Columbia Basin Partnership (CBP) Task Force

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NOAA Fisheries Landscape

SUSTAINABLE, ABUNDANT SALMON AND STEELHEAD

Columbia Basin Partnership

ESA RECOVERY
Recovery Plans

FISHERIES
US v. Oregon
Magnuson-Stevens
Pacific Salmon Treaty

HATCHERY/MITIGATION
Mitchell Act

ESA SECTION 7
Biological Opinions

Hydrosystem Consultations
Hatchery Management
Harvest Management
Habitat Consultations
Motivation for Columbia Basin Partnership (CBP)

ISSUES

• Multiple management entities and responsibilities

• Ongoing litigation and uncertainty

NEEDS

➢ Coherent, integrated, and efficient means of addressing complex salmonid recovery

➢ Common, long-term goals

-- Ruckleshaus Center and Oregon Consensus (2012)
A Basin-wide Approach

Sub-basin issues
- Tributary habitat
- Hatcheries

Cross-basin issues
- Hydropower
- Harvest
- Estuary Habitat
- Predation
CBP Task Force

- Launched in 2017
- Reports to Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC)
- 30 diverse members:
  - Four states
  - Federally-recognized tribes
  - Agriculture, ranching and irrigation
  - River users – utilities, ports
  - Local watershed and ESA recovery groups
  - Environmental groups
  - Commercial and recreational fishing
Building a Partnership

• Developing regional consensus around long-term goals for ESA-listed and non-listed Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead

• Collaborative, interest-based approach

• Seeking common solutions and enhanced relationships
CBP Phase 1 Results

- Guiding Principles
- Long-Term Vision
- Qualitative Goals
- Provisional Quantitative Goals
Vision

A healthy Columbia River Basin ecosystem with thriving salmon and steelhead that are indicators of clean and abundant water, reliable and clean energy, a robust regional economy, and vibrant cultural and spiritual traditions, all interdependent and existing in harmony.
Qualitative Goals

• Anticipates progress in 25 years, 50 years, and 100 years.
• Not intended to reflect a starting or ending point for any particular action.
Qualitative Goals

Natural Production: Restore to healthy and harvestable levels.

Harvest/Fisheries: Diverse, productive, and dependable tribal and non-tribal opportunities in fresh and marine waters.

Hatchery/Mitigation: Conservation, mitigation, and support fisheries; aligned with natural production recovery goals.

Social, cultural, economic, and ecological considerations: Decisions that reflect diversity in the Basin.
Provisional Quantitative Goals

- Defined in terms of abundance of adult salmon and steelhead.
- Reflect progressive improvements.
- Reflect the increasing benefits that more fish will provide.
- Goals are for *natural* production. Hatchery and harvest numbers reflect current levels.
Provisional Natural Production Goals

All stocks (millions)

- Current: 0.38
- Low Goal: 0.44
- Med Goal: 1.59
- High Goal: 3.60
- Historical: 9.00
CBP Phase 2 Work

- Exploring options and impacts (social, cultural, economic and ecological)
- Considering Task Force continuation
  - Foster collaboration and support goals
  - Education and outreach
- Target completion – June; report summer 2020
Thank you