

MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team Meeting
LaSells Stewart Center
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon**

October 14-15, 1998

Members in Attendance:

Logan Norris, Chair
Jim Lichatowich, Vice Chair
Kathleen Kavanagh
William Percy
Stan Gregory

Members Absent

Wayne Elmore
John Buckhouse

Others Participating:

Roy Hemmingway, Governor's Office
Bill Bakke, Native Fish Society

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Introduction

Chair Norris convened the meeting at 8:45 AM.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with one change. The ODFW Willamette Plan presentation was moved to the November meeting and was replaced by a timeline update on the Temperature Standard, Project 41.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

DECISION: It was decided that the first draft of the Estuarine and Lowlands Project 42 will be due in January 1999 and the final report in March.

Updates

The following items were announced and/or discussed:

Stan Gregory was the public sector recipient of the Governor's Willamette Basin Award for his contribution to the health and livability of the basin.

The OSU Extension newspaper ran a brief piece on the work of IMST. Logan suggested they do periodic updates.

A request from Pacific Marine Fisheries Service for nominees for various steering committees.

ACTION: Recommendations for nominees will be made by individual team members if they wish, not by the team as a whole.

Washington State is developing a science team for its salmon recovery work.

ACTION: Logan will contact Washington science team representatives to share information.

Predator Report Update, Project 6—Bill Pearcy

Bill reviewed the latest Predator Report draft including the subcommittee's science questions and comments received from Team members. Science questions were discussed and assigned to subcommittee members. The Team adopted a schedule for completing work on this project. The schedule calls for a final draft from the subcommittee to the Team on November 6. Team members are to review the draft in detail; with the intent the Team will finalize and adopt the report at the November meeting of the Team.

Team Business

Logan reviewed the report format/organizational structure that the Team developed in March 1998.

The Team designated Logan as Team editor. He will confirm the proposed report format is appropriate.

ACTION: Suzie will research predator control literature for Jim

Escapement Report, Project 8—Stan Gregory

There was discussion concerning whether there is a link between the science/model projections and harvest levels.

ACTION: Stan will contact Pete Lawson, NMFS, to follow up and ask to use his graph.

ACTION: Stan will re-draft a letter to Pacific Marine Fisheries Council asking for clarification concerning harvest issues which will be copied to the Governor's office and ODFW.

ACTION: Stan will draft transmittal letter to ODFW recommending that ODFW's position be that the trigger be based on the model.

Stan reviewed 27 science questions for the Escapement Project and asked for Team input on whether each question was of major or minor importance to the report. The questions were to be grouped under three categories: models of risk assessment, estimates of mortality and monitoring.

ACTION: Stan will group the questions within the categories, add text to them, and distribute a draft to the Team. There may be a subcommittee work session that would include Pete Lawson and Tom Nickelson on the evening of Nov. 9 to clarify some issues.

ACTION: Stan will get the date and location of the AFS meeting in February, and the IMST meeting will be scheduled around that date. He will also explore options for a workshop at the AFS meeting on the on modeling OCN stocks and their survival.

Temperature Standard, Project 41—Stan Gregory

Stan raised the issue of a possible conflict of interest with him in this project due to his involvement on the DEQ temperature standard science team. There was discussion concerning the definition of conflict of interest.

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DECISION: Based on the language in the Team Charter the Team concluded that Stan's previous involvement with this topic does not constitute a conflict of interest, and that his expertise was invaluable to this report.

ACTION: There will be a clear statement of this decision in the report.

ACTION: Jim will provide a NRC form on the topic to assist in stating this decision.

The State is currently implementing the standard under an MOU with EPA. The EPA findings from their review of the temperature standard may come out in November or December. The Team agreed that our project report should consider what is the scientific basis for:

1. The State's proposed standard—including adjustments for life history, species requirements, seasonal changes
2. Dave Roger's classification system and proper function and condition
3. Roger's classification alone
4. Proper function and condition alone

ACTION: Suzie will search for the BLM document

ACTION: Team members' comments on the questions should be sent to Stan

The meeting was adjourned for the day 5:25 PM.

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Chair Norris reconvened the meeting at 8:45 AM.

ACTION: Logan will draft an amendment to the Team Charter to show that subcommittees larger than three will conduct their business in conformance to the Sates public meeting law.

Hatchery Report, Project 7—Jim Lichatowich

Jim reviewed the Hatchery report format and the draft science questions developed by the subcommittee on September 25. The Team adopted a 2-phase approach to reporting on this project.

- Phase I—Comparison of the Oregon Plan with three reports on hatchery programs by independent panels
- Phase II—Will be more detailed dealing with mitigation, augmentation, conservation/restoration and include literature review.

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The science questions will include these categories:

- Monitoring and evaluation—Katy
- Genetics , Harvest Ecology (freshwater) and Supplementation —Jim
- Ecology (marine)—Bill

NEW SCIENCE QUESTION: Have hatcheries documented objectives and processes so they know what to monitor in relation to the Oregon Plan?

ACTION: Jim will draft of Phase I and get editing feedback from the subcommittee. He will then send it to the Team on Friday, November 6 so that it may be reviewed and adopted at the November meeting.

Team Business

- Stan reviewed the information received from Sam Sharr, ODFW, on the questions posed by the Team on the Buoy 10 fishery.
- The Team agreed not to participate in the ODFW Introduced Fishes Workshop as requested by Ray Temple. Individuals may attend, but the Team agreed it will have no position on an issue unless there is a published report.

ACTION: Jim will draft a letter for Logan to send on behalf of the Team to Ray Temple.

- Suzie requested guidelines on how she could assist Team members

ACTION: Individuals will contact Suzie with their literature needs.

- It was agreed that letters sent on behalf of the Team are public documents and can be released to the public upon request. These could also be included on the Oregon Plan web page.
- Logan will schedule a time to report to the JLCSSSE during its December meeting.
- Tentative Agenda. November 9-10, 1998

November 9, 1998

8:30-10:30 ODFW Willamette Plan (presentations)
10:30-2:00 Review and Adoption of Hatcheries Report, Project 7
2:00-4:00 Draft Escapement Report, Project 8, Discuss next steps

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8:30-12:00 Review and Adoption Predation Report. Project 6
1:00-2:00 Temperature Standard, Project 41--Refine scope and timeline
2:00-3:00 Forestry Report, Project 3--Refine timeline
3:00-4:00 Plan Next Meeting

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Public Comment

Comments were made by Bill Bakke, Native Fish Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.