

# WASHINGTON COAST SUSTAINABLE SALMON PARTNERSHIP

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## SUMMARY OF REGIONAL MEETING

July 9, 2008

- ✚ Nancy Allison provided an update on the first monthly meeting of the new Regional Allocation Taskforce.
  - Project limiting issues:
    - Lack of capital funds—there is not enough funding available for the proposed high priority projects.
    - Lack of funding certainty/stability
    - Lack of high level funding coordination, e.g., different time frames for making decisions, different criteria, different performance periods, arduous processes.
    - Lack of capacity at regional, lead entity, and sponsor levels.
    - Lack of community support.
    - Striking the right balance between abstract priorities and ripe opportunities.
    - Lack of identified site specific projects.
    - Transition to bigger, more complicated projects.
    - How best to protect existing habitat in light of population increases.
    - Landowner willingness.
    - Noncompliance with permits/lack of enforcement.
    - Protection of existing habitat vs. restoration.
  - Regarding hatcheries and harvest:
    - Need to determine consistency of hatchery reform recommendations (e.g., HSRG) with recovery plans and integrate into plans where appropriate
    - Hatchery reform is expected to be a significant cost factor
    - Need to develop regional implementation strategies for hatchery and harvest
    - Need to understand WDFW's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Salmon and Steelhead initiative
  - Other possible issues for Task Force consideration:
    - Seeking additional state or federal funding for a bigger “pot” or for specific activities: hatchery reform; large watershed scale projects (restoration or protection); monitoring at the regional level; data management at the regional level, etc

- Consider how to do more with less funding; building in flexibility
  - Possibility of holding over unspent resources: could help to address issues of funding bigger capital projects and/or addressing escalating prices
  - Identifying a process for moving toward coordination of different funding sources (a better way to align timeframes, criteria, performance periods, processes)
  - Identifying a process/forum where successes can be shared
- ✚ Reviewed the presentation scheduled for the SRFB in late July. Presentation was to inform SRFB members of the status of the WCSSP. Many suggestions were made and incorporated.
- ✚ Ed Bowen requested input from the meeting participants with regard to what, if any, role the region would play in the development/implementation of the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan. \
- Katie Krueger, Environmental Attorney for the Quileute Tribe, opposes any involvement by the Region in any decision making role.
  - The consensus was that the Region would play a supportive role—if asked.
  - The request for support would have to be supported by the majority of the Recovery Plan group.
- ✚ A general discussion followed regarding the structure of the Regional Policy Board, the requirements of the workplan/budget for the Region, and the need for an Interlocal Agreement. It was determined that these discussions would be revisited at the August meeting.