

modification, or curtailment of a species' habitat or range; (B) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific or educational purposes; (C) disease or predation; (D) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and (E) other natural or man-made factors affecting the species' continued existence. These may or may not still be limiting recovery when in the future NMFS reevaluates the status of the species to determine whether the protections of the ESA are no longer warranted and the species could be "delisted." In its Final Supplement to the Shared Strategy Plan, NMFS provides specific criteria for each of the relevant listing/delisting factors to help ensure that underlying causes of decline have been addressed and mitigated prior to considering the species for delisting.

Site-Specific Actions

The Recovery Plan recognizes that recovery actions must be implemented at both the regional, or ESU, and watershed, or population, levels, and it proposes both types of site specific actions. Watershed-level actions are detailed in the individual watershed plans contained in Volume II of the Shared Strategy Plan, and regional actions are described in Volume I. The Recovery Plan states that recovery will depend on integrating actions that address habitat (including hydropower effects), harvest, and hatchery operations. An adaptive management program is under development in coordination with NMFS and regional stakeholders involved in implementation of the Recovery Plan.

Time and Cost Estimates

The ESA section 4(f)(1) requires that a recovery plan include "estimates of the time required and the cost to carry out those measures needed to achieve the Plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal" (16 U.S.C. 1533[f][1]). The Shared Strategy Plan estimates that recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon will take "several decades," or 50 to 100 years. Chapter 8 of the Shared Strategy Plan summarizes cost estimates for the measures needed to achieve the plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal. The Shared Strategy Plan (Volume I and the individual watershed chapters in Volume II) provides cost estimates to carry out specific recovery actions for the first 10 years of plan implementation, as well as cost estimates for programs that span multiple watersheds: hatchery improvements, nearshore and marine habitat protection and restoration, and incentive programs for habitat

restoration and conservation on farm and small forest lands. The total cost is estimated at an average of \$120 million per year for the first 10 years. Implementing this first phase is expected to result in improved conditions for all Puget Sound Chinook populations and to put the ESU on a trajectory toward recovery.

NMFS supports the policy determination to focus on the first 10 years of implementation, with the proviso that before the end of this first implementation period, specific actions and costs to achieve long-term goals will be estimated for subsequent years, to proceed until a determination is made that listing is no longer necessary. NMFS agrees that 10 years is a reasonable period of time during which to implement and evaluate the actions identified in the Recovery Plan. NMFS strongly supports the Shared Strategy Plan's intention to conduct additional economic analyses through the adaptive management process over time and to use these in realigning priorities as appropriate.

Conclusion

NMFS concludes that the Recovery Plan meets the requirements of ESA section 4(f) and thus is adopting it as the Recovery Plan for Puget Sound Chinook Salmon.

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