



Action Initiative Information			
Cluster:	Ocean Products		
Initiative:	Enhance Salmon Production		
Goal:	Improve the SE Alaska economy by increasing hatchery and/or lake-based salmon production.		
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Meeting Summaries		
Date:	Attendees:	Outcome:
12/20/12	CWG Monthly call-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been some reports that have been released recently that explain the economic value of hatcheries. For example, the McDowell group released a report that discusses the economic impact of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation in October 2012. • Brian Holst indicated that a team from the USFS is going to meet during the Innovation Summit and that this might be a good platform for the cluster to present its ideas for how to enhance salmon production. • Debbie Hart provided an update on the Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership: she said that the Partnership's science and data committee is working to get a sense of all the work on habitat enhancement that is currently being completed so that the Partnership can attempt to align these efforts. She also mentioned that the Southeast Watershed Coalition and Central Council are hosting a symposium on habitat enhancement through partnerships in March 2013. • Julie Decker noted that Greg Killinger, Fisheries, Watershed and Soils Staff Officer, Tongass National Forest had provided an her an update about the major watershed restoration and

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		<p>fisheries enhancement projects accomplished in 2012 and those planned in 2013 in the Tongass National Forest. Please see the “Other Informational Items” section for this information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Sund committed to thinking about this initiative regarding how the cluster might help.
11/20/12	CWG Monthly call-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an RFP out right now to conduct an 11-year study of the interaction of hatchery stock with wild stock.
4/11/12	CWG Meeting #5 in Ketchikan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A science panel of eight was formed in early 2011 to develop a research study plan. We met several times in 2011 and the plan is in final draft and circulating for completion. \$2.5 million has been requested by the PNPs through legislative grant and \$2.5 has been requested by ADF&G via a capital increment and is in the governor’s budget. Work could begin in 2013. • The study design includes components to address each of these areas. The proposal: Research Program to Address Interactions of Wild and Hatchery Pink and Chum Salmon in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska. If funding is secured in the current legislative session, straying studies, genetic stock identification, and pedigree research will be initiated in 2013. • Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association was formed and acknowledged by ADFG to be the regional enhancement association in Fall of 2011. First step towards an enhancement in the Yakutat region that has no enhancement efforts to date. • The USFS has permitted blasting the barrier falls of the Kanalku outlet stream in the Admiralty Wilderness Area under the provision extant in Title 13. This revelation became known to the Cluster participants at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting on March 22, 2012. It is clear in Title 13 that enhancement is legal on the Tongass and now that the USFS has provided an example, precedent has been set. This is expected to clear the way for enhancement programs on West Chichagof and South Baranof Wilderness Areas.

Initiative Action Plan Update		
Activity 1:	Work with ADF&G on policy and biological/management/science	Activity Date:

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	side to develop research, monitoring, and evaluation.	
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Activity 2:	Design a research program that addresses genetic concerns about hatchery & wild salmon crosses. Document straying salmon and research the meta-concept population concept for chum.	Activity Date:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study design includes components to address each of these areas. 	2011
Activity 3:	If solutions can be found in the policy arena expand production at current and new facilities.	Activity Date:
	No work on this activity to date.	
Activity 4:	Use results of research to increase salmon production.	Activity Date:
	No work on this activity to date.	
Activity 5:	Work with USFS to adopt clear guidelines for ANILCA Title 13 law for wilderness area enhancement activities and new Roadless Rule areas.	Activity Date:
	No work on this activity to date.	

Other Informational Items