

Introduction



1 **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

2 The Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Resource Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement
3 (DEIS) was made available for a 45-day public comment period on April 16, 2004 (69 FR 20609). The
4 comment period was extended for one month to July 1, 2004 (69 FR 32547) in direct response to a
5 request from the public. This resulted in a total comment period of 78 days. In addition to the Federal
6 Register announcement, comments were also solicited via: 1) an announcement on the National Marine
7 Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region web site; 2) an email notification to western Washington
8 news agencies and various federal, state, tribal, and local jurisdictions; 3) postcards and letters mailed
9 directly to individuals and organizations included on a public notification mailing list. Several other
10 agencies and organizations, such as, Shared Strategy, and the Washington Department of Fish &
11 Wildlife (WDFW), also provided notification through their web sites and newsletters.

12 This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was generated in response to updated information
13 and public comments received by NMFS pertaining to the public review draft of the Puget Sound
14 Chinook Harvest Resource Management Plan DEIS, dated April 2004. The FEIS consists of two
15 volumes.

16 Volume 1:

- 17 Section 1.0 Introduction
- 18 Section 2.0 Overview of Public Comments Received
- 19 Section 3.0 Public Comments and NMFS' Responses

20 Final EIS Volume 2 is the revised Draft EIS as modified in response to public comments or updated
21 information.

