

MEETING SUMMARY

**Hatchery Scientific Review Group
Seattle Airport Red Lion Hotel, Tukwila, Washington
September 10–12, 2002**

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to begin the review of the Central Puget Sound region.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), NWIFC alternate Paul Dorn, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Mobernd (chair), Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker. Don Campton was in attendance on September 11.
2. Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo. Barbara Cairns was in attendance on September 12.
3. Marianna Alexandersdottir, Kyle Brakensiek and Willy Eldridge of NWIFC; Paul Hage, Mike Mahovich and Dennis Moore of the Muckleshoot Tribe; Blake Smith of the Puyallup Tribe; Jay Zischke of the Suquamish Tribe; and Brodie Antipa, Charmane Ashbrook, Chuck Baranski, Tom Cropp, Steve Foley, Doug Hatfield, Chuck Johnson, Kirk Lakey, John Long, Darrell Mills, Don Nauer, Denis Popochock, Joan Thomas, and Jack Tipping of WDFW joined the Scientific Group on September 10 and/or 11 to review regional goals and hatchery program purposes and types.
4. Dennis Moore of the Muckleshoot Tribe; Blake Smith of the Puyallup Tribe; Paul Dorn of the Suquamish Tribe; and Brodie Antipa, Chuck Baranski, Doug Hatfield, Chuck Johnson, Denis Popochock, and Joan Thomas of WDFW joined the Scientific Group on September 12 to discuss current regional hatchery operations.

Discussions/Presentations:

On September 10, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. The Scientific Group then discussed upcoming meetings. The group agreed to hold the introductory meeting for the Hood Canal Regional Review during its November 2002 meeting in Olympia. The Hood Canal Regional Review will be conducted in February and March 2003 in Olympia. The third annual HSRG Research Review will be held in January 2003 in Olympia. The Scientific Group will finalize dates and locations for the remaining regions to be reviewed in 2003 (Willapa Bay, North Coast and Grays Harbor) at the October meeting.

Jim Waldo then welcomed regional participants to the meeting and led a round of introductions. Lars Mobernd provided an overview of the regional review process. The participants spent the remainder of the day and most of September 11 working with the Scientific Group to review preliminary ratings a Scientific Group task team had 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. Lars explained that these ratings provide the premise for the Scientific Group's review. After a series of revisions, the regional

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participants agreed that the information was accurate and complete. At the end of this session, the 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 September 12, Barbara Cairns provided the Scientific Group with an update on Hatchery Reform Project communications activities. Barbara said the facilitation team is working closely with the co-managers to draft specific implementation plans for the Scientific Group's recommendations. She said a recent presentation to the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission on the Hatchery Reform Project by Lars Moberg, Paul Seidel, Lee Blankenship and Barbara Cairns was well-received. Barbara noted that the Northwest Fish Culture Conference would be hosted by WDFW in December and that hatchery reform would be a theme. Paul Seidel will make a presentation about the project at this conference.

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.

The Scientific Group discussed and accepted a WDFW request to review the City of Seattle's proposed Cedar River sockeye hatchery program, as well as the current program. The Scientific Group will also ask to review the monitoring and evaluation plan that will accompany the proposed Cedar sockeye program. The Scientific Group also agreed to a request by Marianna Alexandersdottir of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for a half-hour on the October agenda to discuss monitoring and evaluation.

The Scientific Group concluded the meeting by completing the Benefit/Risk Tool's Part Three worksheet (*Is Current Hatchery Program Consistent with Short- and Long-Term Goals?; Recommendations and Alternatives*) for hatchery programs in the East Kitsap sub-region. The group decided to hold a conference call between meetings to begin the same analysis for hatchery programs in the remaining three sub-regions. The group will complete this analysis at the October meeting, before hosting an informal review session with the regional participants.