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SUBJECT: **May-June Activities of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office**

Large Woody Materials Workshop – The Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, Recreation & Conservation Office, and Department of Fish and Wildlife sponsored a workshop on the use of woody materials in salmon recovery projects on May 30th. The workshop was well attended, with over 135 people convening to hear experts and talk among themselves about supply, transport and storage of this important commodity. A thorough report on recommendations emerging from the event will be presented to the SRFB at the October meeting.

Regional Organizations' Policy Summit – Regional organizations convened a policy summit in May, attended by over 70 people representing all salmon recovery regions in the state. Policy staff from federal, state and local agencies; tribal governments; elected officials; and others spent the day talking about issues they all share as they work on implementing their recovery plans. A more detailed report is included later in your agenda.

Recovery Plan "Roll-ups" Initiated – Oregon and Idaho salmon recovery plans have now progressed far enough that NOAA-Fisheries has initiated ESU scale roll-ups towards full federal recovery plans. Substantial progress has occurred on Middle Columbia steelhead, with all three management units in Washington (Yakima, Snake, and Klickitat) joined with Oregon units as part of a draft that is due for release in September. Discussions are also underway for all Lower Columbia ESUs and the tri-state Snake River ESUs.

Pacific Northwest Region High Level Indicators – GSRO has joined with the Oregon Governor's Office to co-chair an effort that we hope will lead to a common set of high level indicators among the four northwest states. The goal is to have agreement on a core group of indicators for consistent regional and agency programmatic level reporting on fish, condition of watersheds, and effectiveness of our actions to improve these. Initial report is due in October 2008.