Hatchery Reform in Washington State

Brian Missildine Natural Resource Scientist
Hatchery Evaluation and Assessment Team Lead
Washington-British Columbia
Annual General Meeting
Kelowna, BC
March 19-22



Key Points

- 1. Commission policy
- 2. HSRG Standards
- 3. Hatchery Statistics
- 4. Accomplishments
- 5. Future Actions
- 6. Questions

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619

"...to advance the conservation and recovery of wild salmon and steelhead by promoting and guiding the implementation of hatchery reform."

Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619

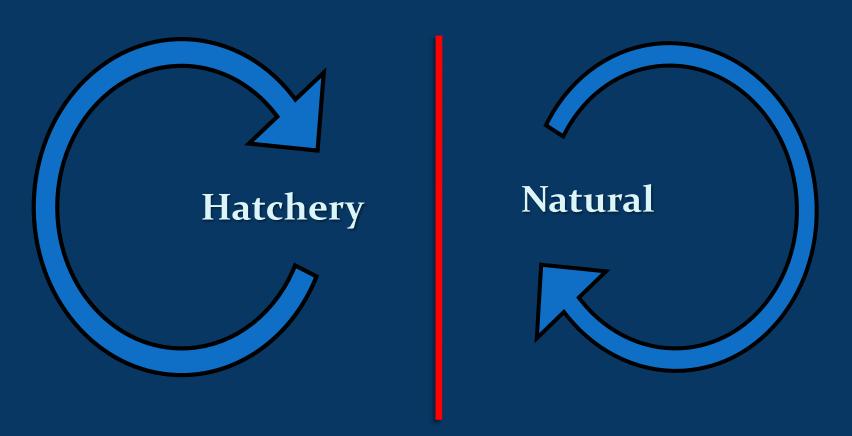
- "...work toward a goal of achieving the HSRG broodstock standards for 100% of the hatchery programs by 2015."
- "Secure necessary funding to ensure that Department-operated hatchery facilities comply with environmental regulations..."
 - "Establish a network of Wild Salmonid Management Zones"

Terminology

- pHOS Proportion of Hatchery-Origin
 Spawners on the spawning grounds
- PNI Proportionate Natural Influence
- pNOB –Proportion of Natural-Origin
 Broodstock used in an integrated hatchery program

Segregated Hatchery Population

Hatchery and natural populations are genetically <u>isolated</u>

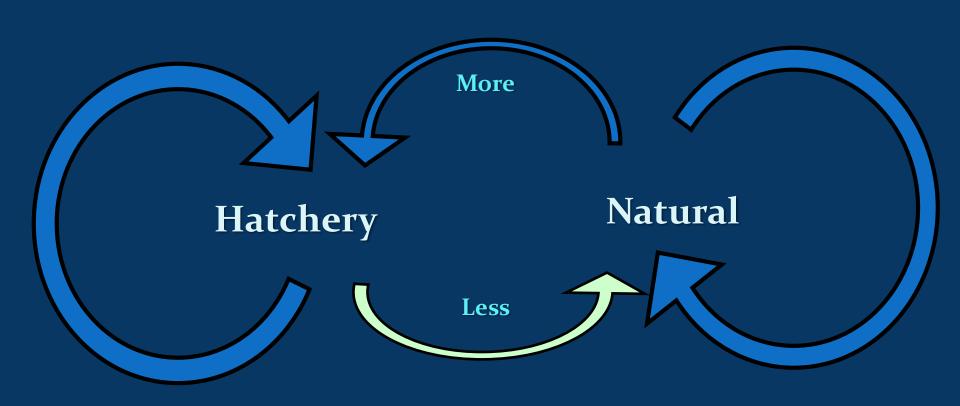


Segregated Program Goals

Associated Natural Populations & pHOS GOALS		
Primary (highly significant for recovery)	5%	
Contributing (moderately significant for recovery)	10%	
Stabilizing (less significant for recovery)	Current	

Integrated Hatchery Population

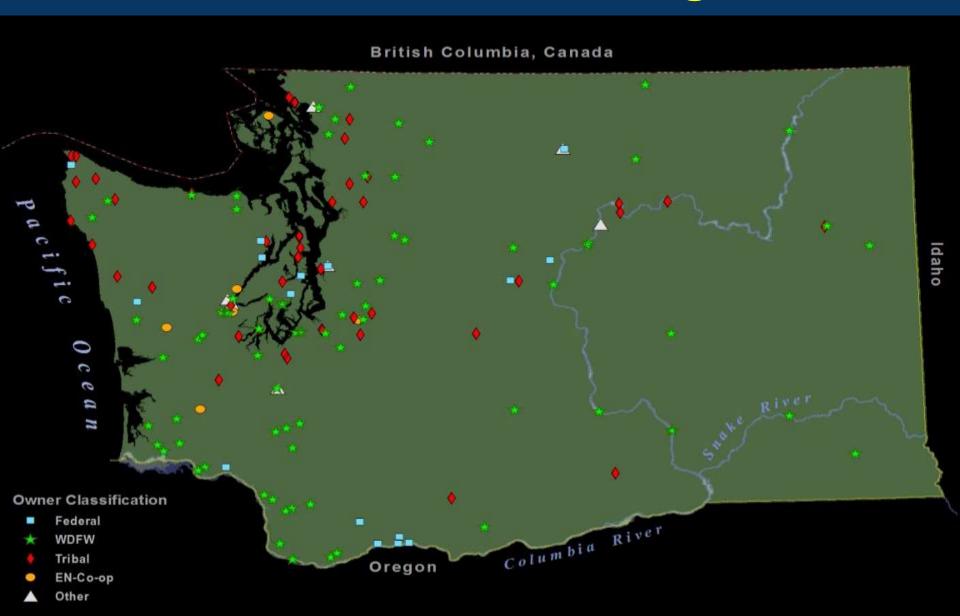
Hatchery and natural spawning populations are genetically <u>connected</u>



Integrated Program Goals

Associated Natural Populations	PNI	pNOB & pHOS
Primary (highly significant for recovery)	> 67%	pNOB 70% pHOS 30%
Contributing (moderately significant for recovery)	>50%	pNOB 50% pHOS 30%
Stabilizing (less significant for recovery)	Current	pNOB = minimum 10% to avoid divergence from the natural population pHOS = current levels

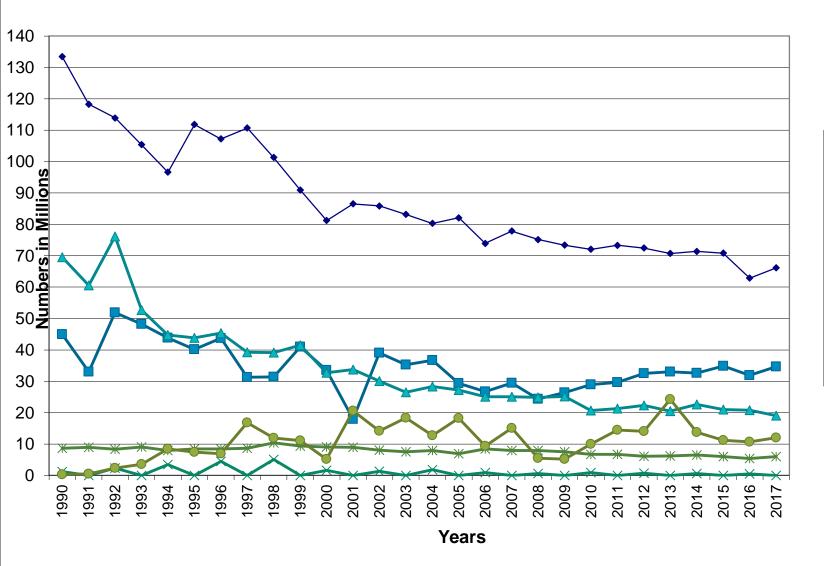
Hatcheries in Washington

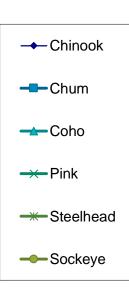


Hatchery Stats

- ~60 Salmon and steelhead hatcheries
- ~168 Programs
- 138M Fish produced (2017)
 - 66M Chinook
 - 19M coho
 - 34.5M chum
 - 491.5K pink
 - 11.9M sockeye
 - 6M steelhead

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatchery Salmon Releases 1990-2017





Current HGMP Permit Status

- 94 percent statewide have been submitted
- ~40 percent NOAA review complete
- 6 percent have not been submitted
 - 4 percent under comanager review
 - 2 percent on hold
- ~53 HGMPs statewide fully permitted









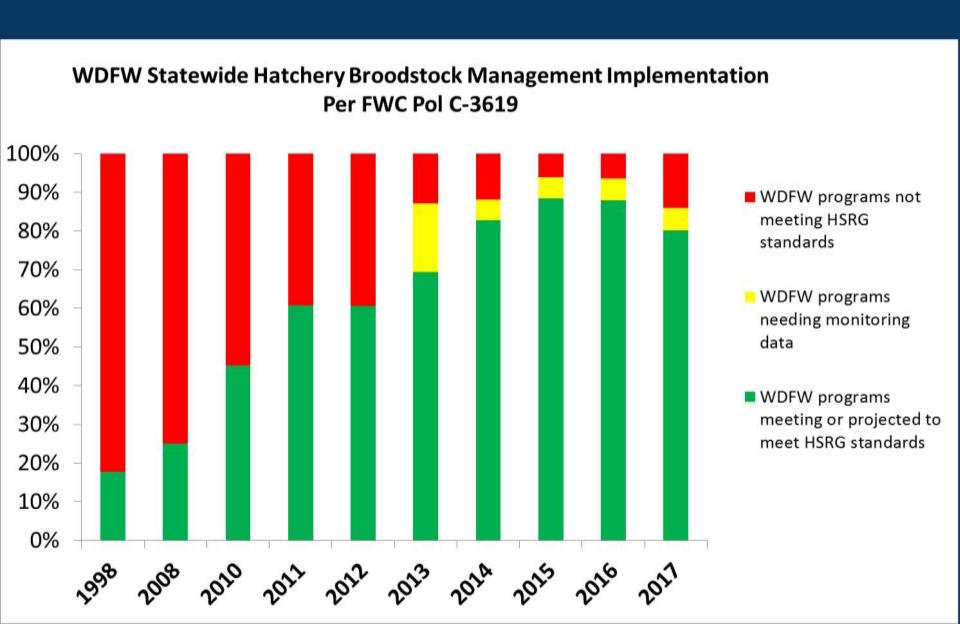








Where are we



Accomplishments

- Modifications to hatchery programs
 - Reduced or eliminated programs
 - Eliminated off station plants in some areas
 - Installed weirs to capture HOS and NOB
- Secured capital funds
 - facility limitations
- Finalized and submitted 109 HGMPs statewide

Accomplishments Con't.

- 80% of programs meeting HSRG goals
- Secured approximately 37M in funding to upgrade facilities
- Established Wild Salmonid Management Zones
 - Wind, EF Lewis, Green (Toutle)-Lower Columbia DPS
 - Grays River-SW Washington DPS
 - Sol Duc-Olympic DPS

Future Actions

- Develop biologically based and measureable 'triggers' for the phases of recovery
 - Preservation, recolonization, local adaptation, full recovery
- Continue to prioritize capital budget requests
- Continue working with Science Division to develop sound M&E protocols
- Collect samples to refine gene flow/introgression/PBT data
- Establish WSMZs in Puget Sound
- Complete and submit remaining HGMPs

Questions?

