

# Oregon Coastal Coho

Stakeholders' Group

# Oregon Coastal Coho

- Stakeholders' group
  - Convened by Oregon Governor's Office, ODFW and NMFS
- Multiple goals
  - Oregon Plan Evaluation
  - Input into NMFS Status Review
  - Oregon Native Fish Conservation Plan

# Oregon Coastal Coho

- Group composition
  - Stakeholders
  - ODFW Staff
  - Oregon Governor's Office Staff
  - Other State Agency Representatives
  - NMFS Staff

# OC Coho Stakeholders

- Timber Industry
- Agriculture
- Oregon Industry Advocates
- Local Governments
- Watershed Councils
- SWCDs
- Fish Conservation Groups
- Sportfishing Groups

# Outcomes

- Oregon Plan Rated a Success
- NMFS review: Coho listing not warranted
- Fish Cons appealed review
- OC Coho Conservation Plan Completed
- Court ruled NMFS review flawed, Oregon Conservation Plan inadequate for ESU, ordered listing.
- NMFS listed Coho
- NMFS now doing new Status Review

# Value of Participation to Council

- Opportunity to present our findings
- Opportunity to advocate for our views on restoration, rebuilding
- Opportunity to learn others' views of limiting factors, restoration needs
- Opportunity for new partnerships
- Opportunities for funding

# Value to council (2)

- New perspectives on restoration
- New arguments for grant proposals
- New priorities to follow

# Disappointments

- State unwillingness to consider rule changes.
- Low-balled targets.
- Lack of focus on goals.
- Degree of State Deference to Timber Industry.

# Challenges to Council

- Time, Travel Commitment
- Agreement on approach
- Realization of place in Pecking Order

# Is It Worth Your While?

- Yes, IF:
  - You have someone who is effective in that kind of venue.
  - You have information to bring.
  - You have the capacity to help implement.
  - You see opportunities to build new partnerships