What Success Looks Like:

Responses from the Governor’s Salmon Workgroup Members

1) To become more of a player in the decision-making process in the northwest.

2) Present policy recommendation that resolve (the) main issue...lack of salmon abundance in Idaho. Lack of abundance creates conflicts by causing competition for limited resources. Increase abundance and regulatory handcuffs come off allowing for more opportunity to use resources without competition.

3) Restore salmon and steelhead harvest for tribes that have lost those opportunities. Restore anadromy to all historic habitat in Idaho. An agreeable solution that have buy in from all workgroup members and their constituency. Willingness to compromise where no one feels like they are losing.

4) A list of (consensus) policy positions for the Governor for actions to be taken (to coalesce) the state and Idaho to enhance salmon populations and a list of policy positions for regional collaborative actions.

5) Success would be developing an understanding of each task force members interest. Then exploring ways in which those interests intersect to form common ground.

6) Success means a set of policy recommendations for the Governor that are achievable policy items that lead to recovery of wild anadromous fish in Idaho.

7) List of policy positions Idaho should advance in regional fora.

8) The group coalescing around a series of actions/recommendations that are meaningful in terms of increased fish passage rates and retain the meaningful uses of the river system (irrigation, power, navigation, recreation, barging).

9) The creation of a suit of policies/actions that add up to restored, harvestable, significant wild salmon and steelhead in Idaho. These policies would have the all-around support of Idahoans and would make the state better off than we are now.

10) Having abundant and sustainable salmon and steelhead populations that support healthy, harvestable levels and fairly sharing the conservation burden. Achieving this within our lifetime, at earliest possible moment.

11) Policy recommendations that aren’t already being addressed i.e. sea lions and spill. Need to have “what if conversation re BPA going under. Who needs what to be made whole if dam operations cease and is out of our control. We must have that conversation.

12) A plan that will achieve the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s Goal of consistent 2%-6% smolt to adult return (rates) (SARs) for Idaho salmon and steelhead.

13) Provide Governor consensus based, cost effective, science-based recommendation to aid in measurable salmon recovery results in our state.

14) Policies that would improve fish numbers w/o impacting livelihood of people.

15) Recommendations with consensus on ideas and actions for activities that can be done by the state and positions on issues (broader) that affect the region.

16) Policy recommendations that can lead to resilient, sustainable populations of anadromous fish runs in Idaho that a) addresses the risks of ESA listing and 2) provide harvestable fish numbers.
United Idaho position to take/use for feds, OR, & WA that allows Idaho to be as effective as they have been in protecting our fish.

17) Function(al) streams, rivers and landscapes. Healthy rural communities, and first nation tribes. The ability to pass the natural vales we have experienced to future generations. A state where its people may connect with the natural wonders of Idaho. The opportunity to experience place.

18) Restoring abundant and resilient populations of returning wild fish. Maintain viable & (economically) productive hatchery fisheries. Keeping all groups whole. Fostering cooperative and mutually beneficial relationships among respectful parties/interest groups.

19) Success from the group process would be a workable set of goals/plan, putting all options on the table, that will get us toward the common goal of meaningful, sustainable numbers of fish returning to Idaho. Long term success is actually having those fish.