CCA Challenges the Feds Losing Scenario for Columbia River Hatcheries

The Federal government operates 20 salmon and steelhead hatcheries on the Columbia River and appropriates funds to 62 hatchery programs that produce more than 71 million fish. These hatcheries fuel our fisheries, providing more than 85% of the harvestable fish in the Columbia River. If these hatcheries close, we can bid farewell to most of our fisheries.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is also charged with recovering ESA listed wild salmon and steelhead – currently 13 listed runs – that federal law affords protection. Enter the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Columbia Basin hatchery operations, NMFS's proposed plan for future management of the Columbia Basin hatcheries. This is intended to be the federal government’s “overarching theme that will guide and shape decisions NMFS makes related to hatchery production on the Columbia River basin.” Put another way, federal law requires recovery of ESA listed wild fish and this is NMFS’ proposed plan for how to run the hatchery system in a way that is consistent with recovery.

Unfortunately, the NMFS draft plan provided an array of options that all missed the mark, making it easy for just about everyone to find something they didn’t like. For example, one option would have ended all Mitchell Act hatchery production. Two others proposed baby steps toward addressing the problem, but with uneven application of those reforms. Meanwhile, the EIS completely ignored the fact that harvest management can and should be integrated with hatchery production decisions. NOAA’s customary approach is to wall them off from each other and the EIS largely continued that trend.

CCA wrote NOAA to encourage that they demonstrate leadership in developing a defensible Mitchell act policy. Such a plan would recognize that hatcheries have a role to play in supplementing runs and providing harvest, but must be appropriately managed to ensure consistency with wild salmon recovery efforts.

CCA has pointed out that the fundamental problem with how these fish are managed is the silo approach. Faced with the problem of too many hatchery fish returning uncaught and in some cases negatively interacting with wild fish on the spawning grounds, the only solution – in NMFS analysis – is cutting hatchery production. As CCA points out, if you integrate the management of hatcheries and harvest, a much better solution becomes readily apparent: increase the harvest of hatchery fish and decrease the harvest-related impacts on wild fish through selective fisheries.

Combined, budget cuts and the lack of recovery of ESA listed stocks results in increased pressure to cut hatchery production. Only by transitioning to fully mark-selective fisheries – where unmarked fish are released unharmed – can we meet the goal of providing harvestable numbers of hatchery fish and the obligation to recover wild fish.

There are still some in the sport fishing ranks who question the need for selective fisheries and wonder why we can't maintain the status quo. This DEIS should be a “shot across the bow” for these anglers, making it crystal clear that we either need to fix these problems or watch our fisheries disappear. In other words, pay me now or pay me later, as the saying goes. NOAA needs to address harvest reform, and include objectives that address hatchery reform and wild salmon recovery. If they don't, they may be forced (by law, science or litigation) to make drastic cuts to hatchery production, which really would be a lose-lose for most stakeholders.

North Sound and BP Host Childrens Holiday Workshop

On December 10th the North Sound Chapter of CCA Washington was graciously invited to host a youth fly tying and ornament making workshop at the BP Cherry Point Refinery's Children's annual Christmas celebration. The event welcomed over 810 BP employees and their families. Fellow Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and CCA North Sound members volunteered their time and expertise to help over 120 kids create flies which were meticulously enclosed in clear glass ornaments. Tying equipment was provided by the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and Liam Wood Fly Fishing School.

Exuberant children, ages from 4 to 14, were all smiles in a flurry of bright feathers and furs as they patiently lined up to watch and learn about tying flies, fishing and sharing in the holiday spirit. In addition, while kids pinched barbs and wound hackles, their parents had an opportunity to learn more about CCA’s role in salmon, steelhead and marine conservation and the great strides we are making throughout the Pacific Northwest.

We appreciate the opportunity to teach children about conservation, fly tying and the chance to share the spirit of giving during the holiday times.

Thank you BP for giving CCA the chance to give back to the community through its future anglers.
Since the start of CCA in the Pacific Northwest, we have talked a lot about the importance of recovery. And, recovery should still remain a priority in our line of sight. That being said, I don’t want to lessen the importance of sustaining our salmon runs once we achieve recovery – in addition to sustaining the runs we have today – an important part of that equation is nutrients.

People often hear me say, “You Gotta Feed the Babies.” After all, it would be hard to imagine raising your kids without proper food, care and nutrition. Yet when it comes to our fisheries in the Pacific Northwest, we somehow expect baby salmon to grow up in an environment without proper nutrition.

Pacific Salmon have developed a unique life history trait that allows them only one chance to successfully spawn in their natal stream – then they die. The young salmon, called fry, grow in freshwater creeks, streams or rivers and as smolts migrate to the ocean – transitioning from fresh to salt water during the arduous journey – to mature to adulthood.

Imagine the Columbia River in the early 1800s. Historically this river had annual salmon returns estimated at 16 to 20 million adults. As those adults spawned and died the tributaries of the mighty Columbia River were covered with decaying salmon carcasses, which in turn fed populations of baby fish. This is nature’s circle of life – a way of transporting the nutrients from the ocean to the stream to support the salmon lifecycle.

Except in the rarest of circumstances our Northwest rivers are no longer covered with decaying salmon carcasses. Today the returning numbers of adult salmon on the Columbia River have dwindled to less than six percent of historic levels. This is the case for most rivers, streams and creeks from Washington to Canada. The diminishing returns of salmon have created a nutrient deficit, depriving baby salmon of an integral food source and depriving our local watersheds of essential nutrients – nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon.

Numerous scientific studies have shown that salmon carcasses directly relate to increased survival for baby (juvenile) salmon. When a carcass deteriorates, pieces of flesh and eggs are directly consumed by juvenile salmon. One study that monitored the stomach contents of juvenile salmon found that 78 percent of their diet was comprised of salmon flesh and eggs. A separate study on juvenile salmon growth rates found that fish that received nutrients from carcasses experienced growth rates that were 10 to 150 times higher than fish in untreated control sections. Even on the low end, growth rates were 10 times higher.

As the carcass breaks down it leaches nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon into the water, gravels and soils. In addition to providing a directly consumable food source for young salmon these carcasses also provide valuable and necessary nutrients for the trees and plants that are found on the riverbanks. One study found that surrounding trees and shrubs near salmon spawning streams derived more than twenty percent of their foliar nitrogen from salmon carcasses. These trees in turn benefit salmon by increasing shade, increasing bank stability and maintaining an overall healthier watershed.

CCA has been fortunate to work with a local habitat restoration organization, the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group (LCFEG). Since 1998 LCFEG has been coordinating nutrient enhancement volunteer efforts in Southwest Washington. Each nutrient enhancement season LCFEG invests time, money and equipment so local volunteer groups can successfully and efficiently disperse thousands of salmon carcasses into the local watersheds. During the last ten years, LCFEG has recorded over 20,000 donated volunteer hours and assisted in the dispersal of approximately 500,000 salmon carcasses. As stated by CCA member Steve Koch “Nutrient enhancement is a great way to get involved, have fun and most importantly help the resource.”

There may be no better way to reach the general public and increase their knowledge on the importance of salmon in the aquatic ecosystem, and complete the circle of life that is so vital to the survival of our salmon runs.
Pacific Northwest Salmon featured in the State of the Union Address

Bryan Irwin
PNW Executive Director

President Barack Obama's recent State of the Union Address on January 25th, 2011, touched on the complexity of our government agencies – and in the end its ability to be effective – and featured the following quote concerning NW Salmon:

“There are twelve different agencies that deal with exports. There are at least five different entities that deal with housing policy. Then there’s my favorite example: the Interior Department is in charge of salmon while they’re in fresh water, but the Commerce Department handles them when they’re in saltwater. And I hear it gets even more complicated once they’re smoked.”

Following this statement there has been considerable discussion concerning its validity, and many commentators have pointed out that the President’s effort at humor was not entirely correct. The truth is NMFS is legally “in charge” of salmon from the gravel to the ocean. NMFS falls under NOAA, a division of the Commerce Department. However, the Interior Department is “in charge of” many salmon hatcheries and is involved in habitat issues in NW streams and rivers.

However, what the President was really saying is that our government is too complex, and in the end inefficient. And one of the best examples of just how ineffective it is...is salmon management. I couldn’t agree more! The President’s statement highlights a very important point regarding the management maze that is “in charge” of salmon. We have state agencies, bi-state compacts and federal agencies all involved in the process. Further complicating the multi-layer management are treaties with tribal and foreign nations. Even the lead agency, NMFS, seems horribly inefficient in their “silo” approach to salmon management. Instead of looking at the situation as a whole, the U.S. often manages hatcheries, harvest, hydro and habitat all separately. As CCA has pointed out numerous times in correspondence to NMFS, this approach is flawed, especially when it comes to hatcheries and harvest. Only by integrating the management of these segments can the enormous benefits of selective fishing be realized.

This isn’t the first time NW salmon management has been a subject of the State of the Union; in 1908 President Theodore Roosevelt stated the Columbia River salmon are “now but a fraction of what they were 25 years ago, and what they would be now if the United States government had taken complete charge of them by intervening between Oregon and Washington.” He proposed that the federal government take over regulation of the fishery.

Thank you President Obama for illustrating that of all government mismanagement, salmon is the king. 🐟
Jack Smith  
Oregon CCA President

During my recent interactions with many CCA members over the past several months, it has struck me how much confusion there is regarding the current status of our ballot initiative and its progress moving forward.

As you may recall, our initial effort, after receiving an unprecedented number of ballot challenges, was graced with a ballot title that fell far short of reflecting the intent of the measure. At that time, on advice of staff, it was decided that our best course of action would be to withdraw the initiative and take the time for a thorough re-write, with the full intention of resubmitting a measure that left little room for misinterpretation.

This effort was undertaken immediately with a timeline that gave us ample opportunity to carefully consider the ballot challenges and how to address them, while also conducting additional public opinion polling. We also worked hard to secure at least enough initial funding that we felt comfortable with not only our ability to place the measure on the ballot but also our ability to fund a substantial media campaign that will allow us to win at the ballot box. This was no small endeavor and coupled with the regulatory time lines that are involved, made it quickly apparent that our earliest opportunity to get the Protect Our Salmon Act on the ballot would be 2012.

The second round of polling, added to our initial polling effort, and coupled with careful consideration of all challenges to the former measure, resulted in several changes to the original measure. The most significant of these changes being the legalization of alternate commercial gear, limiting the scope of the measure to inland waters (gillnets are already illegal in Oregon's ocean waters), and the elimination of any funding mechanism for fishermen to transition to alternate gear.

All polling to date indicates that, especially with the changes referenced above, the public – when made aware of the fact that we currently use gillnets for commercial harvest in the Columbia – are in favor of a gillnet ban.

Shortly we will begin gathering the initial signatures to file with the Secretary of State’s office and begin the process. We are on target to meet all deadlines to place the Protect Our Salmon Act on the 2012 ballot.

In the meantime, we are utilizing every regulatory and legislative tool in our toolbox to achieve our goal of science-based management of our resources while protecting the interest of recreational anglers. If by 2012 there has not been positive change toward harvesting our resource in a sustainable manner, we will be ready with the initiative to let the voters decide.

Your Government Relations Committee (GRC) is engaged in a number of issues of importance to our membership. Remember YOU are CCA and your local chapter is the pipeline for information between our members and the state organization. Attend a local chapter meeting and become part of the process. No chapter in your area? Call Brett Larsen in our state office and learn how to start one.

Removing gillnets from Oregon waters is a top priority for CCA Oregon. We are working on many different fronts to reach this goal, including a ballot initiative (Protect Our Salmon Act) to put this issue in front of the voters. In the President’s Report, Jack Smith, provides a detailed update. In addition to the initiative, some other efforts underway include:

- Gear testing of alternative selective fishing gear (non-gillnet) by both WDFW and ODFW continues on the Columbia. Both CCA Oregon and CCA Washington met with the agencies and are encouraged by the results. The new “selective” gear catches fish, and we are watching as testing commences on the effect it has on released fish.

- We had pushed for increased observers on the gillnet fleet and we are now working with some interesting observer data that was gathered during the Summer Chinook and fall gillnet seasons because of our efforts.

- Preliminary analysis indicates there are nearly 1 non-targeted fish captured and discarded for every targeted species. Reported encounters with steelhead were 80% higher on boats with observers than those without.

- We met with ODFW to receive an update on the testing results and will be formulating a letter to voice our concerns over the by-catch data.

- During the next round of commission meetings we will be pushing for increased sturgeon conservation measures, SAFE area catches to be factored in to allocation, and delaying the start of the gillnet fishery on summer Chinook.

Many CCA members served on community teams last year. The Community Team Process resulted in a “few” new MRs in Oregon, but they are smaller and better defined than they likely would have been without the community team process and CCA’s involvement. We have been working closely with ODFW, OPAC and legislators to limit the impact on sport fishers as well as limiting the amount of time they will be in effect. As we enter the new legislative session, we will continue to work to be sure that responsible and sustainable fisheries in Oregon waters remain accessible.

Upper Willamette Plan

CCA Oregon representatives met recently with NMFS to present our concerns and discuss the plan. A copy of the letter to NMFS is available on our website.

Columbia River Sturgeon

CCA OR and CCA WA have recently testified to the respective agencies that Columbia River Commercial fishermen catch enough sturgeon throughout the year as by-catch in other fisheries that a targeted February gillnet season was unneeded and unwise in the face of declining stocks. We were very disappointed when the Compact ignored our advice.

Columbia River Sturgeon continue to decline in all age classes. The effects of Marine Mammal Predation, while not fully understood, clearly play a role in this decline. Sport anglers have been catching less than our allotted quota for the past 2 years, and new sanctuary areas have been added as additional conversation measures.

Legislative Session

The new legislative session in Oregon is just getting started. And as mentioned earlier we expect Marine Reserves legislation to be introduced, as well as other bills that could influence MRs. Our CCA OR lobbyist and GRC have been working diligently to monitor this process and influence the outcome.
Washington Conservation News

President’s Message

Matt Olson
Washington CCA President

Frequently I focus the topic of this column on the importance of volunteers, and the vital part they play in the ongoing success of our organization. After all, volunteers are the lifeblood of CCA, and their important work serves as the catalyst for fundraising, advocacy efforts and awareness. CCA, at its very basic foundation, was built on volunteer efforts.

And, while we have many, many volunteers who dedicate countless hours to our cause, many whom I have named in previous columns, there is one person in particular who has been a tremendous support, yet has remained unrecognized: Susan Loomis.

As Gary’s better half, Susan has been a silent partner in support of Gary’s salmon recovery efforts in myriad ways: as banquet attendee, chauffeur, donor, enthusiastic auction supporter, sounding board and shoulder to lean on.

Whereas Gary is the public face of CCA in the Pacific Northwest, the “Hurricane” traveling at 100 miles per hour in 16 different directions, in contrast – or perhaps as ballast for the mighty force that is Gary Loomis – Susan has provided unwavering support for Gary and CCA.

Without Susan’s efforts and dedication, CCA would not be where it is today in the Pacific Northwest. And, it’s important to note that she is just as good – and enthusiastic – an angler as Gary, making her dedication to salmon recovery just as strong as Gary’s…but not as loud.

I know there are many, many CCA volunteers who labor quietly on behalf of our marine resources, and their efforts also deserve our praise and appreciation. Susan is one of those silent but steady volunteers, and I hope you will join me in thanking her – and the many others – who make our organization such a success.

A Shout out to our Unsung Heros

Super CCA volunteer and better half of Gary Loomis, Susan Loomis with a Patagonia brown trout.

GRC Update

Puget Sound Chinook Resource Management Plan – Harvest Component

WA CCA’s positions are built upon the fact that without a healthy wild brood stock, the future of both hatchery and native origin fish are in jeopardy. Peer reviewed science makes clear the need to increase harvest on hatchery origin fish, while decreasing the harvest rate and release mortality on wild fish stocks. This is why selective fishing is so important. It is the only way to promote wild fish recovery and allow for fisheries to continue on hatchery stocks.

In 2010, the co-managers (WDFW and the treaty tribes) submitted the 235 page Puget Sound Chinook Resource Management Plan – Harvest Component (The Plan) to NOAA NMFS for review and adoption. This plan was developed and submitted with no public review or comment. NMFS has reviewed The Plan and has proposed adoption in their own 237 page response. NMFS criteria for approval cites “…a technically and scientifically defensible management plan for Puget Sound salmon fisheries that supports meaningful exercise of Tribal fishing rights and sustainable fishing opportunities…”

The problem with The Plan is that it counts wild and hatchery origin spawners equally, contrary to their own criteria and peer reviewed science. It is the belief of many that implementation of The Plan impedes recovery of the ESA listed Puget Sound Chinook. Federal court ruling states that “The purpose of the Endangered Species Act is to promote populations that are self-sustaining without interference”, and further that “The Plan must not impede recovery”. CCA believes that The Plan, and NMFS review and potential approval of the plan violates both.

On behalf of CCA WA, Andy Marks delivered a letter to the WDFW commission and staff so stating, asking for rejection of the Plan, and creation of a new plan that follows the science, and also asking for full public review and comment on a new plan before it is submitted to NOAA NMFS for review and approval. CCA has also co-authored a letter of response with several other groups outlining these concerns for NOAA. CCA is currently fully engaged on this critical issue, from Washington State to Washington, DC. If adopted, The Plan effectively negates the need for selective harvest and mass marking of hatchery fish.

Puget Sound Crabs

On October 1st 2010, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to bring more fairness to the Puget Sound Dungeness fishery by adopting “Option A” for its new Puget Sound Crab policy. This long overdue policy change rightfully recognizes the importance of recreational crabbing in Puget Sound by giving a recreational priority on Puget Sound crabbing. The commission’s decision increases equity in the crab allocation and is a victory for recreational crabbers.

This is a huge milestone for the recreational angling community and the citizens of Washington State. The new policy adopted by the Commission will provide a summer recreational season from July 1st to Labor Day open 5 days a week - including both weekend days. It will also provide a October - December winter recreational season open 7 days a week. Both seasons will employ a 5 crab daily bag limit. These changes are expected to increase the recreational share of Puget Sound crab harvests and will accommodate increases in recreational participation in the crab fishery in future years.

CCA testified in both states against allowing a winter gillnet season directed on sturgeon because the gillnetters can easily catch their quota of sturgeon as by catch in salmon fisheries. All a winter directed season will do is mean more sturgeon will be caught and discarded out of gillnets in the summer and fall seasons. Unfortunately, the compact set the winter gillnet season anyway.

A quick review of sturgeon winter gillnet fishery results for 2009, 2010, and 2011 year to date reinforces CCA’s concerns about the health of the stock. In the winter fishery, the results were as follows; for 2009 there were 1697 fish taken for 89 landings for a catch rate of 19 fish per landing, for 2010 there were 518 fish taken for 111 landings for a catch rate of 4.7 fish per landing, and for 2011 year to date there were 34 fish taken for 15 landings for a catch rate of 2.3 fish per landing. At the time of this writing there are still two days of fishing left in the 2011 winter season.

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Banquet Location: Albany Eagles

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