

Minutes

Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Special Hatchery Workshop #3

September 8th – Virtual Meeting

Attendance

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Barbara Baker, Chair	Kelly Cunningham
Molly Linville, Vice chair	Nate Pamplin
Lorna Smith	Joe Panesko
Tim Ragen	Julie Watson
John Lehmkuhl	Amy Windrope
Jim Anderson	Tami Lininger
Melanie Rowland	Kelly Susewind
Steve Parker	Eric Kinne
Woody Myers	Ken Warheit
	Laurie Peterson
	Joe Anderson

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission convened a Special Hatchery Workshop via webinar regarding hatchery Production and Southern Resident Killer Whale prey. This was the third workshop in a four-part series on hatchery production and Southern Resident killer whale prey availability. The workshop focused on the Southern Resident Orca Task Force and its recommendations, Governor Inslee's executive order, and the Commission's prey initiative. Also included was the SRKW population dynamics – causes for changes in status of SRKW abundance and survival. This included some limited discussion on ecological interactions between SRKW and salmonids, that will be covered in more detail in Workshop #4. Specific topics covered in Workshop #3 was as follows:

- 1. Southern Resident killer whale natural history and context, including threats to recovery.
- 2. Best available science regarding SRKW and interactions between threats, including science that informed work addressing prey availability.
- 3. Governor Inslee's executive orders, Southern Resident Orca Task Force, and the subsequent Task Force process and recommendations
- 4. Implementation of Task Force recommendations and progress across all threats
- 5. SRKW hatchery production initiatives, directives, and decisions aimed at increasing prey for SRKW.
- 6. The Commission's 2018 Southern Resident Orca Prey Enhancement Initiative

Hatchery Terms of Reference Workshop Schedule

GSRO Hatchery Workshop #3 – Presentation

NMFS – Hatchery Workshop #3 – Presentation

Supplemental Information and Links

WDFW - Hatchery Workshop #3 - Presentation