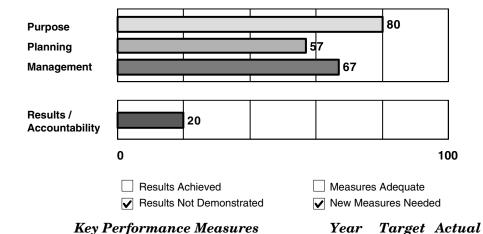
## **Program:** Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

Agency: Department of Commerce

Bureau: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



Long-term Measure: Measures under development		
Annual Measure: Measures under development		

## Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

Program Type: Block/Formula Grants

## Program Summary:

The purpose of the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) is to help restore stocks of Pacific salmon through improvement and expansion of available habitat. The program provides grants to the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska for this purpose.

- 1. Program-wide performance metrics have not yet been developed, although each state is developing performance measures related to their individual needs. While some 600 projects have been approved, their effects on Pacific salmon stocks are not yet known.
- 2. The program has not been able to allocate funds based on recovery needs of specific salmon populations. Alaska, which has no threatened or endangered salmon species, uses some of the funds for marketing of native salmon. Within states, there are competitive processes to select projects based on the state established priorities. Because NOAA has had to negotiate individual agreements with each state, fund distributions have taken longer than expected.
- 3. The long-term performance goal of the program is to contribute to recovery and conservation of Pacific salmon. The program, which started in 2000, has not finalized annual measures yet. The Administration has proposed that funds be allocated based on protecting those salmon populations that are most at risk as a first priority. Congress has not supported this change.

In response to these findings:

- 1. The Budget continues the program and again proposes allocation of funds based on listed salmon recovery goals.
- $2. \ {\rm The\ program}$  is directed to complete the development of program-wide long-term performance measures by June, 2003.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Commerce chapter in the Budget volume.)

## Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate
110	90	90