



Coho Salmon Recovery in the Central California Coast

PRAT

Priority Recovery Action Team

CDFG/NOAA

PRAT Structure

- Management Committee (3) – CDFG Regional Manager, CDFG Chief Fisheries Branch, NMFS Area Office Manager
- Coordination Committee (4) – CDFG/NOAA senior fisheries managers, coho recovery coordinators
- Technical Working Groups (TBD) – reps. From state and federal agencies, NGO's, RCD's etc.

Technical Working Groups

1. Habitat protection and restoration
2. Fish rescue, translocation, rearing
3. Water quality, instream flow conservation
4. Regulations, permitting, enforcement
5. Funding programs
6. Public education and outreach

1. Habitat protection & restoration

- Priority stream restoration
- Barrier removal priorities
- Land use improvements
- Instream habitat improvements
- Riparian habitat restoration
- Stream protection priorities

2. Captive Rearing, translocation & fish rescue

- Fish rescue or translocation
- Captive rearing and conservation hatcheries
- Spawning survival augmentation

3. Water quality, instream flow conservation

- Will identify where flow impairment or reduced water quality are significant issues for coho recovery
- The mechanisms to improve conditions will be identified and procedures for them to be implemented established

4. Regulatory, permitting & enforcement

- Permitting
- Law enforcement
- Other regulatory

5. Funding

- Federal funding sources
- State funding sources
- Other sources?

6. Education, outreach and media interaction

- Public/agency education/information supply
- Outreach to general public
- Interaction with media e.g. TV, radio, newspapers

Roles of Technical Work Groups

- To develop a process to consult with local and watershed reps. to assess priority actions
- To identify the highest priority actions for immediate implementation
- To propose priority actions which build from state and federal recovery plans
- To identify priority actions with an ESU perspective & site specific actions
- To focus restoration activities on coho declines in highest priority watersheds and geographical areas

Organization of Technical Work Groups

- Technical Working Groups to be led by DFG/NOAA co-chairs
- ESU level reps. form the core of the groups e.g. DFG, NOAA, TU, CalTrout, TNC
- Local or watershed reps. also present e.g. NPS, MMWD, SCWA, RCDs, local NGO's

Outputs

- Advice to DFG/NOAA on priority actions to recover CCC coho salmon
- Progress report due to Coordination Group within 3 months and a final draft within 6 months
- Report should include a timeline for implementation and potential obstacles should be identified

Desired Result – Preventing Population Extirpation

CCC Coho Salmon Population

