



The Hatchery Reform Coalition

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In 2002, Long Live the Kings (LLTK) convened a number of conservation, recreation and sport fishing organizations to lend support to the Puget Sound and Coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project and the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). The HSRG was in the middle of a three-year, regional review of over 200 hatchery programs in Puget Sound and on the coast, and was just beginning to articulate its vision about how the hatchery system could be reformed to meet the twin goals of providing fish for harvest and helping to conserve naturally-spawning populations.

Since that time, the HSRG has completed its review and published the results, and the Hatchery Reform Coalition has grown to feature 18 regional and national organizations and advocates with a combined membership base of over 300,000 (see list on the back of this sheet). The Coalition includes organizations that are not always on the same side on all issues, but all have agreed that the HSRG's principles and recommendations (available at www.hatcheryreform.org) represent the right way to proceed with managing the hatchery system. Now, Coalition members are working together to build a constituency for hatchery reform.

The Coalition provided a letter for the April 2004 release of the HSRG's report pledging to support the state and tribal co-managers' hatchery reform implementation efforts, given that they are guided by the recommendations of the HSRG. In June 2004, a majority of Coalition members signed a letter of support for a Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission request to Congress for tribal hatchery rehabilitation funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 2005, Coalition members signed two additional letters in support of tribal hatchery rehabilitation funding and one to the Washington State Legislature in support of hatchery reform implementation funding for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Coalition will continue to work to see that resources are available to implement hatchery reform, and that the co-managers' reform efforts are consistent with the principles and recommendations of the HSRG.

For more information on the Hatchery Reform Project and the recommendations of the HSRG, visit www.hatcheryreform.org. For more information on the Hatchery Reform Coalition, call LLTK at 206-382-9555 x. 25 or email mkern@lltk.org

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