

Project Name	2015 Annual Project Review – hatchery production
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FTC Decision and Justification

The 2015 Cowlitz Complex hatchery program size is recommended to be adopted as proposed below. This level of production is consistent with the HSRG guidelines, and this level of production will support harvest fisheries. This decision was approved following a friendly amendment, Paul moved and Jim seconded.

Proposed Decision or Consideration

The 2015 Annual Project Review hatchery production plan is:

Fall Chinook	3,500,000
Spring Chinook	1,796,899
Coho	2,178,000
Winter steelhead	647,000
Summer steelhead	650,000
Cutthroat trout	100,599
TOTAL	8,872,498¹

Background

The 2015 Annual Project Review was based on data inputs from WDFW and Tacoma Power to populate the In-season Implementation Tool (ISIT). The Cowlitz FTC reviewed the hatchery programs and held additional discussions with the Cowitz Ad Hoc Group to work through any issues.

The 2015 Annual Project Review (APR) was a series of public meetings in Lewis County. The first meeting, a pre-season workshop, was on Thursday, March, 26, 2015. The second meeting was on June 3, 2015 and a follow-up workshop will be set based on the feedback and needs of the public.

Coordination Need

Annually the WDFW completes the brood document in early August. Tacoma, WDFW and the Cowlitz FTC will accommodate changing program needs and limitations due to

¹ Includes all fish produced at the Cowlitz Complex – both released on station and transferred off station.

the drought conditions and other limitations.

Summary of Potential Impacts

The annual hatchery program has remained relatively stable for the past several years and continues to remain stable in the 2015 APR production program.