

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Hatchery Scientific Review Group September 14–17, 2003, Chateau Westport, Westport

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**Agenda:** The purpose of this meeting was to begin the Grays Harbor Regional Review.

### **In Attendance:**

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Lars Mobrand (chair), Paul Seidel and Lisa Seeb.
2. Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Linda Lyshall, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo. Barbara Cairns and Betsy Daniels were in attendance on September 15 and 16.
3. Jim Dunn, Joe Durham and Dave Hamilton, Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force (CBFTF); Terry Baltzell, Long Live the Kings (LLTK); and Randy Aho, Ken Isaksson, Joel Jaquez, Joe Rothrock, Jack Tipping, Ron Warren and Kevin Young, WDFW joined the HSRG on September 14 and/or 15 for portions of the field tour.
4. Lonnie Crumley, Jim Dunn, Joe Durham and Dave Hamilton, Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force; Terry Baltzell, LLTK; Marianna Alexandersdottir and Kyle Brakensiek, NWIFC; Steve Meadows, Quinault Indian Nation; and Randy Aho, Rob Allan, Bill Campbell, Manuel Farinas, Curt Holt, Kirt Hughes, Ken Isaksson, Joel Jaquez, Dave Kloempken, Jack Tipping and Kevin Young, WDFW joined the HSRG on September 16 and/or 17 to review regional goals and hatchery program purposes, types and operations.

### **Discussions/Presentations**

On September 14, the HSRG began the Grays Harbor field tour with a visit to LLTK's Wishkah Hatchery and off-channel rearing sites. The tour was completed on September 15 with visits to WDFW's Humptulips, Bingham Creek and Lake Aberdeen hatcheries, the Aberdeen Net Pens, and CBFTF's Satsop Springs facility.

On September 16, Jim Waldo reviewed the meeting agenda with HSRG members. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. Betsy Daniels and Michael Kern provided a facilitation/communications update. Betsy reported that the facilitation team will continue to meet individually with co-manager leaders and the HSRG chair and vice chairs to develop a draft FY 2004 Hatchery Reform Project work plan and budget. The facilitation team will include time on the October agenda for the HSRG to discuss the FY 2004 work plan and budget, which will be finalized following discussions at the November and December Coordinating Committee meetings.

Paul Seidel reported that the WDFW Science Division's September 2003 workshop on steelhead management went very well. He will provide the proceedings to the HSRG when they become available at the end of November. He said that WDFW is continuing to make progress in prioritizing HSRG recommendations for implementation. Paul said the WDFW Science Division

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has also agreed to annually export coded wire tag data into a more “user-friendly” format, to encourage its use by hatchery personnel.

Jim Waldo then welcomed regional participants in the meeting and led a round of introductions. Jim and HSRG Chair Lars Mobrand provided an overview of the regional review process and led discussions on the ratings for the region’s current and future stock status, habitat and harvest goals for all regional stocks that a HSRG task team had derived from the briefing book; along with the purpose, type and description for all regional hatchery programs. The HSRG and regional participants spent the remainder of the day clarifying the goals for each program, ensuring that the goals and hatchery programs were correctly described, and identifying additional information that was needed to complete the review. At the end of the session, regional participants provided the HSRG with specific issues they would like to see addressed as part of this regional review.

On September 17, HSRG members were assigned to present preliminary recommendations for individual hatchery programs at the October informal review session. The HSRG broke into task teams and began working on the operational guidelines section of the Benefit/Risk Tool. The HSRG task teams, working with the regional hatchery managers, then spent the remainder of the day completing a comparison of current regional hatchery operations to the HSRG’s Hatchery Operational Guidelines.