

# HATCHERY REFORM PROJECT

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“The Hatchery Reform Project is the first time anyone has taken a big-picture, systematic look at the Puget Sound and coastal hatcheries. Only a comprehensive plan like the Hatchery Reform Project can balance all of the related, complex interests, such as tribal treaty rights, sport fishing and conservation.”

—*Representative Norm Dicks (D-Wash.)*

“The Hatchery Reform Project is a model for natural resource management—integrating science and policy-making in a meaningful way. This is especially important for salmon recovery, and it moves us toward more coordinated and sophisticated management of hatcheries, harvest and habitat.”

—*Washington Governor Gary Locke*

“Recovery will only be successful if the best available science is used to determine existing conditions and guide priorities for action. Science can also help us monitor the results of our efforts over time and provide insight for adapting our approach.”

—*Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board Chairman William Ruckleshaus*

“It is critical that the findings of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group are adopted by the co-managers and appropriate federal agencies.”

—*Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Jeff Koenings*

“By moving ahead with these reforms, the states and tribes will not only go beyond the Endangered Species Act’s requirements to minimize hatchery impacts, they intend to help us bring back the wild salmon.”

—*Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.)*

“This report shows that we can help, not hinder, the dual goals of recovering natural fish stocks and sustaining fisheries. As one of the earliest sponsors of this research, I could not be more proud.”

—*Former U.S. Senator Slade Gorton*

“With the Hatchery Reform Project, the co-managers are turning traditional hatchery management on its ear. This is a comprehensive, scientific, and systematic rethinking of how to redesign and manage the largest hatchery system in the world to achieve the twin goals of salmon recovery and sustainable fisheries. The co-managers are to be commended for their commitment to the process.”

—*Long Live the Kings Executive Director Barbara Cairns*

“The Hatchery Reform Project boasts peer-reviewed science, strong partnerships, local solutions backed by federal dollars. This blueprint for reform will be central to our successful recovery of threatened salmon in the Pacific Northwest.”

—*Representative Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.)*

“These reforms are based on a solid, scientific framework that was reviewed by more than 200 people, including scientists, decision makers, environmentalists, sport and commercial fishers, and other stakeholders. The Hatchery Scientific Review Group has conducted monthly, three-day meetings for two years, spending thousands of hours to create a solid, scientific foundation for this new approach to hatcheries in Washington state.”

—*Hatchery Scientific Review Group Chairman Lars Mobrand*

“We are confident that by working together we can achieve our goal of returning wild salmon stocks to abundance. Reforming hatchery practices is another step on the road to wild salmon recovery.”

—*Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Chairman Billy Frank, Jr.*

“This combination of clear goals, independent science and collaborative policy-making is the model for hatchery management of the future.”

—*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director Anne Badgley*

“The Hatchery Reform Project is an excellent example of how we must use science to guide policy decisions in our effort to recover and preserve Northwest salmon.”

—*National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Director Bob Lohn*