



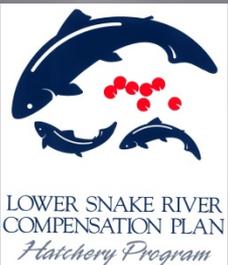
THE ESA AND ~~YOU~~ US

A COMMON THREAD; AND IT'S IN OUR BEST INTEREST

Lower Snake River Compensation Plan Office Annual Meeting

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WHO ARE YOU DEALING WITH?

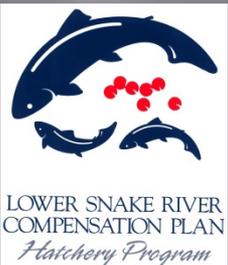
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The "New Guy"



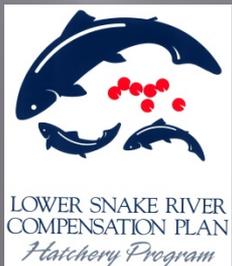
But who knows what I may look like in 3 months!





THE UMBRELLAS WE ARE WORKING UNDER

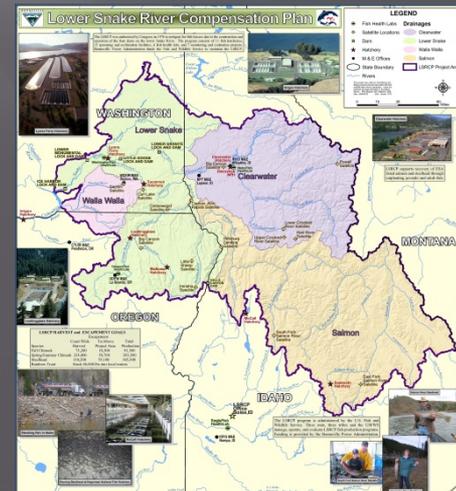
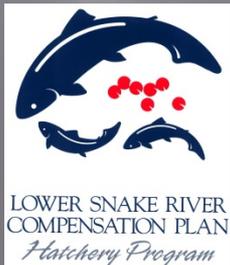
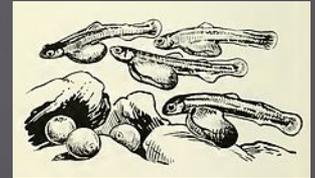
- FCRPS and the Associated Biological Opinion
- US -vs- Oregon Management Agreement
- LSRCP (Management Plan as per Water Resource Development Act)





COMMON GOALS/OBJECTIVES UNDER THOSE UMBRELLAS

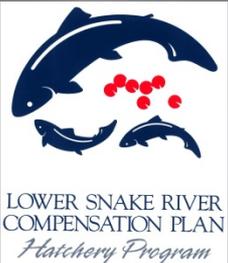
- Address Mitigation Needs for Lower Snake River Dams
 - Focus on Salmon and Steelhead
 - Hatcheries
 - Cooperators
 - Tribes, States, Feds





UNDERLYING CURRENT FOR THOSE COMMON GOALS/OBJECTIVES

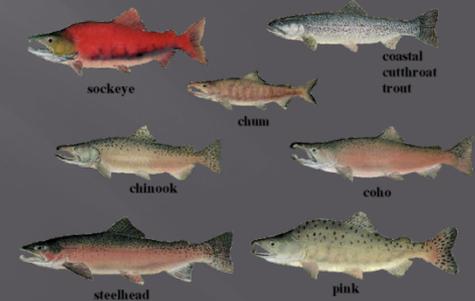
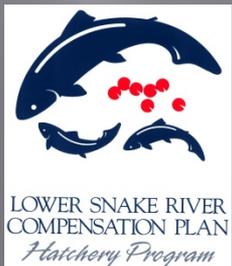
- Dealing With Listed Species
 - Primarily -- Salmon and Steelhead
 - NOAA
 - Secondarily – Others
 - FWS





REQUIREMENTS WHEN DEALING WITH LISTED SPECIES

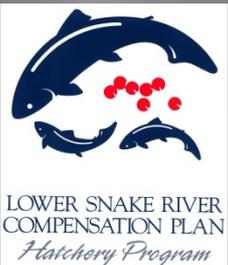
- Endangered Species Act Compliance
 - NOAA 4(d) Rule
 - NOAA Section 10 Permits
 - NOAA and FWS Section 7 Consultation





SAMPLE SITUATIONS WHERE ESA COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

- Federal Nexus (Permitting, Funding, or Carrying Out an Action)
 - Operation of Hatcheries
 - NOAA S10 Permit or 4(d) Coverage
 - NOAA Permits Purposeful Take
 - NOAA Consults with FWS Via S7
 - BO for Incidental Take



NOAA FISHERIES
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

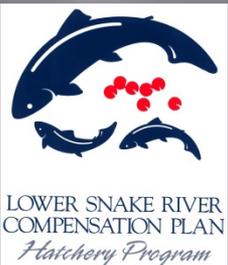
| West Coast Region





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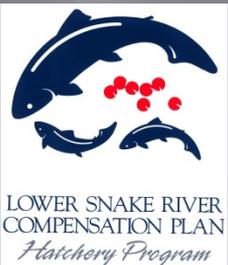
- Federal Nexus (Permitting, Funding, or Carrying Out an Action)
 - Capital Improvement Project
 - S7 Consultation with NOAA and FWS by Lead Action Agency
 - BO for Incidental Take





SAMPLE SITUATIONS WHERE ESA COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

- Federal Nexus (Permitting, Funding, or Carrying Out an Action)
 - Other Actions (e.g. Dredging Intake)
 - LSRCP \$ (LSRCP Lead for S7)
 - LSRCP/BPA/Mitchell Act \$ (Determine Lead for S7)
 - IPC \$ (NOAA S10 Permit, NOAA Consults with FWS Via S7)

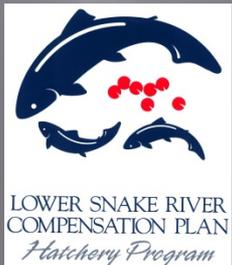




CURRENT FOCUS FOR ESA COMPLIANCE NEEDS

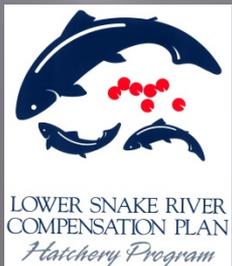
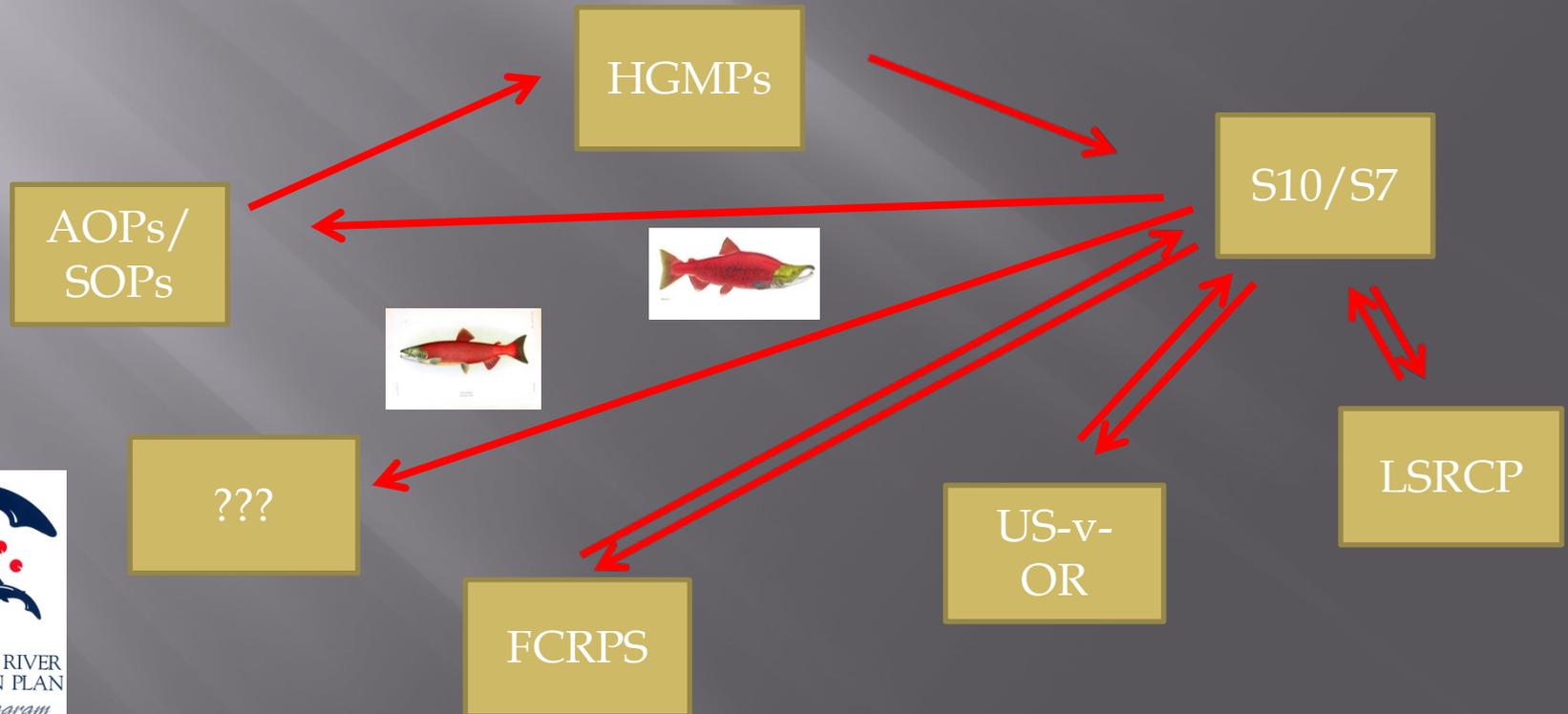


- Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans
 - Requirement to Get NOAA's S10 Permit
 - Forms the Backbone of FWS's S7 Consultations





CONNECTION BETWEEN DOCUMENTS NEEDING ESA COMPLIANCE



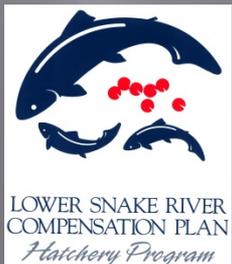
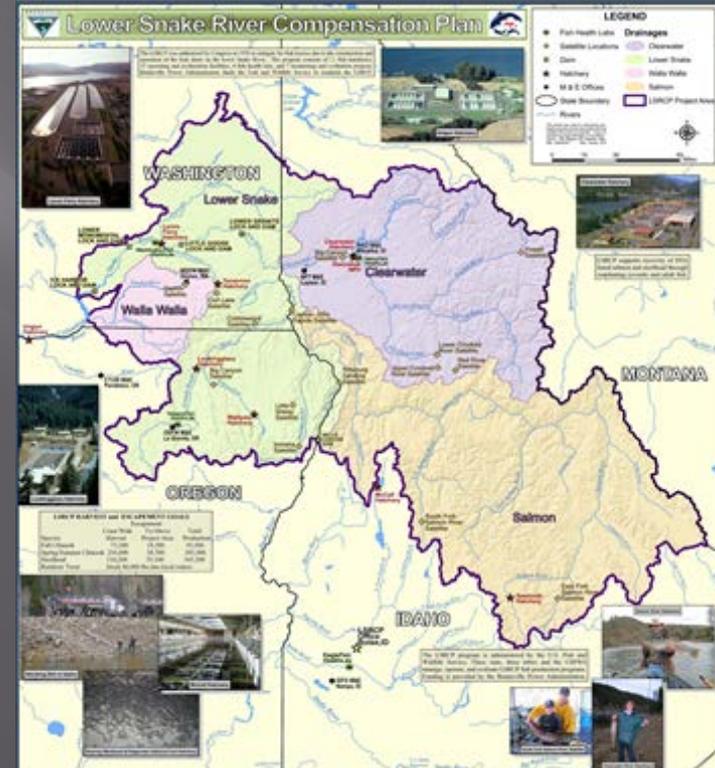


ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE AND GETTING AHEAD OF THE CURVE

Upper Columbia
LITIGATION!

Lower Columbia
LITIGATION!

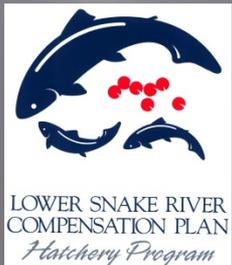
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CURRENT EFFORTS AND NEXT STEPS IN THE SNAKE BASIN

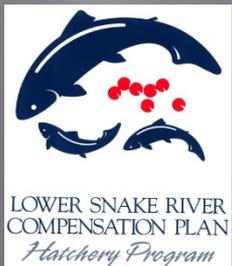
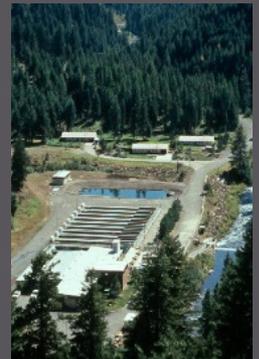
- NOAA
 - Completing S10 Permits
 - Initiated Consultation with FWS on Batched HGMPs
 - NEOR/SEWA Salmon/Steelhead (FWS Draft BO)
 - Fall Chinook (FWS Draft BO)
 - Sockeye (FWS Draft BO)





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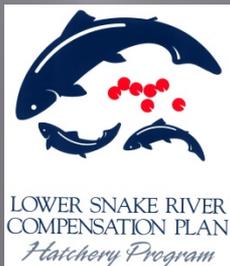
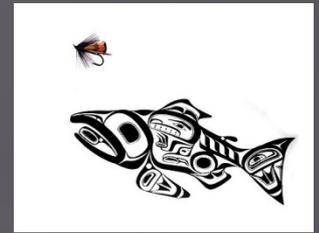
- Cooperators
 - Updating/Completing HGMPs as Necessary
 - Will Lead to NOAA Batched Consultation with FWS for Idaho Salmon/Steelhead Programs
 - Updating/Completing AOPs and SOPs as Necessary





CURRENT EFFORTS AND NEXT STEPS IN THE SNAKE BASIN

- Bigger Picture Players
 - Renegotiations for US -vs- Oregon Management Agreement
 - Reinitiation of Consultation for FCRPS

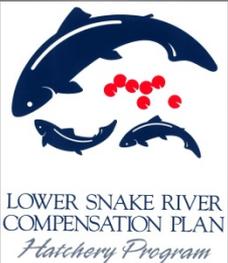




SUMMARY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR ALL OF US

- ESA Compliance is a Component of ALL the Work WE Accomplish
 - It Takes a Village Hatchery
- Our Documents and Efforts Build and Rely on Each Other
 - Nobody can Work in a Vacuum
- There is Still Work to be Done, But We are Well on our Way



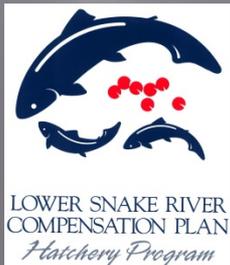
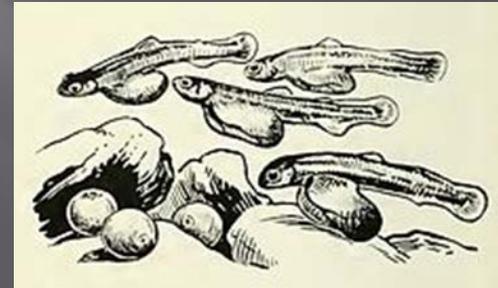


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QUESTIONS???

But Don't Make Them Too Hard....I'm Still Learning!

