

Avian Salmon Predation Working Group

Meeting #4

May 6, 2025

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Olympia, WA and online

Welcome!

- Brief introductions
- Updates since last meeting
- Accomplishments at last meeting
- Today's agenda
- Today's objectives



Alan Bauer

Agenda and objectives

- Finalize intervention principles
 - Objective:finalize intervention principles!
- Addressing the legislature's ask to “identify remedies to predation”
 - Objective: Discuss and decide how to complete final report section related to legislative ask
- Requests and/or recommendations to the legislature
 - Objective: Brainstorm if there are requests or recommendations the group would make to the legislature based on themes identified in the report/group discussions

Expectations

- Participate and engage
- Bring your ideas, experiences, and perspectives
- Hold space for *others'* ideas, experiences, and perspectives
- Engage in respectful dialogue; listen to understand
- If there are disagreements – challenge the idea, not the individual
- Be considerate of time and scheduling
- Hybrid meeting: if you're participating virtually, please use the Raise Hand feature and mute mic when not speaking.

Your task from the legislature

- ★ Identify all avian species that contribute to predation of juvenile salmon at a population level
- ★ Determine whether such species are adversely impacting the recovery of any threatened or endangered salmon species
- 3. Identify remedies to predation



Bill Hebner

Public comment



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Finalize intervention principles

Shelby Thomas, Ross Strategic



Bret Hachtel

Break: back at 10:45 a.m.

Addressing the legislature's ask to “identify remedies”



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Report structure

- How to identify if avian predation is impacting juvenile salmonid survival
- Things to consider when choosing remedies (*intervention principles*)
- **[Identify remedies]**



Zack Mays, Yakama Nation Fisheries

Identify remedies

The legislation simply asked this group to “identify remedies” to avian predation that impacts juvenile salmon recovery.

How does the group want to respond to this ask?



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Identify remedies – one idea

- Applying the intervention principles to specific areas/situations allows managers to identify appropriate remedies in different areas.
 - A discussion of this in the report could serve as your response
 - *Thoughts?*



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Identify remedies – things to think about

- What are the most important things the legislature should know about predation remedies?
- What challenges/limitations do you want to acknowledge related to remedies?



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Lunch: back at 12:30 p.m.

Potential legislative requests/recommendations



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Sideboards

- Requests and/or recommendations reflect the group as a whole and should be something that everybody can live with.
- Requests/recommendations should be consistent with parts of the report already developed (e.g. intervention principles)
- ***What else?***



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Limitations

The report identifies the following limitations in understanding and/or addressing the legislative ask:

- Asymmetrical regional data/knowledge
- Limited avian predation knowledge
- Distinguishing between additive/compensatory mortality
- Multiple, interconnected threats to salmon
- Lack of clear salmon recovery metrics



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**Are there requests
you would make as
a working group
that get at these
limitations?**



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Requests/recommendations

- Based on conversations in past meetings, we think there are a couple different categories where legislative requests/recommendations could fall
 - Allocations requests
 - Regulatory adjustments
 - *Do you agree?*
 - *What else?*



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Next steps

- Follow ups? Action items? (Shelby)
- Upcoming meetings:
 - June 3 – Virtual, 1pm – 5pm



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Proposed timeline

- ✓ *Meeting 1: November 7, 2024*
 - ✓ *Introduction*
 - ✓ *Meeting 2: February 4, 2025*
 - ✓ *Science/data presentations – level setting*
 - ✓ *Information sharing/gathering*
 - ✓ *Topical discussions*
 - ✓ *Meeting 3: March 17, 2025*
 - ✓ *Discuss criteria for determining scale of predation and implementing remedies*
 - ✓ *Develop report outline*
 - ✓ *Meeting 4: May 6, 2025*
 - ✓ *Finalize intervention principles*
 - ✓ *Discuss report sections re: remedies, requests/recommendations*
 - **Meeting 5: June 3, 2025**
 - Half day, virtual
 - Finalize draft report
- June 30, 2025 – Report finished, ASPWG adjourns**

Thank you!

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