



The mission of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board is to restore viable and sustainable populations of salmon, steelhead, and other at-risk species through the collaborative, economically sensitive efforts, combined resources, and wise resource management of the Upper Columbia region.

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Implementation Team Operating Principles June 2, 2009

I. Background

The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB) agreed in December 2006 to a general framework for implementing and coordinating the region's salmon recovery plan. The UCSRB began implementation of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan during the first part of 2007. The UCSRB continues to rely upon the on-going local efforts for implementing actions within each of the watersheds.

For salmon recovery to be successful, the local efforts are coordinated within the region. Each of the local efforts rolls up into the common salmon recovery approach outlined in the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan. The UCSRB facilitates an Implementation Team for the region. The roles of the Implementation Team are described in Section III.

II. Purpose

The Implementation Team provides a forum to coordinate salmon recovery actions across the upper Columbia salmon recovery region. It also provides a forum to coordinate revisions to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan, and to facilitate exchange of information across all H's over time.

III. Roles

The role of the Implementation Team is described in Chapter 8 of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan. Some of the specific tasks of the Implementation Team are to:

- Assist in development of milestones and benchmarks to ensure that the list of essential tasks are met
- Identify policy issues of implementation for the Board to consider
- Facilitate adaptive management
- Provide regional recommendations on a process for updating implementation schedules
- Provide periodic regional and watershed guidance on recovery plan priorities
- Compile updates to the regional salmon recovery plan implementation schedule and identify consistency with Regional Technical Team biological priorities

- Compile an annual summary of plan progress and implementation actions for the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

IV. Making Recommendations To the UCSRB

The Implementation Team is an advisory group of representative stakeholders across the region that provides recommendations to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board.

Decisions of the group are based on consensus, which is defined as the agreement of all parties present at a meeting. Each of the following organizations may be represented with one vote. At any time, a group that is not currently represented below can petition the Implementation Team, via the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, to become a voting member. The request will be voted upon by the Implementation Team.

*Chelan County
Douglas County
Okanogan County
Yakama Nation
Confederated Colville Tribes
Methow Restoration Council
Entiat Watershed Planning Unit
Wenatchee Watershed Planning Unit
Okanogan Restoration Council
Foster Creek/Douglas County Planning Unit
Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Regional Technical Team
Upper Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
Chelan County Public Utility District
Douglas County Public Utility District
Grant County Public Utility District
National Marine Fisheries Service
US Forest Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Bureau of Land Management*

Individual opinions of Implementation Team recommendations will be recorded according to the available votes above, and are based on the following scale; minority opinions will also be recorded, as appropriate.

*I Agree – “I fully support the recommendation”
I Support It – “I generally support the recommendation”
I Can Live With It – “I support the recommendation, with some reservation”*

I Will Stand Aside – “I do not support the recommendation, but will not block the recommendation from moving forward”

I Block It – “I cannot support this recommendation moving forward, and will offer alternatives”

V. Meeting Frequency

The Implementation Team will meet quarterly or more frequently, as needed.

VI. Ground Rules

Implementation Team participants agree to adhere to the following ground rules.

- Participants will work together to seek common areas of agreement.
- Participants will listen to each other, and will commit to understand other's interests.
- Participants will strive to attend each meeting to provide consistency in developing group recommendations.
- Participants will keep comments and suggestions succinct and to the point of the discussion.

VII. Operating Principles Review Process

These Operating Principles will be reviewed annually in June, or as necessary.