Task Force charge – Executive Order

- Identify, prioritize, and support the implementation of a longer term action plan needed for the recovery of Southern Residents.
- Monitor and evaluate the immediate actions undertaken by state agencies and build upon the progress and effectiveness of that work.
- Where available and applicable, build upon existing state, regional, and federal plans.
Reports

2018
Final due Nov. 16, 2018
Content will include:
• Overview of the issues
• Task Force recommendations for addressing all major threats and recovering Southern Residents
• Status report on immediate actions required by the EO
• Any minority views submitted by TF members
• Issues and actions still on the table to discuss in 2019

2019
Due Oct. 1, 2019
Content will include:
• Progress made
• Lessons learned
• Additional recommendations
• Outstanding needs
How did we get to this package?

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# Task Force Next Steps

(S = Staff responsible for action, W = Working Group responsible for action; T = Task Force responsible for action)

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| Oct. 17-18 | X   | Task Force meeting to:  
- Review public comments on draft report.  
- Finalize proposed actions on:  
  - Priority Year 1 actions remaining to be discussed.  
  - Actions discussed in webinars. |
| Oct. 24    | X   | Staff will distribute revised list of draft recommendations, based on discussion at today’s meeting, for Task Force review and public comment.        |
| Oct. 24-29 | X   | Task Force review of revised list of draft recommendations and public comment.                                                                   |
| Nov. 6     | X   | Final Year 1 Task Force meeting to:  
- Finalize package of recommendations for Year 1 report.                                                                                       |
| Nov. 16    | X   | Final Year 1 Report is released, including a list of potential recommendations that will be considered and refined during Year 2.                  |
How did we get to this package?

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Draft package + Input from public + Input from Task Force = Final package
Public comment

- 2,000+ comments received by end of August
- Additional 3,400+ comments and 35+ letters from organizations and coalitions received on draft report/recommendations by Oct. 7
• Strong support for vision & goals statements.
  • Would like greater emphasis on urgency/speed.
  • Want Task Force to make sure that the recommendations are enough to achieve the vision & goals.

• Use the best available science.

• Make recommendation wording clearer.

• **ALL recommendations** received substantially more support than opposition (see handout).
Public comment

Habitat comment box
Themes with >100 comments:

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<td>Restore/acquire habitat</td>
<td>239</td>
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<td>Protect habitat with regulations</td>
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### Hatcheries comment box

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<td>Prioritize wild salmon recovery actions over hatchery fish</td>
<td>211</td>
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<td>Support increased hatchery production</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
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<td>Hatcheries can negatively impact wild salmon, take precautions and monitor increased hatchery production</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>14.3%</td>
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<td>Do not support increased hatchery production</td>
<td>102</td>
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### Hydropower comment box

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<td>Breach the lower Snake River dams</td>
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<td>Do not breach the lower Snake River dams</td>
<td>118</td>
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<td>Prioritize and remove dams in general</td>
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### Harvest comment box

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<td>Support closing fishing for one, multiple years or moratorium</td>
<td>115</td>
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<td>Support harvest reductions</td>
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<td>Do not support lethal removal of pinnipeds</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>23.2%</td>
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<td>Predation of salmon by pinnipeds is not the primary issue for orcas</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
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<td>Support lethal removal of pinnipeds</td>
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Forage fish & marine productivity comment box
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<td>Restore forage fish habitat</td>
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### Vessels comments: Themes with >100 comments:

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<td>Need to further evaluate and engage with US Navy (and other military and Canada) on training and tests related to sonar and other exercises</td>
<td>&gt;300</td>
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<td>Improve oil transportation safety, response and accountability</td>
<td>&gt;200</td>
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<td>Need for vessel noise reduction is urgent</td>
<td>&gt;150</td>
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<td>Support for a moratorium or marked restriction on commercial (and recreational) whale watching</td>
<td>&gt;110</td>
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Public comment

Contaminants

• 600 total comments; no theme had >100 comments. Themes included human health benefits and urgency of action.

• There was significant general support for all of the contaminants recommendations (as with all recommendations in the report).
Public comment

Organization/coalition letters
- Council of Regions
- Stand Up to Oil Coalition
- Toxics-Free Future
- Oceana
- Bonneville Power Association
- The Lands Council
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Senate Republican Caucus
- Earthjustice
- The American Waterways Operators
- Washington State Association of Counties’ Coastal Caucus
- Washington Environmental Council
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Washington Association of Wheat Growers
- Orca Salmon Alliance
- Recreational Boating Association of Washington
- Association of Washington Cities
- American Rivers
- Regional Fisheries Coalition
- Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
- Environment Washington
- Skagit Watershed Council
- Marine Mammal Commission
- Save our Wild Salmon
- Roza Irrigation District
- Friends of the Earth
- Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
- Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board
- Okanogan Public Utility District
- Washington State Academy of Sciences
- Sound Action
- Northwest Straits Commission
- Snoqualmie Watershed Forum
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- Columbia County Commissioners
- The Nature Conservancy
- Western States Petroleum Association
- Puget Sound Anglers
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- 6 scientists

Many others, all available at https://pspwa.box.com/s/0xt6ruk2mi1otygoty9frz4iieriw399
Public comment

Most supported in organization/coalition letters

• **Habitat 1** – funding for habitat acquisition and restoration (12 letters)
• **Habitat 2** – funding for large-scale estuary restoration (10 letters)
• **Hydro 2** – compile and prioritize a list of barriers (10 letters)
• **Habitat 3** – fully enforce Fishway, Flow, and Screening statute (9 letters)
• **Hydro 5B** – neutral third party on lower Snake River dams (7 letters)
• **Hydro 4** – spill (7 letters)
Most opposed in organization/coalition letters

• Removing the lower Snake River dams (6 letters)
• Vessels 13 – oil spill prevention (3 letters opposing it, 4 supporting it)
Most frequent new suggestions in organization/coalition letters

• Additional Habitat recommendation replacing the “no-net-loss” policy in the Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act with an “ecological-net-gain” policy (6 letters)

• Additional Hydro recommendation directing state agencies to use SEPA to evaluate the potential impacts of new dam projects on salmon availability for the Southern Residents (4 letters)

• Many specific suggestions for edits/amendments