

# HATCHERY VS. WILD SALMONID SYMPOSIUM Research, Management, and Reform in the Pacific Northwest

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# 2015 Hatchery vs. Wild Salmonid Symposium

# Symposium Schedule

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 (PAVILION ROOM)

| 700 am – 900 am   | Registration in Pavilion Plaza Foyer  |
|-------------------|---|
| 830 am – 835 am   | Oregon Chapter AFS Executive Committee – Welcoming Remarks  |
| 835 am – 850 am   | <b>David L.G. Noakes,</b> Oregon State University & Oregon Hatchery Research Center<br>Key Note Address   |
|                   | Session 1 - Hatchery Fish Performance and Genetics  |
|                   | (Moderated by Ryan Couture – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)  |
| 850 am – 910 am   | <b>Michael Blouin,</b> <i>Oregon State University</i><br>An analysis of studies of relative reproductive success of early-generation hatchery<br>salmon   |
| 910 am – 930 am   | <b>Barry Berejikian,</b> <i>NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center</i><br>Selection on growth rate in hatchery steelhead depends on rearing practices  |
| 930 am – 950 am   | <b>Daniel Bingham,</b> <i>Rogue Biological Consultants</i><br>Loss of genetic integrity in hatchery steelhead produced by juvenile-based<br>broodstock and wild integration: conflicts in production and conservation goals               |
| 950 am – 1010 am  | <b>Christian Smith,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service<br>Genetic composition of the Warm Springs River Chinook salmon population<br>maintained following eight generations of hatchery production  |
| 1010 am – 1030 am | Lance R. Clarke, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife<br>Harvest and straying of two hatchery steelhead lines, one derived from the other by<br>temporally selective broodstock collection  |
| 1030 am – 1050 am | Refreshment Break<br>Registration in Pavilion Room Foyer  |
| 1050 am – 1110 am | <b>Carl Schreck,</b> <i>Oregon State University and USGS Oregon Cooperative Research Unit</i><br>Is juvenile migration phenotype established by recent stimuli or much earlier in life<br>and can they be affected by hatchery practices? |
| 1110 am – 1130 am | <b>Cameron Sharpe,</b> <i>Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife</i><br>Performance of hatchery spring Chinook salmon released in the fall and spring   |
| 1130 am – 1150 am | <b>Brian Beckman,</b> NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center<br>Variations in size, growth and survival of hatchery Columbia River Chinook salmon in<br>the Northern California Current  |
| 1150 am – 1215 pm | Panel Discussion  |
| 1215 pm – 130 pm  | Lunch on your own in Portland   |

|                 | Session 2 - Influence of Hatchery Fish on Wild Populations  |
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|                 | (Moderated by fan Tattam – Oregon Department of Fish and Whanje)  |
| 130 pm – 150 pm | <b>Christine Kozfkay,</b> <i>Idaho Department of Fish and Game</i><br>The use of hatchery fish to rebuild populations of Snake River Sockeye salmon in the<br>Sawtooth Valley basin, Idaho  |
| 150 pm – 210 pm | <b>Peter Galbreath,</b> <i>Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission</i><br>Use of hatchery stocks to reestablish natural populations of Upper Columbia River<br>coho salmon  |
| 210 pm – 230 pm | <b>Ewann Berntson,</b> <i>NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center</i><br>Reproductive success and phenotypic selection gradients in hatchery- and natural-<br>origin Chinook salmon in Catherine Creek, Grande Ronde basin (Northeast Oregon) |
| 230 pm – 250 pm | <b>Maureen Hess,</b> <i>Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission</i><br>Supplementation with local, natural-origin broodstock may minimize negative fitness<br>impacts in the wild   |
| 250 pm – 310 pm | <b>Tim Hoffnagle,</b> <i>Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife</i><br>Thirty-one years of the Imnaha River Chinook Salmon Supplementation Program:<br>Is supplementation working?  |
| 310 pm – 330 pm | Matt Falcy, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife<br>Combining genetics and demographics in a viability model of hatchery-wild systems<br>subject to environmental change  |
| 330 pm – 350 pm | Refreshment Break<br>Registration in Pavilion Room Foyer  |
| 350 pm – 410 pm | Kathryn Kostow, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife<br>A review of ecological risks of salmon and steelhead hatchery programs  |
| 410 pm – 430 pm | <b>Chris Tatara,</b> <i>NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center</i><br>Intraspecific competition between hatchery and wild anadromous salmonids:<br>rethinking hatchery practices to reduce ecological interactions                           |
| 430 pm – 500 pm | Panel Discussion  |
| 500 pm          | Reception – Pavilion Plaza Foyer  |

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015 (PAVILION ROOM)

| 700 am – 800 am   | Registration in Pavilion Plaza Foyer   |
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| 755 am – 800 am   | Oregon Chapter AFS Executive Committee – Welcoming Remarks   |
|                   | Session 3 - Managing Reality: Co-existing Wild and Hatchery<br>Populations   |
|                   | (Moderated by Gary Vonderohe – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)   |
| 800 am – 820 am   | <b>Gabriel Temple,</b> <i>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</i><br>Assessing and containing risks to indigenous fish taxa associated with salmon<br>supplementation and reintroduction programs |
| 820 am – 840 am   | Jay Hesse, Nez Perce Tribe<br>Conservation and consumption: Nez Perce Tribe duty and obligation  |
| 840 am – 900 am   | <b>Ed Bowles,</b> <i>Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife</i><br>Oregon's Coastal Plan: a walk on the wild (and hatchery) side   |
| 900 am – 920 am   | <b>Dave Fast,</b> Yakama Nation<br>Results after sixteen years of operation of an integrated spring Chinook hatchery on<br>the Yakima River  |
| 920 am – 940 am   | <b>Peter Hassemer,</b> Idaho Department of Fish and Game<br>The evolution of Idaho's mitigation hatchery programs to conform to conservation<br>and management of wild stocks                            |
| 940 am – 1000 am  | Panel Discussion   |
| 1000 am – 1020 am | Refreshment Break – Cabela's Gear Raffle   |
|                   | Session 4 - Hatchery Reform: Where Do We Go From Here?   |
|                   | (Moderated by Gary Vonderohe – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)   |
| 1020 am – 1040 am | <b>Doug Olson,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service<br>Hatchery reform and our Pacific Region National Fish Hatcheries   |
| 1040 am – 1100 am | <b>Casey Baldwin,</b> <i>Colville Confederated Tribes</i><br>The Chief Joseph Hatchery – a new hatchery designed and operated under Hatchery<br>Reform Principles  |
| 1100 am – 1120 am | <b>Brent Hall,</b> <i>Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation</i><br>Hatchery vs. Wild? It's not that simple - legal frameworks, hatchery reform and<br>forgotten promises                |
| 1120 am – 1140 am | <b>Brian Missildine,</b> Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife<br>Reform measures to minimize risk to wild steelhead populations from our hatchery<br>steelhead programs in Puget Sound             |
| 1140 am – 1200 pm | Panel Discussion   |
| 1200 pm           | Adjourn Meeting  |

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# Symposium Abstracts

## Session 1 - Hatchery Fish Performance and Genetics

#### An analysis of studies of relative reproductive success of early-generation hatchery salmon

#### Michael Blouin, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

We review studies on the reproductive success of fish in populations supplemented with hatchery-reared fish produced by local and predominantly wild-origin parents. Combining 49 estimates from six studies on four species, we found: (1) first-generation hatchery fish averaged only half the reproductive success of their wild-origin counterparts when spawning in the wild, and (2) all species show similar effects. If this reduced fitness is heritable, then even first-generation hatchery fish could decrease the fitness of wild populations. We review evidence for genetic versus environmental effects, and insights into possible mechanisms for the fitness decline. Finally, we also show that statistical power to detect differences in fitness is very low for sample sizes typical of these studies. These data suggest that reduced fitness of even first-generation hatchery fish is a general phenomenon. Future research should focus on determining the causes of those fitness reductions.

#### Selection on growth rate in hatchery steelhead depends on rearing practices

#### Barry Berejikian and Chris Tatara, NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Manchester, Washington

Fitness loss in steelhead trout has been demonstrated in a number of hatchery populations, including one population (Hood River) where a genetic (or cross-generational epigenetic) mechanism has been isolated. Mechanisms causing fitness loss in hatchery steelhead may include unintentional or relaxed breeding selection, or selection during early development and juvenile rearing or after release. All but a few hatchery steelhead programs rear and release yearling smolts, which is a year or more younger the modal age at smoltification in most natural populations. Yearling smolt programs may favor (select for) individuals that grow rapidly in the hatchery and have greater odds of migration and survival after release. We provide evidence that selection on body size in a yearling (S1) release hatchery program at the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery (WNFH) occurs to a greater degree than in a program that rears and releases juveniles to age-2 (S2) at the same hatchery. In most release years, a greater proportion of S1 steelhead failed to migrate downstream, and the effect was significantly correlated to fork length. In a controlled laboratory study, full-sib families were split and equal numbers allocated to a S1 and S2 rearing treatment. Seawater challenges conducted at age-1 and age-2 indicated significantly greater survival in the S2 treatment (99%) than in the S1 treatment (77%). Logistic regression analyses demonstrated a significant positive effect of body size on probability of survival. Preliminary analyses also indicate significant maternal effects on probability of surviving seawater challenges in the S1 treatment, and thus evidence for selection on maternal traits resulting from S1 rearing.

# Loss of genetic integrity in hatchery steelhead produced by juvenile-based broodstock and wild integration: conflicts in production and conservation goals

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We examined whether a supplementation program for steelhead in southwestern Washington could produce hatchery fish that contained genetic characteristics of the endemic population from which it was derived and simultaneously meet a production goal. Hatchery fish were produced for three consecutive years by using broodstock comprised of endemic juveniles that were caught in the wild and raised to maturity, and then the program transitioned to an integrated broodstock comprised of wild and hatchery adults that returned to spawn. Importantly, some auxiliary conservation-based husbandry protocols were attempted (i.e., pairwise mating between males and females) but not always completed due to insufficient broodstock and conflict between production and conservation goals.

The hatchery met production goals in 6 of 9 years, but wild-type genetic integrity of hatchery fish was degraded every year. Specifically, we analyzed 10 microsatellites and observed a 60% reduction in the effective number of breeders in the hatchery (harmonic mean of hatchery, Nb = 45, compared with the wild, Nb = 111). Hatchery fish consequently displayed reduced genetic diversity and large temporal genetic divergence compared with wild counterparts. To ensure the benefit of conservation-based husbandry, spawning protocols should be based on scientific theory and be practical within the physical and biological constraints of the system. Finally, if conservation issues are considered to be the most important issue for hatchery propagation, then production goals may need to be forfeited.

# Genetic composition of the Warm Springs River Chinook salmon population maintained following eight generations of hatchery production

#### Christian Smith<sup>1</sup>, Rod French<sup>2</sup>, Jens Lovtang<sup>3</sup>, David Hand<sup>4</sup>

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Balancing the disparate objectives of fishery augmentation and conservation of an endemic population presents a substantial challenge. In the case of Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery (Warm Springs Hatchery), strategies for achieving both objectives included incorporation of natural fish into the hatchery broodstock and restricting proportions of hatchery fish on the spawning grounds. The hatchery has been more successful in implementing the latter, however, than the former. We analyzed seventy-six SNP markers in spring Chinook salmon collected from the Warm Springs River in 1976 to 1977 (prior to hatchery production) and 2001 to 2011 (posthatchery) to examine whether the genetic characteristics of the endemic population had changed during that time. Pre- and posthatchery collections clustered together when compared to Round Butte Hatchery (a nearby segregated program) and other Columbia River populations. Allele frequencies were similar in pre- and post-hatchery collections, but post-hatchery collections exhibited significantly lower heterozygosity (He). We observed some evidence of reduced effective size (Ne) and increased genetic drift in fish produced at Warm Springs Hatchery (relative to natural-origin fish), and even stronger evidence in fish produced at Round Butte Hatchery. We conclude that natural-origin fish returning to the Warm Springs River form a distinct group within the Interior Columbia Basin Spring-run lineage and have changed very little over the past eight generations. We further speculate that differences between hatchery- and natural- origin fish at Warm Springs Hatchery are expected to increase if hatchery operations remain static (little integration of natural-origin fish and incorporation of Round Butte Hatchery fish in broodstock).

# Harvest and straying of two hatchery steelhead lines, one derived from the other by temporally selective broodstock collection

Lance R. Clarke<sup>1</sup>, Michael W. Flesher<sup>1</sup>, Shelby Van Sickle<sup>2</sup>, William J. Knox<sup>3</sup>, and Richard W. Carmichael<sup>1</sup>

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Angling in October was used to selectively collect hatchery steelhead adults for broodstock to create a new hatchery line (hereafter the autumn line; AL). Because the AL broodstock returned to the Grande Ronde River basin of Northeast Oregon earlier than standard Wallowa Hatchery stock adults (hereafter SWS), which return from autumn through spring, adult progeny of the AL were expected to have an earlier return timing, which could reduce straying into cool tributary streams during warm summer months and provide greater contributions to autumn fisheries. Paired AL and SWS smolt releases occurred from 2005 to 2008. PIT tagged adult progeny from the AL were detected crossing Bonneville Dam on the lower Columbia River an average of 10 days earlier than SWS adults, and the return timing difference widened as the run progressed past upstream dams. Coded-wire tag recovery was used to compare smolt-to-adult survival (SAS) and straying. Across all years, SAS was not significantly different (AL = 1.84%, SWS = 1.80%). However, the AL strayed at a significantly higher rate (7.64%) compared to the SWS (5.01%). Due to their earlier return timing to the Grande Ronde River basin, creel surveys showed that nearly 55% of the AL adults were harvested from September through December, whereas 62.9% of the SWS were harvested in March and April. Therefore, continuation of the AL could alter monthly angling pressure, the fraction of steelhead in the river that are of hatchery origin, and angling impacts on the wild population. Creation of the AL improved fisheries but did not reduce straying. Selective breeding for run timing may be an appropriate tool for hatchery programs; however, to protect against adversely affecting the fitness of wild stocks we recommend removal of hatchery adults before they reach natural spawning areas.

# Is juvenile migration phenotype established by recent stimuli or much earlier in life and can they be affected by hatchery practices?

**Carl B. Schreck<sup>1,2</sup>,** E.J. Billman<sup>2</sup>, J. Unrein<sup>2</sup>, R. Chitwood<sup>2</sup>, L.D. Whitman<sup>3</sup>, R.K. Schroeder<sup>4</sup>, C.S. Sharpe<sup>4</sup>, C. Kimmel<sup>5</sup>, N. McKibben<sup>5</sup>, B. Brignon<sup>6</sup>, A. Munakata<sup>7</sup>, and D.L.G. Noakes<sup>8</sup>

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Juvenile Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in the Upper Willamette River, Oregon, USA display considerable variation in downstream-movement life history tactics. Fish reared in circular tanks self-sort into surface- and bottom-oriented groups starting just after *per os* feeding begins. Morphometric analysis suggests that the surface phenotype is similar in shape to wild fall migrants and parr from downstream sites. The benthic phenotype fish are similar to wild spring migrants and fish collected concurrently up-river. Bone structure analysis of the head suggests that these differences rest with the jaw. Plasma sodium, gill Na/K ATPase and boldness analyses also revealed early effects of rearing conditions. Behavioral tests found that minute (<0.5 °C) temperature decrease results in downstream movement by various species of anadromous salmonids. Similar downstream movement was displayed by surface-oriented laboratory Chinook in the fall (concurrent with timing of the fall outmigration of wild Chinook; bottom-oriented Chinook had significantly less movement at this time. We suggest that downstream movement of juveniles soon after emergence is associated with differentiation in the expression of life history variation. This contention is also supported by movement studies in large artificial streams and in a small tributary stream. Structure in rearing tanks also affects performance of bull trout. Fish reared with some simple structure had significantly larger brains, were more bold, and were better predators, like wild fish that were also tested, than fish reared in typical hatchery troughs.

#### Performance of hatchery spring Chinook salmon released in the fall and spring

#### Cameron S. Sharpe and David Hewlett, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Corvallis, Oregon

We review patterns of recovery of coded wire tags in adult and juvenile fish from Chinook salmon hatchery programs in the Upper Willamette River. The results suggest that two guiding principles for hatchery practices in the Upper Willamette – release fish that are ready to migrate and release fish that closely resemble wild fish – may sometimes be in conflict. Upper Willamette hatcheries release fish in the fall and spring and wild smolts emigrate in the fall and spring. However, hatchery fish released in the fall may pose additional genetic and ecological risks to wild fish compared to hatchery fish released in the spring.

# Variations in size, growth and survival of hatchery Columbia River Chinook salmon in the Northern California Current

#### Brian R Beckman<sup>1</sup>, Larissa Rohrbach<sup>1,2</sup>, David Teel<sup>1</sup>

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No matter what sub-basin, tributary or hatchery a smolt emigrates from, all successful Columbia River smolts initiate marine residence in the waters just off Astoria, Oregon. Individuals from every population and stock may inter-mingle and perhaps interact in this area. There is increasingly clear evidence that variable ocean conditions are directly responsible for large-scale variation in the return of adult Chinook salmon to the Columbia River. There is also accumulating evidence that variable marine mortality occurs soon after smolts enter the ocean. Finally, inter-annual variation in growth of smolts in the ocean is correlated with adult returns. However, it is not yet clear if and/or how differences in size and growth among smolts in the ocean may subsequently affect differential survival. In this talk we will present data showing differences in size and growth among yearling hatchery Chinook salmon smolts sampled off the Oregon/Washington Coast. We will also present data suggesting that relations between size and growth vary with ocean conditions. Together, these suggest that growth may be food limited in the ocean in some years and that smolts may vary in their ability to exploit food resources across years. The implications of these findings for hatchery rearing strategies and hatchery vs. wild interactions in the ocean will be discussed.

# Session 2 - Influence of Hatchery Fish on Wild Populations

# The use of hatchery fish to rebuild populations of Snake River sockeye salmon in the Sawtooth Valley basin, Idaho

#### Christine Kozfkay, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Eagle, Idaho

The Snake River Sockeye salmon population was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act in 1991 when no fish returned the prior year. The conservation hatchery program was initiated, just prior to listing, with the collection and spawning of the four wild adults that returned in 1991. The immediate goals of the conservation program were to avoid population extinction using captive broodstock technology, conserve population genetic diversity and fitness, and increase the numbers of individuals in the population with future plans to recover and de-list the population and provide sport and treaty harvest. The captive broodstock acts as a live gene bank of the founding population, rearing multiple age classes of fish to maturity in captivity. The fish not utilized within the captive broodstock program are released into the natural environment under a variety of release options including: 1) eyed-egg releases to lake incubator boxes, 2) pre-smolt releases direct to the lakes, 3) smolt releases to outlet streams and to the upper Salmon River, and 4) pre-spawn adult releases direct to the lakes. Generally, the pre-smolts and smolts are marked with different tags or clips but tags can shed and there was no way to differentiate natural fish from those returning from an eyed-egg release strategy. Using a suite of microsatellite loci, every fish in the program has been parentage-based tagged and we can now determine the contribution of each release strategy to determine the best direction to re-build the wild component and recover Snake River sockeye salmon.

#### Use of hatchery stocks to reestablish natural populations of Upper Columbia River coho salmon

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Abundance of Pacific Northwest salmonids has been significantly reduced due to effects of agricultural development, timber harvest, mining, dam construction, urbanization, and overharvest. In some cases, however, populations were extirpated. The Columbia River treaty tribes have played a leading role in promotion and management of efforts to reintroduce several extinct stocks, including programs to reestablish coho salmon in the Yakima, Wenatchee, Methow, and Clearwater rivers. The programs were initiated in the late 1990s, with annual releases of juveniles from composite lower river hatchery stocks, typically following acclimation at available sites. Mature adults from these releases returned to their respective subbasins, with some successfully engaging in natural spawning. Returns have grown dramatically and each program has transitioned to collecting broodstock from among the returning adults; stocking with juveniles from the lower river hatcheries has ceased. Natural spawning is occurring over a progressively expanding range, aided in part by addition of release sites in upper basin areas and tributaries. As the portion of natural origin fish builds, these fish will be collected for use as broodstock in lieu of hatchery origin fish. The out-of-basin stocks used for these reintroductions had undergone 15+ generations of segregated hatchery rearing. Despite the magnitude of domestication that may have accrued, these stocks demonstrated that they retained sufficient genotypic and phenotypic potential to initiate new natural populations. Additionally, natural selective forces are no doubt acting to further reverse some of the negative domestication effects. As promising as initial results appear, however, it is also clear that growth of these nascent populations, as is restoration of other depressed extant populations, is constrained by many of the same habitat and hydrosystem issues that originally drove the populations to low abundance. Addressing these latter issues remains the primary roadblock to restoration of Columbia River salmonid populations to naturally abundant levels.

# Reproductive success and phenotypic selection gradients in hatchery- and natural-origin Chinook salmon in Catherine Creek, Grande Ronde basin (Northeast Oregon)

#### Ewann Berntson<sup>1</sup>, Eric Ward<sup>2</sup> and Paul Moran<sup>2</sup>

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The relative reproductive success (RRS) of hatchery- and natural-origin fish in salmon supplementation programs has been shown to vary among species and locations. The reasons for this variation, however, are not entirely clear. We used pedigree analysis to measure RRS of hatchery and natural Chinook salmon spawning in Catherine Creek (Grande Ronde River), evaluated at multiple life stages: parr, migrants, and returning adults. Jack males and precocious parr both contribute to reproduction in this system, and were included in the analysis. The resulting pedigrees allowed us to compare RRS as well as differences in ecological characteristics that might be correlated with RRS: age and timing of smolt migration, return timing, size and age at return, spawning location, number of mates, number of offspring produced, etc. We observed similar reproductive success (RS) for adult-to-juvenile comparisons, but reduced RS when comparing adult-to-adult results for hatchery and wild individuals. We will continue monitoring these systems to document the genetic and demographic effects of supplementation and to better understand the drivers of differential reproductive success among families and hatchery-origin versus natural parents.

#### Supplementation with local, natural-origin broodstock may minimize negative fitness impacts in the wild

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While supportive breeding programs strive to minimize negative genetic impacts to populations, case studies have found that certain programs can cause reduced fitness of wild fish. However, initial results from a supportive breeding program for Chinook salmon in Johnson Creek, Idaho, have shown minimal genetic effects to the wild population. These results are believed to be due to reduced potential for domestication selection in the hatchery environment since only natural-origin fish are used as broodstock each year. To further investigate relative reproductive success (RRS) of ongoing supplementation in this system, additional pedigrees of both natural and hatchery-origin fish from five broodyears were tracked over two generations with molecular markers. Results with all individuals taken into account show that hatchery-reared females had no difference in fitness relative to natural-origin females (overall RRS = 1.03, p = 0.55), but hatchery-reared males had lower fitness than their natural-origin counterparts (overall RRS = 0.84, p = 0.04; jack male RRS = 0.91, p = 0.05). Since individuals that do not produce returning adult offspring have no direct genetic effect on the population, we also compared RRS between the hatchery and natural-origin fish that contributed at least one offspring to the next generation and found that RRS was not significantly different for either sex (female RRS = 1.05, p = 0.99; male RRS = 0.96, p = 0.79; jack male RRS = 1.24, p = 0.35). Additionally, RRS of hatchery-reared fish (H) that mated with natural-origin fish (HxN matings) were equivalent (RRS = 1.00, p = 0.71) to those between two natural fish (NxN), with HxH matings having lower overall RRS of 0.85 that was not statistically significant (p = 0.43). Results suggest that supplementation with 100% local, natural-origin broodstock may be a practice that can successfully boost population size with minimal negative genetic impacts to wild populations.

# Thirty-one years of the Imnaha River Chinook Salmon Supplementation Program: Is supplementation working?

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Imnaha River Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* of Northeast Oregon are a unique spring/summer race that migrates and matures later than other Snake River populations in Oregon. The Imnaha River Chinook Salmon Supplementation Program has been operating since 1982, with annual means of 170 adults spawned, 267,997 smolts released, and 1,674 hatchery adults returning to the Imnaha River. We compared smolt and adult characteristics between hatchery and natural Imnaha River Chinook salmon to determine whether the Supplementation Program has been successful in accomplishing its life history goals. We also compared abundance and productivity of Chinook salmon in the Imnaha River with similar but unsupplemented Snake River Basin populations to evaluate whether abundance and productivity of the Imnaha River population have increased above what might have been expected without supplementation. We found that hatchery smolts are larger than natural smolts and that they return at a younger age and run and

spawn later in the spawn season than natural adults. Although there is complete overlap in spawning distribution, hatchery adults tend to spawn lower in the system and near the acclimation site, whereas natural salmon spawn further upstream. The hatchery recruit:spawner ratio is nine times that of naturally-spawning salmon, resulting in a substantial increase in total number of spawners in the Imnaha River. However, despite these large numbers of hatchery salmon spawning in nature, natural abundance has not increased and recruits:spawner has decreased relative to most of the unsupplemented streams. Mean recruit:spawner ratio for natural salmon has exceeded replacement for only 8 of 27 brood years since beginning supplementation, whereas productivity exceeded replacement for 19 of 33 years immediately prior to supplementation. It seems to be time to substantially modify the Imnaha River Chinook Salmon Supplementation Program, with changes in weir management, broodstock collection, hatchery rearing, and/or smolt release strategies.

# Combining genetics and demographics in a viability model of hatchery-wild systems subject to environmental change

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Hatchery-reared and naturally-produced ("wild") salmonids experience different selective pressures. Rates of interbreeding between these two groups constrain adaptation to the natural environment. The processes affecting hatchery-wild dynamics have been studied by researchers interested in niche evolution of source-sink systems. I used an individual-based model originating from the theory of niche evolution to explore the effects of different proportions of hatchery fish spawning in the wild and wild fish spawned in hatcheries on long-term adaptation and persistence. The model uses a multi-locus quantitative trait to determine demographic performance of individuals, and relaxes assumptions made in previous continuous-state analytical models. I simulate change in the optimal phenotype of individuals spawning in the wild (i.e., environmental change) and record the persistence of wild-born individuals under different rates of interbreeding with hatchery fish, both in the hatchery and in the wild. Different probabilities of persistence were obtained from the same level of a *Proportionate Natural Influence* (PNI), suggesting that PNI alone does not predict persistence under certain conditions. Results are sensitive to rules about "mining" wild fish broodstock at low abundances, further suggesting a need to optimize the take of broodstock through time as a function of wild spawner abundance.

#### A review of ecological risks of salmon and steelhead hatchery programs

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State and federal agencies in the Pacific Northwest annually release millions of hatchery salmon and steelhead into public waters. These hatchery programs can pose genetic and ecological risks to wild fish populations. Ecological risks occur when the presence of hatchery fish affects how wild fish interact with their environment or with other species and may affect whole species assemblages. Factors that contribute to ecological risks include the relative abundance of hatchery and wild fish in natural production areas, hatchery programs that increase density-dependent mortality, residual hatchery fish, some physical advantages that hatchery fish can have over wild fish, and life history characteristics that may make some species especially vulnerable to the effects of ecological risks. Many of these risk factors can be reduced by management strategies that lower the level of interactions between hatchery and wild fish. This presentation will review some of the factors contributing to ecological risks, and some strategies and guiding principles for reducing the risks.

# Intraspecific competition between hatchery and wild anadromous salmonids: rethinking hatchery practices to reduce ecological interactions

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Ecological interactions between hatchery and wild anadromous salmonids are of concern in the management and recovery of imperiled salmon and steelhead populations. Many studies have described the impact of hatchery and wild fish interactions and the factors affecting the likelihood of occurrence and the magnitude of effect. Although numerous studies have inferred density-dependent competition effects from the release of hatchery fish, few studies have provided data on the relative competitive ability of hatchery and wild fish. We reviewed published studies implementing substitutive experimental designs to test the relative intraspecific competitive abilities of hatchery and wild anadromous salmonids. Wild and hatchery fish generally exhibit similar competitive abilities measured by aggressive behavior, growth, and survival. Feeding behavior studies indicate a slightly greater competitive advantage for hatchery fish.

The lessons learned about ecological interactions between hatchery and wild salmonids from previous studies can inform hatchery management to reduce the likelihood of their occurrence. An example is the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery (WNFH), located on the Methow River, WA. The WNFH is transitioning from a yearling steelhead smolt program (S1) sourced from broodstock collected in the Columbia River to a local broodstock collected from the Methow River. The late spawn timing of natural local broodstock required a switch to producing two year old steelhead smolts (S2). Data from five release years indicates that the S2 program has several advantages that can reduce ecological interactions between hatchery and wild fish beyond reducing potential for genetic effects from hatchery introgression. Survival of S2 hatchery steelhead was greater or equal to S1 steelhead in 4 of 5 release years. Outmigration travel time of S2 smolts was faster than S1 smolts in all 5 release years. Size selection against small nonmigrant steelhead was more prevalent in the S1 program. Fewer immature male S2 steelhead were produced than male S1 steelhead in 2 of 4 release years. Indices of residualism indicated that S2 and S1 steelhead residualize at a similar rate. Average size at release explained significant variation in many of these performance measures and this relationship may be useful in managing to reduce ecological interaction between hatchery and wild salmonids.

# Session 3 - Managing Reality: Co-existing Wild and Hatchery Populations

#### Assessing and containing risks to indigenous fish taxa associated with salmon supplementation and reintroduction programs

#### Gabriel Temple, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington

Persistent declines in salmon and steelhead population numbers throughout the Columbia River region has propagated the establishment and/or continued operation of several artificial production programs intended to facilitate recovery of these populations. Recent reviews and recommendations provided by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) for integrated and conservation hatchery programs throughout the Columbia Basin include many ideals of ecosystem based management: one being that hatchery practices should minimize adverse ecological interactions between hatchery and natural origin fish, and another to minimize effects of hatchery facilities on the ecosystem. We interpret these recommendations to include that hatchery practices should not inadvertently impact other fish taxa during their operation. Monitoring and managing risks to species that are not the target of enhancement should be an important consideration when judging the success of artificial production programs. In this case study, we monitor and evaluate the status of indigenous fish taxa during the operation of a Spring Chinook salmon supplementation program, and coho salmon reintroduction program that began in the mid-1990s in the Yakima River, Washington. Our experience suggests that rigorous pre-implementation planning coupled with cost effective risk containment monitoring can be adopted to provide one method to evaluate salmon and steelhead artificial production programs in an ecosystem context.

#### Conservation and consumption: Nez Perce Tribe duty and obligation

#### Jay Hesse, Nez Perce Tribe

Respecting and caring for (managing) salmon is a cultural cornerstone for Pacific Northwest Native Americans, including the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce Tribe). The relationship between salmon and tribes is so strong that tribal leaders were careful to reserve the right to take fish at all usual and accustomed places when negotiating the treaties of 1855 with the United States. Human actions have, and continue to, alter the Columbia River ecosystem that once supported incredibly abundant and diverse returns of salmon – drastically impacting the tribes. The tribal treaty right to harvest salmon at all usual and accustomed fishing places is an empty promise if there are no fish to catch. As salmon populations continued to decline, hatcheries that were constructed to mitigate for impacts of human development (dam construction and habitat destruction) and provide fish for harvest have evolved to meet both conservation and consumption objectives. Action steps the Nez Perce Tribe, in conjunction with co-managers, have taken to achieve these objectives include implementing sliding scales that balance hatchery and harvest actions relative to adult return sizes. Hatchery origin fish contribution to natural origin production is increased at low natural-origin returns levels and decreased as natural origin run size increases. Likewise, harvest rates (including natural-origin retention) are adjusted relative to natural-origin run size. We should not expect, however, that implementing sliding scales and other best hatchery management principles will single-handedly recover salmon. The Snake River is home to spring/summer Chinook salmon populations, which inhabit pristine spawning and early rearing habitat and are void of hatchery program influences yet are below minimum abundance thresholds and not able to support meaningful harvest opportunities. With the reality of continued human impacts to "natural" ecosystems and ongoing hatchery production to mitigate those impacts, is it possible

to move beyond the conservation and consumption balance toward recovery? We believe the restoration of natural-origin Snake River fall Chinook to a 10 year geometric mean abundance of over 8,000 (nearly 3 times NOAA's minimum abundance criteria) demonstrates that there is hope. The Tribe's expectations remain fixed on achieving generationally sustainable broad sense recovery, in a manner that achieves conservation and consumption. However, the existence of divergent expectations and legal mandates begs the question "how good is good enough"? The answer will rely on input from science, policy, and legal perspectives.

#### Oregon's Coastal Plan: A walk on the wild (and hatchery) side

#### Ed Bowles, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Oregon's coastal watersheds have numerous healthy wild salmon and steelhead populations, many of which support robust fisheries. This characteristic is somewhat unique in the contiguous United States. Oregon also maintains numerous hatchery programs that augment and diversify coastal fisheries. These wild and hatchery fisheries are vital to coastal and inland economies and culture. Oregon's Native Fish Conservation Policy requires establishing and maintaining a platform of conservation that sustains healthy wild native species, upon which hatchery and wild fisheries are provided consistent with this conservation platform. This policy is being implemented for much of Oregon's coast through the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (Coastal Plan), which was developed through a comprehensive science and stakeholder process and recently adopted into law by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (June 2014). The Coastal Plan assessed the status of wild populations; developed strategies to shift at-risk populations to viable status and further enhance existing viable wild populations; established a portfolio of wild and hatchery fish emphasis areas; and solidified a research, monitoring and evaluation program to track implementation, gauge success and provide feedback for adaptive management. Successful implementation of the Coastal Plan will ensure conservation of wild fish species and their habitats and provide a robust and diverse blend of wild and hatchery supported fisheries. Oregon believes this management approach allows for responsible conservation of wild populations while also providing successful fisheries based on both wild and hatchery fish.

#### Results after sixteen years of operation of an integrated spring Chinook hatchery on the Yakima River

#### David Fast, Yakama Nation

The Cle Elum Supplementation and Research Facility in the Yakima River Basin (Washington State, USA) is an integrated spring Chinook salmon *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* hatchery program designed to test whether artificial propagation can increase natural production and harvest opportunities while keeping ecological and genetic impacts within acceptable limits. The first wild broodstock were collected in 1997 and age-4 adults have returned to the Yakima River since 2001. An unsupplemented population in the adjacent Naches watershed provides a reference for evaluating environmental influences. The program has been comprehensively monitored from inception. Results indicate that supplementation increased harvest, redd counts, and spatial distribution of spawners; natural-origin returns were maintained; straying to non-target systems was negligible; natural origin females had slightly higher breeding success (production of surviving fry) in an artificial spawning channel, while behavior and breeding success of natural- and hatchery-origin males were similar; hatchery-origin fish showed differences in morphometric and life history traits; high rates of hatchery age-2 (mini-jack) production were reported but observed proportions of outmigrating juvenile and adult (ages 4 and 5) returning males were comparable for hatchery and natural-origin fish; hatchery smolts did not affect levels of pathogens in natural smolts; and, ecological interactions attributed to the program were within adopted guidelines. Additional study is required to assess long term impacts to natural production and productivity.

# The evolution of Idaho's mitigation hatchery programs to conform to conservation and management of wild stocks

#### Peter Hassemer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, Idaho

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) long-range goal of its anadromous fish program is to recover and preserve Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs to provide benefits for all users. IDFG emphasizes protecting and maintaining populations of wild, native stocks of salmon and steelhead. Impacts from the development of the hydrosystem in the Snake River resulted in the establishment of large mitigation hatchery programs on what was once a wild fish-only landscape. For nearly the past two decades, the mitigation hatcheries have provided the only anadromous salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities in Idaho. Over the last decade the management of hatchery programs has changed substantially to support the dual objectives of protecting wild fish and meeting hatchery fish return objectives to support fisheries. Idaho has long-managed large geographic areas for wild fish only by not introducing

hatchery fish into those areas. New theories and technologies are being employed in managing the hatchery programs to improve the management of both the wild and hatchery fish resources. The talk will review the evolution of management for both the wild fish resources and the mitigation hatchery programs.

## Session 4 - Hatchery Reform: Where Do We Go From Here?

#### Hatchery reform and our Pacific Region National Fish Hatcheries

#### Doug Olson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia River Fisheries Program Office, Vancouver, Washington

Conflicts between harvest goals and conservation goals have raised questions regarding the benefits and risks of hatcheries. To address these conflicts and to address the future role of our Pacific Region hatcheries, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service completed a review of 24 federal hatcheries, including fifteen National Fish Hatcheries and nine state-operated hatcheries administered through the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan. The reviews and reports for 53 individual programs took place from 2005 through 2011, were modeled after the Hatchery Science Review Group process, and culminated with a final report in 2013 on Region-wide Issues, Guidelines and procedures, data management, and research; also included were a suite of 27 Best Management Practices. The concepts of hatchery reform can be described as strategic hatchery Management) is to make natural resource management agencies more efficient and transparent, thereby making them more credible and wide-reaching in effect. The principles of Strategic Hatchery Management and the challenges of implementing hatchery reform will be addressed. The developing role of conservation hatcheries, new technologies such as dual drain recirculating aquaculture systems, and reintroductions of fish into historically occupied habitats will also be touched on.

#### The Chief Joseph Hatchery - A new hatchery designed and operated under Hatchery Reform Principles

#### Casey Baldwin, Colville Confederated Tribes, Birch Coulee Dam, Washington

The Chief Joseph Hatchery (CJH) is the fourth hatchery obligated under the Grand Coulee Dam/Dry Falls project. Leavenworth, Entiat, and Winthrop National Fish Hatcheries were built and operated as mitigation for salmon blockage at Grand Coulee Dam since the 1940s, but the fourth hatchery was not built and the obligation was nearly forgotten. Planning of the hatchery began in 2001, and it received its first broodstock in 2013. The CJH design, operation and monitoring are structured under integrated recommendations from the Congressional Hatchery Reform Project and recommendations from the Hatchery Science Review Group since planning and design began. A science-based and adaptive management approach was institutionalized at the first Steering Committee meeting. The hatchery was reviewed under the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC's) 3-Step Master Plan process and from the Independent Scientific Review Panel. Accordingly, the project has well-defined objectives; operations, data collection protocols and analytical and reporting processes that span fish culture and research activities. Integration with the other H's (habitat, hydro-system, and particularly harvest) was key in planning and implementation of the program. Selective removal of hatchery fish and the release of most natural origin fish in terminal fisheries are considered critical to the long-term viability of the population.

The primary objective of the CJH program is to meet trust obligations to the Colville Confederated Tribes for ceremony, subsistence, health and cultural purposes in a manner consistent with conservation of the natural fish populations. However, the CJH will also increase harvest opportunity for all anglers throughout the Columbia River, estuary, and ocean. Additionally, the Colville Tribes and other salmon co-managers have worked with the mid-Columbia Public Utility Districts to meet some of their hydro-system mitigation through hatchery production at CJH. The program is implemented in a manner that restores the abundance and life history characteristics of the historical Okanogan River population of naturally-spawning salmon. At full program the facility rears up to 2 million summer/fall Chinook and 900,000 spring Chinook. The summer/fall Chinook program has an integrated component for conservation and harvest purposes that meets high standards for natural origin fish influence on the genetic structure of the combined natural and hatchery population. If the natural population cannot support the integrated hatchery program in a given year, then hatchery production will be reduced or eliminated to minimize effects to the natural origin spawners. The segregated program is a "stepping stone" program, using only first generation returns from the integrated program to provide increased harvest opportunity for all user groups. The Spring Chinook program also has two components, a segregated program at CJH and a reintroduction program in the Okanogan River. The segregated program originates from unlisted Leavenworth stock spring Chinook. The reintroduction program

utilizes within-ESU origin spring Chinook from the Methow River under the ESA 10(j) "non-essential experimental" population designation. Research, monitoring and evaluation and data analysis in the natural and hatchery environment are coupled with run forecasts and presented at an annual program review (APR) designed to adaptively manage the program.

#### Hatchery vs. Wild? It's not that simple - legal frameworks, hatchery reform and forgotten promises

#### Brent Hall, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Office of Legal Counsel, Pendleton, Oregon

The majority of presentations at this conference will examine issues related to effects of hatchery rearing on natural productivity of salmonids, from a biologist's perspective. Understanding these interactions between hatchery fish and those reared in the wild is indeed a key piece to the puzzle of how to rebuild listed populations. Often lost in this scientific debate about these interactions and effects, however, is the existence of the additional puzzle of how best to manage regional fisheries, for which there is a legal framework that influences or mandates hatchery production, and the legal requirements with which hatchery operations must comply. This presentation will examine the tension between the scientific rationale for hatchery reform efforts and the associated legal framework, including Treaty requirements, Congressionally-mandated mitigation, the Endangered Species Act, and federal regulations.

# Reform measures to minimize risk to wild steelhead populations from our hatchery steelhead programs in Puget Sound

#### Brian Missildine, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington

The co-managers have implemented substantial additional risk reduction measures for early winter hatchery steelhead programs since the hatchery and genetics management plans (HGMPs) were first submitted in 2004. The risk reduction measures were developed around the principles and recommendations of the co-managers' Resource Management Plans. Across the Puget Sound Distinct Population Segment (DPS), these risk reduction measures included a >50% reduction in hatchery releases of early winter steelhead; >65% reduction in release locations; elimination of cross-basin transfers, off-station releases, adult recycling, and fry releases into anadromous waters; volitional smolt releases to minimize natural origin fish interactions; hatchery broodstock collection by January 31st to enhance separation between hatchery and natural origin fish; establishment of a network of wild stock gene banks; and genetic monitoring of hatchery strays to natural spawning areas. We have developed a monitoring plan that will compare baseline introgression (old practices) to current (new practices) and future introgression rates to determine effectiveness of our risk reduction measures.



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