

ODFW IVA9 - Update Priority Area Designations for Salmon and Steelhead

Summary of Measure: Prior to the major work season for habitat restoration in 1999 (and no later than March 31, 1999), ODFW will work with NMFS staff, other scientists, and other appropriate entities to further refine and map priority areas designated for steelhead. Similarly, core area maps for coho salmon will be reviewed and updated, and a determination made on whether existing core area maps for chinook and chum salmon can be updated or should be replaced with a different approach to identifying priority areas. The effect of priority area designations on management programs will also be more clearly defined through this review process.

Goal: Effectively designate and communicate priority areas for protecting, restoring, and sustaining salmon and steelhead and the effects of these designations on management programs.

Objective: Assist in guiding limited resources for the protection and restoration of salmon and steelhead to priority areas for sustaining each species.

Deliverables: Updated maps, tables, definitions, and descriptions of priority areas and a short document explaining the effect of priority area designations on management programs.

Responsible Staff: Fish Division and District Biologists

Completion Date: March 31, 1999