

Council of Regions Report

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

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COR met on November 11th and will hold a short working lunch on December 1st. Work and discussion by the Council of Regions has focused on the following topics:

- Regional organizations are focusing their tasks around the recommendations from the Policy Forum in May. Key tasks include:
 - Pursuing increased/diversified/stable funding for implementing salmon recovery.
 - Coordinating monitoring frameworks, activities and reporting.
 - Developing/marketing messages on key issues that all regions support (on-going COR function that continues to emerge as a key task).
- Regional organizations are preparing a joint funding request for operating budgets that will be presented to the SRFB at its February meeting well in advance of a decision in May.
- Regional organizations continue to work with the Washington Monitoring Forum to develop proposals for how regional input and review can help shape future budget proposals from state agencies. COR representatives will participate in the December 3rd Forum meeting – information from that meeting will be provided to the SRFB.
- Regional organizations continue to work with NOAA Fisheries to clarify how NOAA and Regional Organizations can best support each other as we shift from developing recovery plans to plan implementation.
- Regional organizations are working with GSRO to provide data for the regional sections of the next State of the Salmon report, which is nearing completion.
- Regional representatives continue to participate alongside LEAG and others in the SRFB's Regional Allocation Task Force (RATF).
- The regional organizations all provided input to the GSRO regarding state and federal budget priorities that implement regional recovery plans; this report was submitted to the Governor's office for use by OFM in developing the Governor's proposed budget process.
- Update to LEAG, November 4, 2008