

MEETING SUMMARY

**Hatchery Scientific Review Group
December 10–12, 2003, Courtyard by Marriott, Tukwila**

Agenda: The purpose of this meeting was to revise the HSRG's document containing its principles, tools, processes and recommendations; discuss the HSRG's research activities; discuss the 2004 Hatchery Reform Project work plan; address several HSRG administrative issues; and receive an update on Hatchery Reform Project management and communications.

In Attendance:

1. HSRG members John Barr (vice chair), Lee Blankenship, (vice chair), Trevor Evelyn, Lars Mobrand, Lisa Seeb, Paul Seidel and Bill Smoker, and alternate Tom Flagg.
2. Facilitation team members Barbara Cairns (not in attendance on December 11), Betsy Daniels, Michael Kern, Linda Lyshall (not in attendance on December 12), Bj Mirk and Jim Waldo.

Discussions/Presentations:

On December 10, Jim Waldo welcomed HSRG members to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Michael Kern reviewed the meeting materials. Barbara Cairns provided a facilitation/communications update. Barbara said that Congressman Dicks has requested a briefing on the Hatchery Reform Project from the HSRG, managers and facilitation team in January 2004. The facilitation team will coordinate that briefing. The facilitation team will also coordinate a media event on the Hatchery Reform Project in March 2004. HSRG members will participate in this event. Lee Blankenship and Michael Kern updated the HSRG on a recent presentation on the Hatchery Reform Project to the Wild Steelhead Coalition (WSC). The presentation was well-received. The HSRG will accept WSC's offer to participate in the third annual Steelhead Summit in spring 2004. Don Campton will present the HSRG's integrated versus segregated hatchery program concept at the American Fisheries Society (AFS) Western Division Meeting in Salt Lake City in early March 2004. HSRG members will also participate in the March 2004 West Coast Steelhead Meeting.

The HSRG then reviewed its Policies and Procedures document, and held member and officer elections. John Barr moved, and Lee Blankenship seconded, that the Policies and Procedures be revised to remove one contradictory sentence. The motion carried unanimously. The document was otherwise unaltered.

The HSRG then discussed the three members whose terms were up for renewal, with each member leaving the room while his status was discussed. Trevor Evelyn moved, and Lee Blankenship seconded, that Don Campton be recommended for another three-year term as USFWS representative to the HSRG. The motion carried unanimously. Bill Smoker moved, and Trevor Evelyn seconded, that Lars Mobrand be reappointed for another three-year term as an independent scientist on the HSRG. The motion carried unanimously. John Barr moved, and Lee

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Blankenship seconded, that Bill Smoker be reappointed for another three-year term as an independent scientist on the HSRG. The motion carried unanimously.

The HSRG chair and vice chairs left the room, while the group discussed their status. Bill Smoker moved, and Trevor Evelyn seconded, that the entire slate of HSRG officers be reappointed for another one-year term. The motion carried unanimously.

The HSRG then discussed several issues relating to its research program. The group decided that its Research Review at the NOAA Fisheries Science Center in Seattle should be held on February 9. Several out-of-state scientists will be invited to join the HSRG- and manager-funded researchers presenting at the Review. Lee Blankenship will inform HSRG-funded researchers about the February Research Review, and the timeline for making decisions about 2004 research grants.

The HSRG reviewed a proposed work plan that was to be discussed by a joint HSRG/manager 2004 Work Plan Task Team on December 12. The group approved the work plan's approach, with several suggested changes. The HSRG affirmed that it still wants to focus its efforts after 2003 on ensuring implementation in Puget Sound and the coast, funding research and developing a hatchery research agenda, and promoting the project as a model for other hatchery systems, rather than trying to replicate the review process in another system.

The HSRG created a Budget Task Team to draft a budget for the Hatchery Reform Project in 2004, once the 2004 work plan is complete. This budget will be presented to the Hatchery Reform Coordinating Committee for finalization in January.

The HSRG spent all of December 11 and the first half of December 12 working, both as a group and in subgroups, to revise the document containing its principles, tools, processes and recommendations that will be the final product of the project's regional review phase, and the focus of the March 2004 media event. The subgroups made assignments to individual members, since the HSRG will not meet in January, and agreed to a timeline for completing the document at the February meeting, so that it can be printed in time to be released at the March event.

The HSRG meeting adjourned at noon on December 12, to allow for several members of the HSRG and facilitation team to participate in the Work Plan Task Team meeting.