

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Hatchery Scientific Review Group Courtyard by Marriott, Tukwila, Washington December 17–19, 2001

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**Agenda:** The purpose of this meeting was to host an introductory session with participants from the first region to be reviewed in 2002; continue work on a report containing hatchery reform recommendations from the three regions reviewed during 2001; continue assembling a companion document to that report; and to address other issues remaining from the pilot reviews and the upcoming research review.

### **In Attendance:**

- HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Mobrand (chair), Bob Piper, Lisa Seeb, and Bill Smoker. Alternate Paul Dorn was in attendance on December 17.
- Facilitation team members Kathleen Hopper, Michael Kern, Bj Mirk, Michael Schmidt and Jim Waldo.
- Regional participants Bob Hayman, Skagit System Cooperative; and Charmane Ashbrook, Kurt Buchanan, Pete Castle, Chuck Johnson, Chuck Lavier, Darrell Mills, Gary Sprague and Steve Stout, WDFW joined the Scientific Group midday on December 17 for an introductory meeting on the review of the Skagit River region, slated to begin in March.

### **Discussions/Presentations:**

On December 17, the Scientific Group hosted an introductory meeting at the WDFW Mill Creek office for Skagit Regional Review participants. This region is the first slated for review in 2002. Vice Chair Lee Blankenship made a presentation on the Hatchery Reform Project, the Scientific Group, and the regional review process. After a question and answer period, the Scientific Group and the participants agreed to the following list of regional stocks—seven chinook (one hatchery), one coho, one pink, two sockeye (Baker and riverine), one chum, three steelhead (wild winter, summer, hatchery), one cutthroat, and two char (upper and lower basin). The facilitation team explained that they will provide the regional participants with a regional information instruction sheet by email following the meeting. Regional participants agreed to submit materials to the facilitation team by the end of January, so that this information can be organized into a Briefing Book in time for the Scientific Group's February meeting.

The Scientific Group returned to the Courtyard by Marriott in the afternoon, to resume its meeting. Jim Waldo welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. The group then discussed its 2002 research program and other issues remaining from the regional review process.

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The Scientific Group spent the bulk of December 18 and 19 editing each set of program recommendations in the draft 2001 Hatchery Reform Recommendations document. The group asked the facilitation team to incorporate these edits and forward the revised draft document to the managers of the salmon hatcheries in the three pilot regions, in order that managers' responses can be included and the draft document finalized at the January meeting.

On December 19, a Scientific Group task team reviewed the instruction sheet the group provides to regional participants and made a number of revisions. The group asked the facilitation team to incorporate these revisions and to distribute this revised sheet to the Skagit Regional Review participants list as soon as possible, so they can begin assembling Briefing Book information.

The Scientific Group also asked the facilitation team to begin assembling a list of regional participants for the second region to be reviewed in 2002 (Nooksack/Samish). The introductory meeting for this region will be held in February.