

# MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team Meeting  
Lincoln County Lowlands Estuarine  
Field Trip  
July 7, 1998**

**Public Meeting  
LaSells Stewart Center  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, Oregon**

**July 8, 1998**

**Members Attending Field Trip:**

Logan Norris, Chair  
Jim Lichatowich, Vice Chair  
Kathleen Kavanagh  
William Percy  
John Buckhouse

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Logan Norris, Chair  
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John Buckhouse

**Not Attending Meeting**

Wayne Elmore  
William Percy  
Stan Gregory

**Others Participating in Meeting:**

Jay Nicholas, Governor's Office

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IMST members toured portions of Lincoln County to obtain a better understanding of lowland estuarine issues.

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### **Introduction**

Chair Logan Norris convened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. The Team adopted the proposed agenda with some changes. The May 12-13, 1998 draft minutes were approved with a correction to indicate that the September meeting is likely to cover two days, September 9 and 10.

### **Report on Developments**

Chair Norris attended the June meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on Salmon and Stream Enhancement (JLCSSE) at which he reviewed the IMST charter, active project log and a modified scoping report and the outline of Project 3 (the NMFS Recommendations on Oregon Forest Practices Act). He said the Committee was supportive of the Team's work, but requested more written material. He also updated the Salmon Strategy Team (including the Governor) on the IMST's work at their June meeting.

### **Court Decision on Coastal Coho and the Oregon Plan**

Jay Nicholas reviewed the U.S. Federal District Court decision that the Oregon Plan is not adequate for salmon recovery and that coastal coho salmon should be listed as endangered. The State has appealed the decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The deadline for NMFS to make a decision about listing coastal coho is August 3. He said the State remains committed to salmon recovery and will continue to work with its partners. However, a listing would impact current funding of the plan and alternative funding sources would need to be explored. Jay also discussed the development of an adaptive management team and the possibilities for greater flexibility for the states as the Endangered Species Act comes up for reauthorization.

There was discussion about combining all the IMST reports into one product at a later date.

### **IMST 1999-2001 Budget Development**

Chair Norris verified with Paula Burgess that the scope of responsibility of the Team is coastal watersheds with a focus on coho and steelhead. There is a possibility the scope of the IMST work could be broadened to include the Willamette and Columbia Basins. He reported that both Paula Burgess and the JLCSSSE have requested that the Team accelerate its work. The Team discussed methods of committing more time to the IMST work to increase its productivity. Chair Norris will draft budget proposal alternatives with Team input and submit them to Paula Burgess.

### **Literature Assistance**

Chair Norris introduced Susan Peck, who will assist the Team with literature research. Team members will request assistance directly from Susan and she will report to Logan periodically on her work assignments.

**ACTION:** Team members will provide Susan with their professional background information and meet with her individually to discuss their research needs.

There was discussion about various database software and methods of categorizing information.

**ACTION:** Susan will investigate database options further.

**ACTION:** John will provide her with information on ProCite.

### **Future Meetings**

Chair Norris will be out of town the month of August. The August 12 meeting will be chaired by Jim Lichatowich and will include a review of portions I-IV of the draft hatchery report and the scoping report for the monitoring project.

**ACTION:** Logan will ask Wayne Elmore to provide his scoping report for Team review prior to the meeting.

A three-day meeting September 9-11 was adopted. It will include a review of portions of the reports on hatcheries, the temperature standard and escapement, as well as, presentations on coho habitat in lowland and estuary systems.

The August, September and October meetings will be held at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus.

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ACTION: Logan will distribute the list of sub-committees to the Team.

**Project 42: Lowland and Estuarine Systems-Kathleen Kavanagh**

Kathleen Kavanagh reviewed changes made to the scoping report on lowland and estuarine systems. There was discussion concerning the locations visited on the previous day's field trip, tidal influence, stream gradient, beaver habitat and how to relate the report to the Oregon Plan. The Team adopted the scoping report and work plan.

**Project 41: Temperature Standard-John Buckhouse**

After discussion, it was agreed to delay the scoping report on the temperature standard until the September meeting to allow John to work directly with Stan Gregory after his return from England in mid-August.

**Project 7: Hatcheries-Jim Lichatowich**

ACTION: Jim will send a draft of sections I-IV of the hatchery report to the subcommittee for review within the next two weeks.

**Public Comment**

There being no public comment the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.