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Dear Steelhead Stakeholders:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Steelhead Stakeholders group for their continued participation. This will no doubt make the future management plans for this important resource more balanced and complete.

Based on some of the questions and comments put forward by members of the Steelhead Stakeholders group, we thought it appropriate to supply the members with some of the technical discussion papers produced by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) during their Puget Sound and Coastal Washington review process. These papers, in particular, outline the foundations of many of the criteria used by the group to make their hatchery reform recommendations. These criteria give their hatchery program/stock management recommendations a solid footing in conservation biology science.

We would also suggest that, with these concepts in mind, members take the time to review the HSRG final report to Congress- both the region-wide (April, 2004) and watershed specific recommendations. Those reports, along with PDF files of the technical discussion documents, can be found on the Long Live the Kings website: [http://www.lltk.org/pages/hatchery\\_reform\\_project/HRP\\_Publications.html](http://www.lltk.org/pages/hatchery_reform_project/HRP_Publications.html).

Again, thank you for your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

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