# **PSRFEF OC Meeting**

#### November 2023



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# **Agenda**

- 1. Elect Chair
- 2. Marine Area 10 Quick Rundown
- 3. Quick review of 23-25 Budget
- 4. September Meeting Overview/ Takeaways
- 5. Strategies and Objectives 2.0
  - 1. Performance Measures 2.0
- 6. Groundfish Unit Presentation on MA-12 Flatfish Proposal
- 7. Avid Angler Program Proposal Discussion
- 8. South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group Funding Opportunity





#### **Elect Chair**

#### MA-10 Timeline

- July 13<sup>th</sup>: MA-10 opens for Chinook
- July 31: Internal discussion regarding closing of MA-10 Chinook due to high sublegal encounters
- July 31 August 4<sup>th</sup>: Test Fishing in MA-10 continues
- August 4<sup>th</sup>: MA-10 Chinook closes after sublegal Chinook encounters reached 122% (9,471 of 7,748) of the limit
- August 7<sup>th</sup>: Reassess the sublegal encounter rates after additional week of test fishing during July 31 – August 4 opener
  - Additional test fishing dropped the sublegal encounter ratio to 75% of limit
- August 11 13: Reopen for short weekend opener for Chinook in MA-10
- August 14<sup>th</sup>: Reassess after additional opener
- August 18 20: Reopen for short weekend opener for Chinook in MA-10
- August 21<sup>st</sup>: MA-10 Closes to Chinook.



### MA-10 – Sublegal Encounters

- Total encounters determined from dockside data:
  - Creel data determines the number of fish harvested in a sample
  - Effort surveys used to determine total catch
  - Total encounters = total catch ÷ LM ratio (from TF)
     Creel sample: 250 Chinook
     Represents 50% of effort
     Test Fishing: LM = 20%
     250 Chinook / .50 = 500 Total Harvest
     500 Total Harvest / .20 = 2500 Total
     Encounters
- Sublegal encounters are determined by looking at total encounters and SU + SM from test fishing

If SU + SM = 70%

**2500** \* .70 = **1750** Sublegal Encounters



# MA-10 – Sublegal Encounters

#### LM Ratio can change over season...

#### Scenario 1:

dockside: 250 effort: 50% LM: 10%

Scenario 2:

dockside: 250 effort: 50% LM: 20%

**250** Chinook / **.50** = **500** Total Harvest

**500** Total Harvest / **.10** = **5000** Total

**Encounters** 

**5000** \* .70 = **3500** Sublegal Encounters

**250** Chinook / **.50** = **500** Total Harvest

**500** Total Harvest / **.20** = **2500** Total

**Encounters** 

**2500** \* .70 = **1750** Sublegal Encounters



#### MA-10

July 13 – Aug 30:

• LM: 12%

• SU+SM: 77%

• July 13 – Aug 3:

• LM: 21%

• SU+SM: 65%

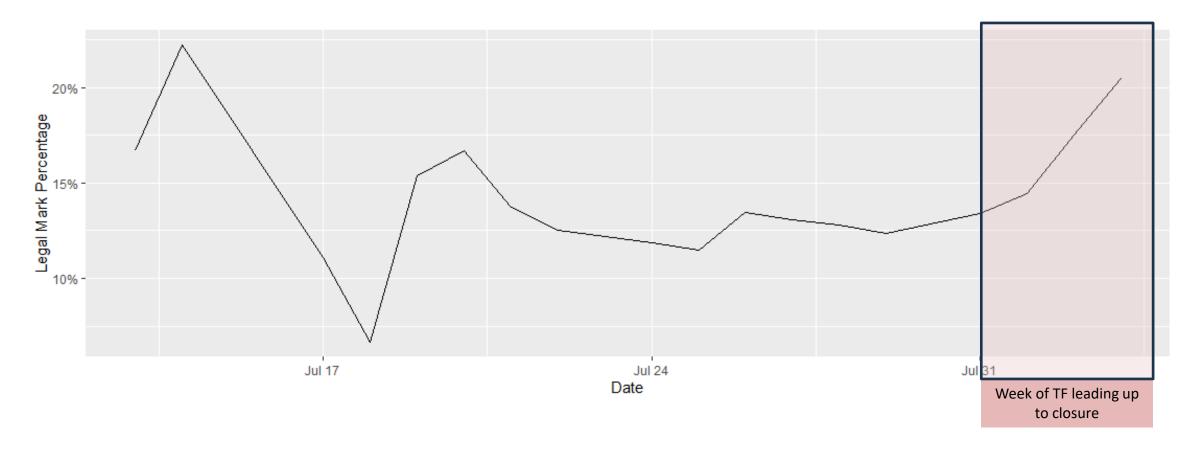
• July 13 – Aug 13:

• LM: 26%

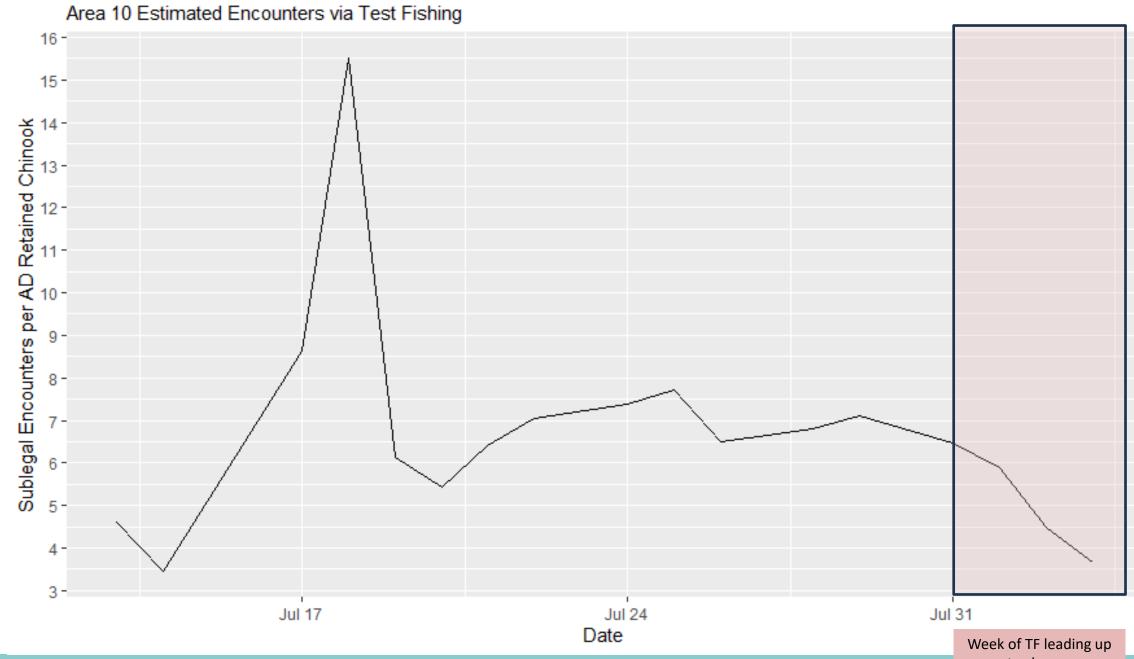
• SU+SM: 62%

Dates		LM	LU	SM	SU	Total
7/14 - 7/30	Count	10	9	50	14	83
	Percentage	12%	11%	60%	17%	
Overall	Count	10	9	50	14	83
	Percentage	12%	11%	60%	<b>17</b> %	
7/31 - 8/3	Count	16	8	13	5	42
	Percentage	38%	19%	31%	12%	
Overall	Count	26	17	63	19	125
	Percentage	21%	14%	50%	15%	
8/11 - 8/13	Count	17	4	16	6	43
	Percentage	40%	9%	37%	14%	
Overall	Count	43	21	79	25	168
	Percentage	26%	13%	<b>47</b> %	15%	

# LM percentage in the MA-10 test fishery by date since the July 13<sup>th</sup> opener.









to closure





### MA-10 Summary

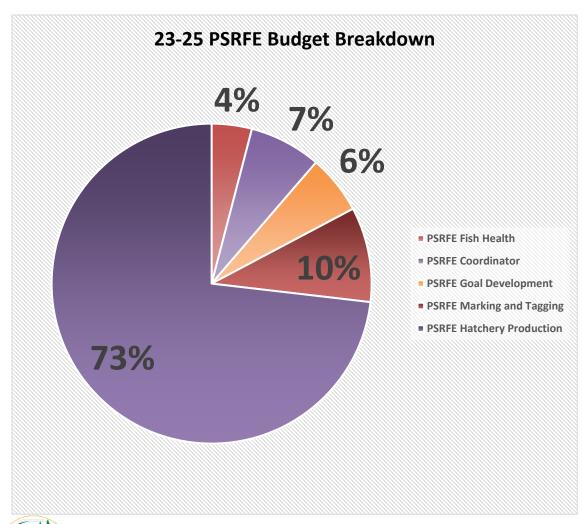
- During Week of July 31 Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> (leading up to initial closure) there was a moderate increase in harvest (~250 Chinook) and a substantial increase in the LM Ratio (12% -> 21%)
- This caused the estimate of sublegal encounters to drop
- Because fishery is managed as a season, this drop allowed us to reopen for additional days in August





#### 23-25 Budget Breakdown

# **PSRFE** Categories

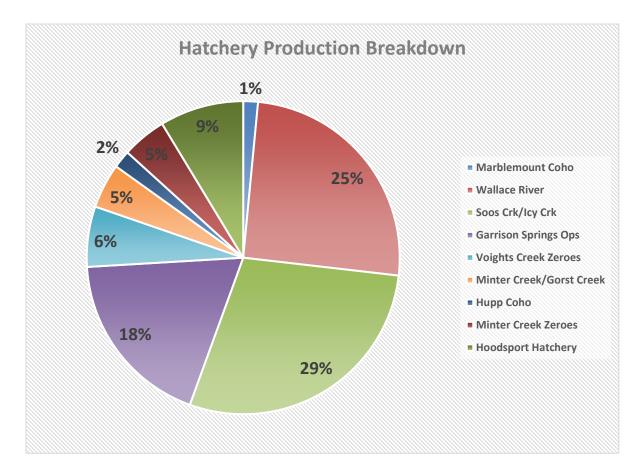


#### 5 Categories

- 1. PSRFE Hatchery Production
- 2. PSRFE Marking and Tagging
- 3. PSRFE Coordinator
- 4. PSRFE Goal Development
- 5. PSRFE Fish Health

Total: 3,200,700

# **Hatchery Production**

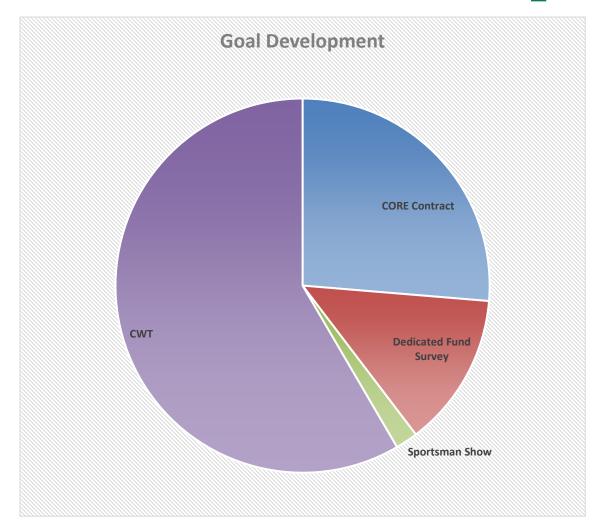


Soos Creek/Icy Creek	\$672,269
Wallace River	\$592,594
Garrison Springs Ops	\$433,475
Hoodsport Hatchery	\$202,971
Voights Creek Zeroes	\$146,000
Minter Creek/Gorst Creek	\$108,100
Minter Creek Zeroes	\$107,500
Hupp Coho	\$42,900
Marblemount Coho	\$35,600

TOTAL: 2,341,409



# **PSRFE** Goal Development



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Dedi	icated F	25,332			
Spor	tsman S	3,668			
<u>CWT</u>		111,000			
СО	Marblemount	Oak Harbor Net Pens	Ad + CWT	30,000	5,040
CHIN	Garrison Springs	Garrison Springs	Ad + CWT	102,000	16,800
CHIN	Garrison Springs	Garrison Springs	Ad + CWT	102,000	16,800
CHIN	Garrison Springs	Garrison Springs	Ad + CWT	102,000	16,800

TOTAL: \$190,000



# **PSRFE** Marking and Tagging

Ext	ioview ra Mor <u>/T + M</u>					26,560 44,520 235,920	
1+	Chin	Soos Creek	Icy Creek	Ad	100,000	\$5,300	How do we spend?
1+	Chin	Wallace River	Wallace River	Ad+CWT	305,972	\$50,400	
1+	СО	Minter Creek	Minter Creek	Ad+CWT	47,169	\$7,560	
1+	СО	Minter Creek	Hupp Springs	Ad	161,438	\$7,950	
1+	Chin	Hoodsport	Hoodsport	Ad+CWT	102,091	\$16,800	
0+	Chin	Clarks Creek	Point Defiance NP	CWT Tagwire only	50000	\$4,750	
0+	Chin	Minter Creek	Minter Creek	Ad+CWT	102,000	\$16,800	TOTAL: \$307,000
0+	Chin	Voights Creek	Point Defiance NP	Ad+CWT	54,367	\$8,400	



#### **PSRFE** Goals and Objectives

# PS Rec Fisheries Enhancement Oversight Committee

It is up to this committee to bring together the interests of conservation and the recreational fishing community to find solutions that benefit both.

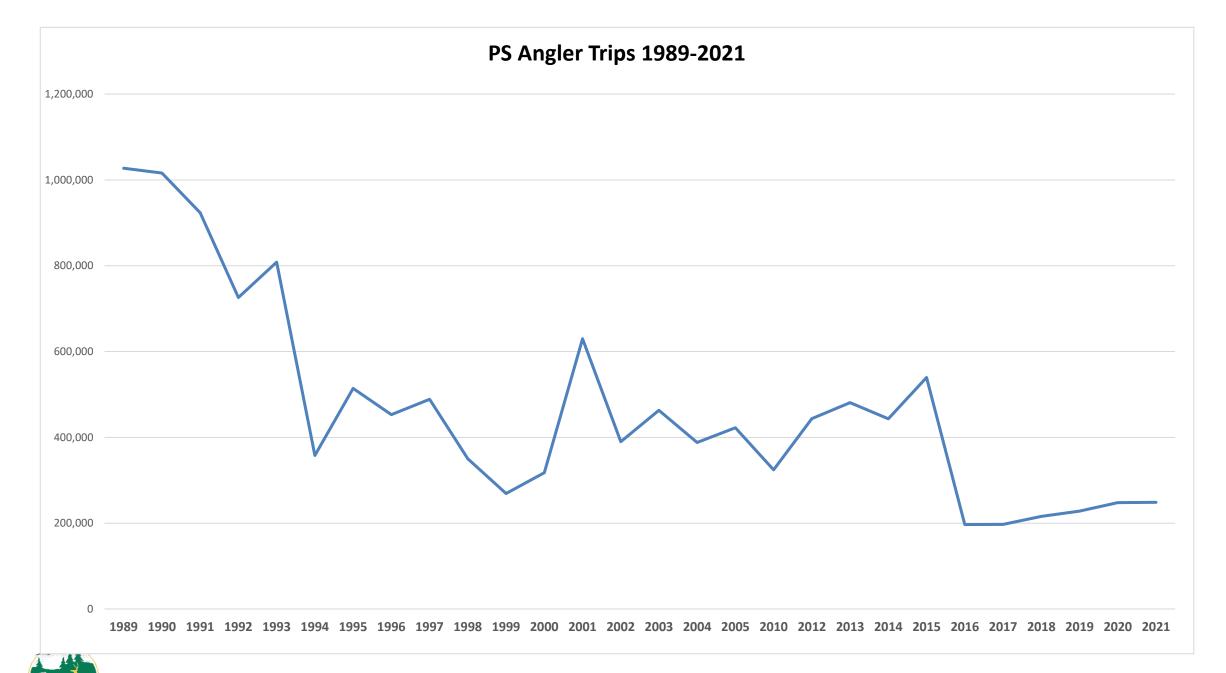
#### **PSRFE**\_ 2023

"The purpose of the PSRFE is to conserve, enhance, and promote recreational fisheries within Puget Sound and Lake Washington."

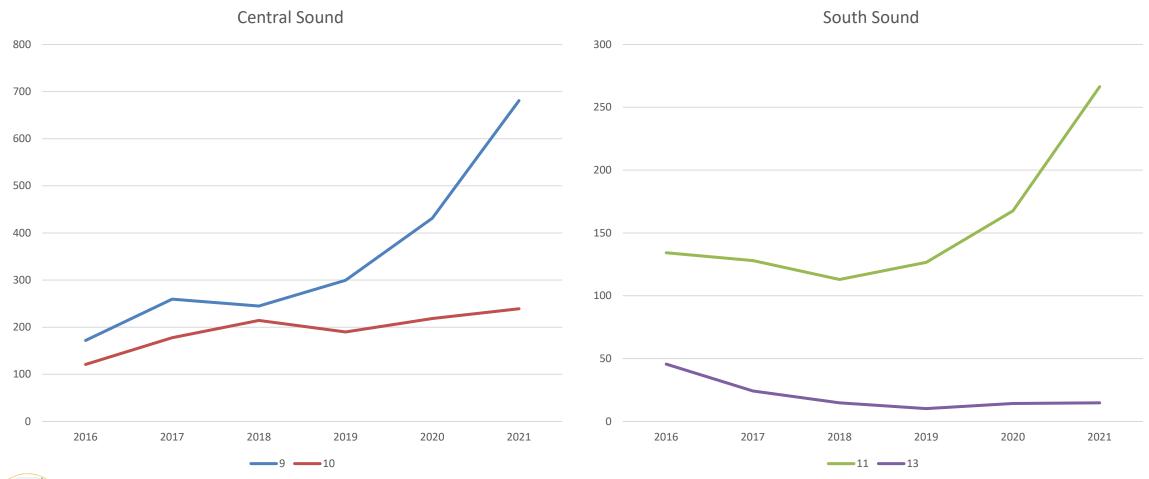
#### Program Goal:

- -Improve recreational fishing opportunities
- -Increase the economic benefits.
- Current Outcome Performance Measure:
- -Increase angler trips by 5% per biennium.



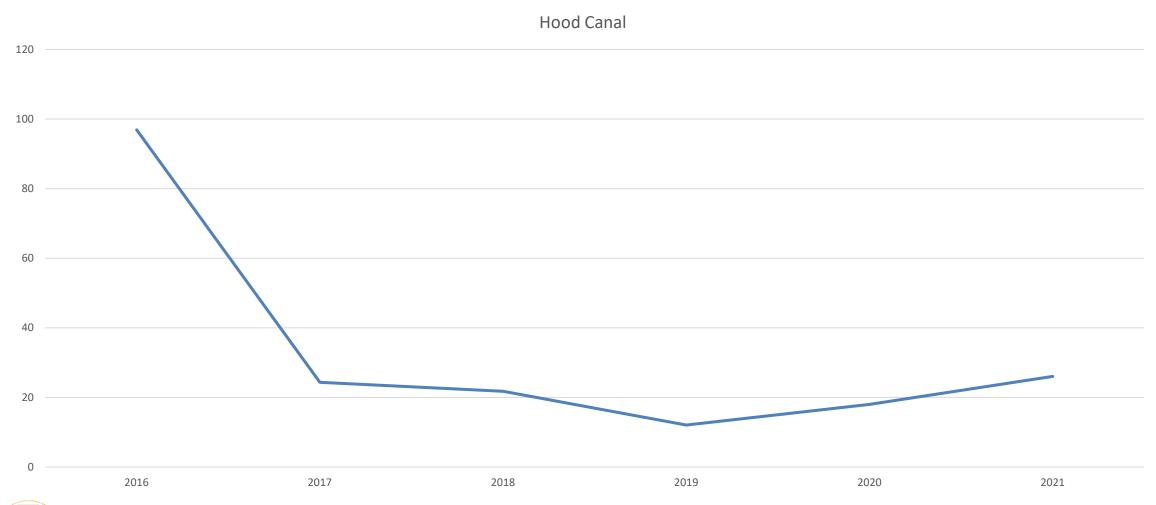


#### Preliminary Look at Angler Trips/ Days Open





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### Key Takeaways: Increase attention to:

- 1. Increasing license sales through fishing opportunity for healthier stocks
  - 1. Flatfish fishery opportunity
- 2. Education and outreach
  - Youth education (school salmon programs and safe handling techniques)
  - North of Falcon participation
  - Citizen-based science
- 3. Hatchery Production Contributions
- 4. Habitat restoration (focusing on:)
  - 1. Wild stocks
  - 2. Bottomfish



# 4 strategies of PSRFEF



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Improve marketing and remove obstacles

Increase effectiveness of hatcheries Improve bottomfish fisheries

Stabilize and enhance resources





#### **Strategy 1**

# Improve marketing and remove obstacles to build interest and participation in the fishery.

- 1. Increase the percentage of Puget Sound anglers that are aware of Puget Sound fishing opportunities supported by PSRFE.
- 2. Identify and promote fisheries on healthy stocks currently underutilized.
- 3. Capitalize on WDFW activities to develop marketing tools in a unified approach to encourage participation and educate new and experienced anglers when, where, and how to fish in Puget Sound



#### How can we remove obstacles?



Identify obstacles from anglers to build interest and participation in fisheries.

Language barrier
Pier /Shore access



Help facilitate a better understanding of Puget sound management.

Encourage participation in North of Falcon.

Encourage participation in citizen-based science

Observer Ride- alongs



Identify obstacles within Puget Sound management to better support fisheries

Salmon Trip Reports



#### Add another objective:

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- 2. Identify and promote fisheries on healthy stocks currently underutilized.
- 3. Capitalize on WDFW activities to develop marketing tools in a unified approach to encourage participation and educate new and experienced anglers when, where, and how to fish in Puget Sound
- 4. Identify obstacles from anglers to build interest and participation in fisheries and to help facilitate a better understanding of Puget Sound salmon management.

#### Performance Measures

Performance Measure: 10% increase in awareness per biennium.- This is important if we want to increase angler trips on the water.

Performance Measure: Identify underutilized fish stocks in Puget Sound by **2015 – remove this performance measure and focus on promoting fishing on underutilized stocks to increase angler trips.** 

Performance Measure: Increase angler trips on identified and abundant underutilized stocks within the constraints of available stock surplus by **2022**.

Performance Measure: Develop 5 new tools by 2017 to increase awareness of Puget Sound fishing opportunities. Don't think we need to develop more tools- we just need to enhance tools- get better banners- more signage with PSRFE information, etc.



#### Performance Measures 2.0\_ 2023



10% increase in awareness per biennium

- 2
- Increase angler trips on identified and abundant underutilized stocks within the constraints of available stock surplus by **2030**.

3

Enhance 5 tools to increase awareness of Puget Sound fishing opportunities.

4

Promote citizen-based science and participation in North of falcon to build interest and participation in fisheries.





#### Strategy # 2

# Increase effectiveness of hatcheries providing salmon to Puget Sound fisheries.

#### Review

Review salmon production programs and facilities in Puget Sound to better understand their capabilities, limitations, and ways to increase the contribution rate.

#### Minimize

Minimize the cost/fish of hatchery salmon caught in Puget Sound marine fisheries



Identify cost/fish of hatchery salmon through total recoveries

Identify run timing and Marine Area contributions

#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate potential to improve fishing opportunities with artificial production of other salmon species, e.g. coho, consistent with Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy.

#### Increase

Increase the survival of Lake Washington sockeye.



Identify outmigration concerns for hatchery salmon by 2030

#### Performance Measures

- 1. Report completed by **2014** that calculates and summarizes survival rates, contribution rates, and cost/fish; in addition, identifies new rearing and release strategies to be evaluated in a future study. (2018)
- 2. Report completed by **2022** that evaluates new rearing and release strategies identified by the **2014** report to increase contribution rate. (Anja)
- 3. Reduce average production cost/fish caught in Puget Sound marine recreational fisheries by 30% for yearling and sub-yearling Chinook by **2022** after adjustment for cost of living (e.g. CPI, current inflation rate).
- 4. Report completed by **2015** that evaluates other species for cost/benefit ratio, timing of fishing opportunities, and ability to attract and retain new or lapsed anglers. (coho included in 2018 report)
- 5. Sockeye—Report that identifies alternative rearing strategies (e.g. timing, size, acclimation, release location, rearing conditions) to increase survival rate by **2015**. (2018 cedar river)

### Performance Measures 2.0 \_ 2023

- 1. New report completed by **2026** that calculates and summarizes survival rates, contribution rates, and cost/fish; in addition, identifies new rearing and release strategies to be evaluated in a future study.
  - 1. Also includes survival rates within hatcheries
- 2. Report that identifies alternative rearing strategies (e.g. timing, size, acclimation, release location, rearing conditions) to increase survival rate by **2027**. (Garrison springs, Gorst creek, Minter creek)
- 3. Identify funding to support monitoring of outmigration of hatchery fish
- 4. Identify outmigration concerns for hatchery salmon by 2030



#### **Strategy 3**

Develop a longterm strategy for improving recreational bottomfish fisheries in Puget Sound.

1. Support research to evaluate the risks and uncertainties associated with the release of cultured bottomfish and artificial habitats.

2. Use outreach and education to decrease mortality on rockfish.



## Develop a long-term strategy for improving habitat in river and in marine areas

- 1. Support research that identifies risks and uncertainties associated with the changing climate to rivers and marine areas
- 2. Support habitat restoration projects focusing on wild stocks of concern
- 3. Support habitat restoration projects for bottomfish

## Performance Measures\_2.0 2023

- 1. Report that identifies vulnerable river systems to changing climate and identifies projects that enhance resilience by 2027
- 2. Develop tools to support habitat restoration by 2025
- 3. Identify habitat restoration projects for bottomfish by 2025





#### **Strategy 4**

# Stabilize and enhance resources invested in improving Puget Sound recreational fisheries

- 1. License fees and contribution rate of enhancement funds are adjusted regularly to reflect the cost of living (e.g. CPI, current inflation rate).
- 2. Identify and pursue other funding sources.
- 3. Increase the number of licensed anglers that fish in Puget Sound and Lake Washington.



# Stabilize and enhance resources invested in improving Puget Sound recreational fisheries

- 1. Increase the number of licensed anglers that fish in Puget Sound and Lake Washington.
- 2. Support education and outreach for the next generation of anglers
- 3. Invest in Puget Sound recreational fisheries through innovative science



## Performance Measures 2.0\_2023

- 1. Ten-year rolling average of the number of saltwater and combination licenses purchased by anglers that fish in Puget Sound and Lake Washington trends upwards.
- 2. Develop new ways to target next generation of anglers by 2025, i.e. support salmon education at schools
- 3. Identify uses of hydroacoustic monitoring efforts for PSRFE hatchery salmon





#### **MA-12 Flatfish Proposal**



#### **Avid Angler Proposal**

#### Avid Angler Program Overview

- 2013 Canada to collect DNA samples on released fish
- Included annual training for trustworthy anglers with significant days on the water; i.e. fishing guides, or regular anglers. These anglers were given special licenses.
- Only sampled released fish when MA is open to the public Benefits:
- Increases sample size on released fish and potential DNA collection for stock composition
- Cost effective, angler engagement, citizen based science (although anglers are chosen to participate)



#### Avid Angler Program Concerns

- Reliability in data collection- we already see differences in what is reported dockside versus what is reported on voluntary salmon trip reports
- We already have DNA samples that aren't processed
- Drawing from avid anglers could bias the encounter data
- Test boat data is what we use in-season- stick to one dataset
- Pay people to do this work as test fishers- it is considered union work
- What data gaps would this inform?



#### Other ideas

- 1. Incentive for salmon trip report collection
- 2. How valuable are CPUE graphs and the encounter data? We could incentivize salmon trip reports with access to web application that has graphs
- 3. Charter observer program can be expanded to angler observer program
- 4. Support DNA processing at WDFW





#### Megan Brady: South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group Funding Opportunity





## Salmon in the Schools



#### **SPSSEG Overview**

- Created by Washington State Legislature in 1991
  - Non-Profit, Non-Government, and Non-Regulatory
- SPSSEG is one of 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) across Washington State (www.regionalfisheriescoalition.org)
- Base funds from WDFW and USFWS with capital support from RCO and unrestricted funds from donations
- Vast majority of funding comes from grants we apply for to complete restoration and education projects
- Ongoing partnerships with State, Federal, and Local jurisdictions, Tribal co-managers, and private landowners and businesses
- Current organization: 8 full-time staff and 9member Board of Directors



Salmon in the Schools

- Hands-on salmon life cycle science investigation
- Explore the interconnectedness of humans and nature
- Inspire the next generation of environmental leaders
- Each student receives 5 hours of environmental education, including 3.5 hours of outdoor learning
- Integrates NGSS-aligned science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) and Since Time Immemorial curriculum
- Each school raises their own chum salmon from egg to fry
- Students attend a program culmination event at a (WDFW-approved) local creek
  - Conduct a habitat assessment
  - Build an edible salmon habitat and discuss keystone species
  - Create salmon artwork
  - Play a salmon survival math game
  - Name and release "their" fish into the wild
- SPSSEG delivers lessons, sets up tanks and helps with maintenance, recovers all bus transportation expenses, and coordinates activities for the fish release field trip.



#### **Students Served**

- We have served 2,196 students from 85 classes since our SITS program started in 2021
  - 2021-2022: 556 (7 schools)
  - 2022-2023: 700 (8 schools)
  - 2023-2024: 940 (11 schools)
- Partner with **high-poverty elementary schools** in Thurston and Mason Counties, working with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- All of our schools are Title 1 eligible and historically underserved in science and outdoor education
  - 63% of students are low-income
  - 52% are students of color
  - 9% are English language learners
  - 61% do NOT meet ELA standards
  - 68% do NOT meet Math standards
  - 59% do NOT meet Science standards
- OSPI grant #20220318 (led by HCSEG) supports 8 of our schools
- OLG grant #23-1437 supports 3 new schools for us this year
- Jem Project, Dawkins, and the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound support Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail field trips for the SITS kids



#### **Program Schedule**

- **September:** Teacher coordination begins
- October: In-class salmon introduction lesson
- November: Field trip to Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail (optional and paid for with a different grant)
- December: Tank setup
- January: Egg delivery to schools, eggs hatch in mid- to late-January
- February: Start feeding fish as transition from alevin to fry, lots of water swaps to maintain tank water quality
- March: Fish release field trip to George Adams Hatchery or Woodland Creek Community Park
- April: Tank cleanout



# Raising Salmon in Aquariums

- Each school receives 125-200 chum salmon eggs from either Minter Creek Hatchery or McKernan Hatchery
- Schools raise their own salmon for 2-3 months, allowing students to witness the egg, alevin, and fry stages of the salmon life cycle first-hand
- SPSSEG provides each school with:
  - 55 gallon aquarium with tank stand
  - ¼ hp chiller
  - Canister filter
  - Aerators
  - Misc. supplies (e.g. gravel, water testing kits, nets, thermometer, buckets, gravel vacuum/siphon)
- Teachers and SPSSEG staff test water quality and swap water in the tank 2-3 times per week
- Teachers/students feed salmon 2-3 times a day
- Students make weekly or daily "scientific" observations about their fish



## 2023 Chum Salmon Egg Delivery for Salmon in the Schools at Bordeaux Elementary



#### **Salmon Lessons**

- Hybrid classroom and outdoor learning program
- Complete 1-2 in-class visits per class
- Topics Covered:
  - Salmon Life Cycle
  - Salmon Species
  - Salmon Habitat
  - Salmon Survival
  - Importance of Salmon for plants, animals, and people
  - Careers in fisheries
  - Stewardship
- Provide resources for teachers to teach additional lessons
  - Predict the hatch date math activity
  - WDFW's State of Salmon 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum
  - Since Time Immemorial curriculum
- Lessons incorporate Science, Reading, Writing, Math, Art, Since Time Immemorial, and Social-Emotional Learning
- Connections not just content



Fish Release Field Trip

- Students venture outdoors to release their salmon fry!
- Field trips last about 2.5 hours (not including travel time)
- SPSSEG sets up and leads stations requires 3-5 staff/volunteers
- SPSSEG covers all bus transportation expenses (a major challenge for high-poverty schools)
- Release locations:
  - Olympia/Lacey area schools Woodland Creek Community Park
  - Shelton area schools George Adams Hatchery



Fish Release Field Trip

We set up several activity stations so that each of the 3-5 classes participating from that school always have something for the kids to do and no one station is overwhelmed. Teachers choose 4-6 options from the following 8 activities:

- **1. Salmon Survival Math Game:** using lawn dice, lentils, and calculators, students practice their fraction skills to see how many salmon survive to the spawner life stage when they start with 3,000 eggs
- 2. "Gyotaku" Art Prints: using silicone salmon and bug/plant stamps, students will make modified gyotaku art prints using rice paper and washable ink
- **3. Salmon Species Bookmarks:** students learn about the 5 species of Pacific Salmon and choose their favorite to draw and write an interesting fact about on a bookmark they get to keep.
- **4. Macroinvertebrate Microscope ID:** students will use battery-powered digital microscopes to look at live stream bugs that juvenile salmon might like to eat. ID charts will be available.

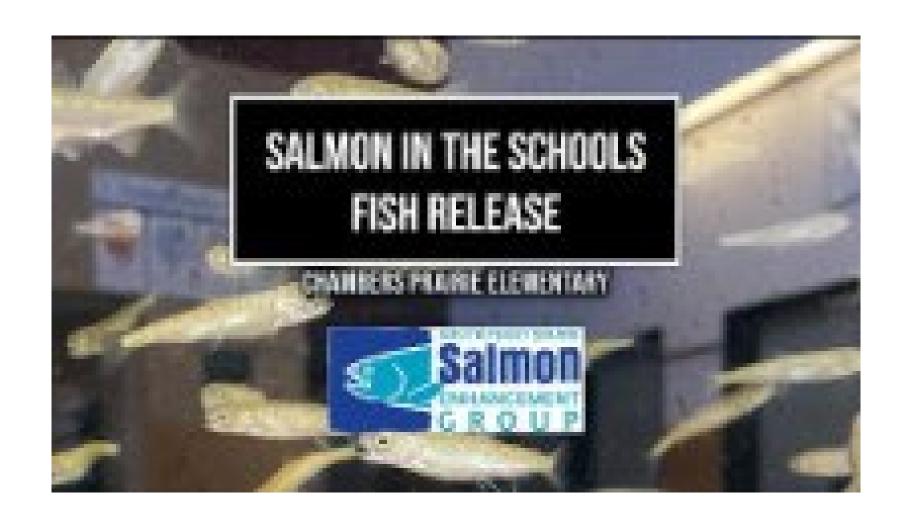


Fish Release Field Trip

- **5. Fish Release:** each student gets a cup and at least 1 fish to name and release into a safe, slow-moving portion of the stream. We must count the fish as we release them (clicker will be provided). EVERYONE does this activity ©
- **6. Hatchery Tour** with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Shelton schools at George Adams Hatchery only)
- 7. Habitat Scavenger Hunt: each teacher will be given a clipboard and guiding worksheet to lead their class on a walk along the creek where they will search for components of a healthy salmon habitat (Olympia/Lacey schools at Woodland Creek Community Park only)
- **8. Salmon Life Cycle Bracelets:** students work through a station with cards that explain what each bead represents as they follow a salmon on its journey through life and create a bracelet to take with them.



#### **2022 Fish Release for Chambers Prairie**



#### **Program Evaluation**

- My goal is to encourage curiosity, confidence, and connections (to each other and salmon)
- Evaluations for programs like this can be difficult since at their core the goal isn't testing
- Options:
  - Pre-program survey and post-program survey
  - Short essay or research paper assignment
  - Completing the worksheets that go along with the lessons
  - Creating a piece of art to demonstrate something the students found interesting about salmon
  - Open-ended teacher feedback/reflection
  - Open-ended student feedback/reflection
- Success for me is getting kids outdoors and having fun while learning about salmon. We may not see the full impact today in tests or metrics, but this experience is the highlight of their year and I believe has lasting effects.

#### Salmon Habitats, Diet, and Threats By: Lincoln

Salmon. You eat it for dinner, but did you know that salmon provide jobs for thousands of people? Salmon are very interesting animals, which we will be exploring in this paper. Salmon journey through a variety of habitats throughout their life, eat numerous things, and face a great deal of threats. Read on if you want to learn more about salmon.

#### Salmon Habitats

Salmon live in both freshwater and saltwater! The salmon eggs, alevin, and fry live in freshwater rivers and streams (Salmon of the PNW). They need places to hide or else predators will get them. The water must have plentiful oxygen. It must also be clean and cool. According to Salmon of the PNW, "A healthy freshwater habitat has lots of trees, bushes, and low-to-the-ground plants." The plants are important because the roots keep soil from washing away into the river/stream during heavy rain (Salmon of the PNW). The plants also shade the water keeping it cool, and most importantly some of the oxygen the plants make flows over rocks and logs and into the water.

A little later, smolts go downstream and to the estuary, where saltwater and freshwater mix. They must face many obstacles to get to this point. Here they get familiar with the saltwater, they also grow bigger and stronger. They either go to the Salish Sea or the Pacific Ocean (Salmon of the PNW). In the ocean they have more food and cooler water so that helps them grow big and strong and make it back to their natal river (the river they were born in) as spawners (Ms. Brady's lesson). Spawners make the journey back to their natal river. They must face many hardships to make it back to their natal river and most don't make it. They die soon after spawning. As you can see, salmon live in many different habitats throughout their life.

#### Salmon Diet

Salmon have a diverse diet. As alevin, they can not swim, much less hunt for themselves, so their yolk sac provides them with rich food until they are fry (Ms.Brady's lesson). A little later, once their yolk sac runs out, they are fry! Fry eat larva, worms, and insects. They may have to go to a larger lake if there is not enough food (Salmon of the PNW). In contrast, adults eat larger things which may include squid, shrimp, and herring. Spawners will not eat while they go to lay their eggs because their digestion

### **Funding Request**

The 8 OSPI schools (700 students in Mason and Thurston counties) are underfunded this year.

Total Program Cost: \$32,570

OSPI Funding: \$23,544

**Deficit:** \$9,026

• Staff Cost (teacher coordination, permits, in-school lessons, tank and fish care, program management and evaluation): \$14,322

- Staff Cost (fish release plus prep, 1 project manager plus 2 staff or interns): \$10,560
- Mileage: \$800
- Other supplies (tank maintenance, release field trip, copies, release site use fees): \$1,800
- School bussing fees for fish release field trip: \$2,600
- Indirect 10% of Staff Time: \$2,480

Additional funding would cover most of the fish release field trip expenses including bus transportation, activity supplies, staff time, and site use fees.





# Thank you! If you have any questions or you'd like to volunteer for fish release field trips, please contact Megan Brady meganb@spsseg.org



#### What's next?

#### What's Next?

- Summarize Discussion
- Create final draft of PSRFE Goals and Objectives
- January 2024 Meeting
- Washington Sportsmen's Show
  - January 31- February 4, 2024



