

MEETING SUMMARY

Hatchery Scientific Review Group
Seattle Airport Red Lion Hotel, Tukwila, Washington
October 15–17, 2002

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

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, NWIFC alternate Paul Dorn, Trevor Evelyn, NMFS alternate Tom Flagg, Lars Moberg (chair), Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker. Lee and Bill were not in attendance on October 15.
2. Facilitation team members Michael Kern, Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo. Michael Schmidt was not attendance on October 15. Barbara Cairns and Kathleen Hopper were in attendance on October 17.
3. Marianna Alexandersdottir, Kyle Brakensiek, Willy Eldridge, Marcia House and Bruce Stewart of NWIFC; Paul Hage, Richard Johnson, Mike Mahovich and Dennis Moore of the Muckleshoot Tribe; Blake Smith of the Puyallup Tribe; and Brodie Antipa, Charmane Ashbrook, Chuck Baranski, Jeff Davis, Steve Foley, Doug Hatfield, Chuck Johnson, Kirk Lakey, John Long, Darrell Mills, Doris Small, Joan Thomas, and Jack Tipping of WDFW joined the Scientific Group on October 16 and/or 17 for an informal review of regional hatchery programs.

Discussions/Presentations:

On October 15, Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials.

The Scientific Group spent October 15 and 16 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. At the end of the day on October 16, the Scientific Group used this information to host an Informal Review with regional participants, at which the Scientific Group provided preliminary observations and recommendations for the following programs in the East Kitsap sub-region of Central Sound:

- Grover's Creek Hatchery Fall Chinook
- Agate Pass Sea Pen Coho
- East Kitsap Coho
- East Kitsap Fall Chum
- Donkey Creek Chum

The Scientific Group began October 17 by discussing upcoming meetings. Several members agreed to attend an informal briefing session for members of the Washington State Legislature's

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Natural Resources Committee hosted by WDFW Director Jeff Koenings on the morning of Tuesday, November 12 in Olympia. The Scientific Group agreed to devote their November meeting largely to report writing, so that the draft report can be provided to the managers following the meeting. The December meeting can then be largely devoted to revisions to the *HSRG Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program*. The Scientific Group agreed to hold the February Hood Canal Regional Review meeting and the March Hood Canal Informal Review session in Silverdale, in response to requests from the regional participants. The first two days of the March meeting will be in Olympia. The Scientific Group approved the following order for 2003 reviews:

- Hood Canal, Olympia, February 12–14/March 19–21, 2003
- Willapa Bay, location to be determined, April 22–24/May 14–16, 2003
- Catch-up meeting, location to be determined, June 2003
- North Coast, location to be determined, July/August 2003
- Grays Harbor, Aberdeen, September/October 2003

The introductory meetings for the final three regions will be as follows:

- Willapa Bay introductory meeting, Olympia, January 2003
- North Coast introductory meeting, location to be determined, April 2003
- Grays Harbor introductory meeting, location to be determined, June 2003

The Scientific Group agreed that, given current conditions, it is unlikely that there will be more money in its FY 2003 research budget than was available in FY 2002. Therefore, the Scientific Group is unlikely to be able to solicit new research projects. This being the case, the group decided to contact current grant recipients, letting them know that grant money has not yet been appropriated, but the Scientific Group will get back to them if and when it is time to provide proposals for continued funding.

Barbara Cairns provided a communications update, saying that the facilitation team is working with WDFW and tribal staff to describe how programmatic and on-the-ground implementation of HSRG recommendations is, and will be, occurring. The resulting documents will form the basis for educational materials for the public, the Legislature, the Congress and other stakeholders.

Marianna Alexandersdottir of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) provided the Scientific Group with an update on efforts by NWIFC and individual tribes to develop monitoring and evaluation criteria for hatchery programs. The Scientific Group agreed to work with Marianna to coordinate the development of their respective criteria.

The Scientific Group spent the remainder of October 17 hosting an Informal Review with regional participants for the following programs in the other sub-regions of Central Puget Sound:

Puyallup

- Puyallup River Fall Chinook
- White River Chinook
- Puyallup River Coho

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- Diru Creek Hatchery Chum
- Puyallup River Hatchery Winter Steelhead
- White River Hatchery Winter Steelhead

Green

- Green River Fall Chinook
- Green River Coho
- Aquarium Hatchery Coho
- Burien Coho
- Des Moines Net Pen Coho
- Elliott Bay Net Pen Coho
- Vashon Coho
- Aquarium Hatchery Chum
- Vashon Chum
- Green River Winter Steelhead
- Green River Hatchery Winter Steelhead
- Green River Hatchery Summer Steelhead

Lake Washington

- Portage Bay Hatchery Chinook
- Issaquah Hatchery Chinook
- Portage Bay Hatchery Coho
- Lake Washington Coho
- Ballard Net Pen Coho
- Edmonds Net Pen Coho
- Lake Washington Sockeye, current and proposed
- Pipers Creek Chum
- Lake Washington Winter Steelhead

The Scientific Group determined that it did not have enough information to provide an informal review of the Green River chum program. The group agreed to get more information about this program and draft a review for inclusion in the report it will issue at year's end. Preliminary recommendations for a number of facilities improvements were also presented at the informal review session, as were 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 November 5 to discuss what they heard at the informal review, and provide feedback to the HSRG. The Scientific Group offered to have one or more members attend a portion of that meeting, to help clarify and further explain what was presented at the informal review. After the meeting, the participants declined this offer.