division staff; incorporating the HSRG's key principles into regional hatchery management; the managers continuing the regional review process in some fashion; communicating hatchery reform to various external audiences including scientific journals; and setting a hatchery reform research agenda.

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Betsy also reported that the facilitation team is stepping up efforts to work with WDFW, the tribes and USFWS on tracking hatchery reform implementation activities. Paul Seidel reported a number of activities occurring at WDFW to implement hatchery reform.

A task team set up by the HSRG to complete revisions to the “companion document” containing the HSRG’s scientific foundation and regional review tools reported that it has made good progress. The team will complete a draft by early September (available from the project’s web site) and finalize the document by the end of the year. The team will continue to work with individual HSRG members to complete certain sections of the document.

The HSRG spent August 21 hosting an Informal Review session with North Coast regional participants. Jim Waldo and Lars Mobernd 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 HSRG’s preliminary observations and recommendations for the region. The following North Coast hatchery programs were presented:

- Quinault River fall chinook
- Queets system fall chinook
- Hoko River fall chinook
- Quillayute system hatchery spring chinook
- Quillayute system summer chinook
- Educklet Creek hatchery fall chinook
- Sooes River fall chinook
- Quinault River coho
- Queets River coho
- Quillayute system fall coho
- Quillayute system summer coho
- Educklet Creek hatchery coho
- Sooes River coho
- Queets/Salmon hatchery coho
- Lake Ozette sockeye
- Quinault River sockeye
- Quinault River chum
- Hoko River hatchery winter steelhead
- Educklet Creek hatchery winter steelhead
- Sooes River hatchery winter steelhead
- Quillayute system hatchery winter steelhead
- Quillayute system winter steelhead
- Quillayute system hatchery summer steelhead
- Goodman Creek hatchery winter steelhead
- Hoh River hatchery winter steelhead
- Queets system hatchery winter steelhead
- Quinault River hatchery winter steelhead
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Preliminary recommendations for a number of facilities improvements were also presented at the informal review session, as were a regional overview and the HSRG's three Principles for Hatchery Management and 16 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 to discuss what they heard at the informal review, and provide feedback to the HSRG.