

# MEETING SUMMARY

## Hatchery Scientific Review Group December 17–19, 2002, Courtyard by Marriott, Tukwila

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**Agenda:** The purpose of this meeting was to revise the *HSRG Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program* document; to meet with participants from the regions reviewed in 2002 who had requested a supplemental discussion; and to finalize dates, locations and other details for HSRG meetings in 2003.

### **In Attendance:**

- HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship (vice chair), Don Campton, Trevor Evelyn, Connie Mahnken, Lars Moberg (chair), Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker.
- Facilitation team members Michael Kern and Bj Mirk. Barbara Cairns and Kathleen Hopper were in attendance on December 17.
- Regional participants Bob Hayman and Scott Schuyler, Skagit System Cooperative; Alan Chapman and Randy Kinley, Lummi Nation; and Chuck Baranski, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife joined the Scientific Group on the morning of December 17 for supplemental discussions related to the regional reviews.

### **Discussions/Presentations:**

On December 17, Michael Kern welcomed Scientific Group members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. Barbara Cairns provided a communications update. She reported that there is a lot of uncertainty associated with this year's federal appropriations process. Congress approved a continuing resolution before adjourning and will resume appropriations discussions after the recess. The Scientific Group agreed that the first priority for the Hatchery Reform Project in 2003 should be to complete the regional reviews.

The Scientific Group then turned its attention to the draft recommendations for regions reviewed in 2002, revising several Area-Wide Recommendations and a number of program recommendations as the result of feedback received during supplemental discussions with regional participants from the Skagit, Nooksack/Samish and Central Puget Sound regions.

Paul Seidel, John Barr and Michael Kern reported that the managers have requested more time to complete comments and provide managers responses to the draft recommendations. The Scientific Group agreed to the request, moving the deadline from December 20, 2002 to January 10, 2003 for comments and January 20, 2003 for managers' responses. The Scientific Group asked the facilitation team to send a memo from the chair to the managers conveying these new deadlines and providing a copy of all recommendations revised at the December meeting.

The Scientific Group then made a number of decisions about upcoming meetings. The group decided to hold a joint introductory meeting for the North Coast and Grays Harbor regions on

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Friday, April 25 in Aberdeen. The June HSRG meeting will be held on June 10–12, 2003 in or around Olympia. The Scientific Group will determine dates and locations for its July through December 2003 meetings at a later date.

The Scientific Group spent the rest of the meeting making revisions to its Scientific Framework and Hatchery Review Program document. The group created a new outline for the Scientific Framework, with the following sub-sections: 1) Hatcheries in the Ecosystem Context: The Regional Approach; 2) Hatcheries in the Populations/Species Context; 3) Effects of Hatchery Operations on Harvest and Conservation of the Target Stock; 4) Effects of Hatchery Fish on Harvest and Conservation of Other Stocks and Species; and 5) Accountability for Performance at Hatcheries. The Scientific Group also assigned individual members to revise the Emerging Issues in Hatchery Reform, Operational Guidelines, and Monitoring and Evaluation Criteria chapters, and added a new chapter containing the group's Area-Wide Recommendations. All of these assignments are due at the January meeting.