

IMST Public Meeting AGENDA
January 20-21, 1999
Large Conference Room, FSL 200
Forestry Science Lab., 3200 Jefferson Way
Corvallis, OR

Wednesday January 20, 1999

- 8:30 Convene public meeting - Logan
Revisions to the agenda.
Approve minutes.
- 9:00 Project 17, Monitoring, Phase 1, 1998 report – Wayne
Briefing, Kelly Moore, Natural Resources
Select documents for review of 1998 program
Develop outline and schedule for letter report
- 11:00 Project 7, phase 2. Hatchery audit protocols - Jim
Briefing, Don McIsaac, ODFW
Finalize scoping, develop outline and schedule for next report
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 Project 41. Temperature standards - Stan
Briefing by EPA, NMFS, DEQ
Complete scoping, develop outline and schedule for report
- 4:00 IMST Annual Report Adoption – Logan
- 5:00 Adjourn

Thursday January 21, 1999

- 1:00 Reconvene Public Meeting
- 1:15 Project Status Reports
Project 3. Forestry - Logan
Project 8. Escapement - Stan
Project 9. Land use (agriculture, grazing and urban) – Wayne/John
- 3:00 Team Business
Executive order and implications – Jay Nicholas
Identify Team representatives Oregon Plan groups
February agenda
March agenda
- 4:00 Adjourn

Public comments will be accepted before lunch break and the close of business each day.

MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
Forestry Science Lab Room 200
3200 Jefferson Way
Corvallis OR
January 20-21, 1999**

Members in Attendance:

Logan Norris, Chair
John Buckhouse
Stan Gregory
Wayne Elmore
Kathleen Kavanagh
William Percy

Members Not in Attendance:

Jim Lichatowich, Vice Chair

Others Participating:

Kelly Moore, Governor's Natural Resources Office
Jay Nicholas, Governor's Natural Resources Office
Ron Wylie, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Don McIsaac, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
Joyce Cohen, Governor's Office
Debra Sturdevant, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Jeff Weber, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

AUDIOTAPES OF THIS MEETING ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE. Please contact Kelly Moore (541) 7575-4263 ext. 226 or Bev Goodreau (503) 378-3589 ext. 822.

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The meeting was convened at 9:15 due to recording equipment difficulties.

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Stan Gregory said representatives from NMFS and EPA again declined to brief the Team concerning their ongoing negotiations on temperature standard. They will be asked to review the results once the negotiations are completed.

MINUTES

The December minutes were approved with the following scrivener changes:

Page 2, Change "CJ Fast" to "CJ FAS"

Page 2, Change "MST" to "IMST"

Page 3, Change to read Coastal Salmon **Restoration and** Production Task Force.

ACTION: Re: Page 2, last paragraph--Logan will re-draft this portion of the Charter to indicate that members may review a Team report with specific interest groups after notifying the chair. Members of the public and the media should still be referred to the chair for a statement.

Project 17, Monitoring Report, Phase 1—Wayne

Wayne Elmore discussed options for various phases of the Monitoring Report. Kelly Moore reviewed the Oregon Plan monitoring program including the following: the program objectives, implementation strategy, its relationship to SB 924, Chapter 15B of the Steelhead Supplement, Monitoring Team activities, the Executive Order (#99-1) and the Program Review and Effectiveness Monitoring Workshop that was held in November.

ACTION: Kelly will provide the Team with a review of the Monitoring Workshop within two weeks.

There was discussion concerning the primary goals of the Oregon Plan, funding issues, outreach activities to ensure communication of the work being done on the ground and what is being monitored. There was further discussion about a schedule for reporting to the IMST and what questions the monitoring program should be working to answer. Also discussed was the Oregon Business Council's proposal to change the Oregon Plan, the timing of the IMST's annual report to best assist the Monitoring Program and a review of the Draft Watershed Assessment Manual.

ACTION: Kelly will send the Team electronic copies of the materials he provided at the meeting and supply the Team with additional reports as they become available.

Kelly listed the following as suggestions that would be helpful to improve the Monitoring Program:

1. Monitoring staffs need a science review of results within their agencies

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2. Need for an informational link between IMST, agencies, the Governor's office—and a set of common goals
3. A re-engagement of federal participation in the monitoring program which has diminished with the coho listing.

ACTION: The Team will get their comments on the content of the report to Wayne by January 27. He will compile them and prepare a scoping paper for Team review.

ACTION: Kelly was asked to provide a list of the “top five” questions for the IMST to review concerning the Oregon Plan Monitoring Program, including how to evaluate success and provide adequate funding.

ACTION: Kelly will provide insights to barriers to a successful monitoring program.

ACTION: The Team will edit a draft letter report at the February meeting.

Project 7, Hatchery Audit Protocols - Bill

Bill reviewed the project in Jim's absence. Don McIsaac, ODFW, reviewed the progress of Phase I of the ODFW hatchery audit. He said the audit is about one month behind the its original schedule. A draft is scheduled to be ready for IMST comments by the 1st week of March and will then be presented to the ODFW Commission for comments at its March 19 meeting.

There were questions and discussion concerning whether there will be an overall program review, what the long term objectives of ODFW hatcheries are, both from the head office prospective and at the hatchery level. Are they the same? Don said each hatchery has varied objectives by species and location. Bill requested a partial report from ODFW before March 1 to allow IMST more time for its review.

ACTION: Don will endeavor to provide a partial draft by the February 18 IMST meeting.

ACTION: Don will provide the IMST with an outline of the audit report.

Project 17, Monitoring Report, Phase 1--Wayne (Cont.)

There was discussion about the value of a publication, web site or journal that would review and report the progress and results of monitoring programs to the public.

Project 41, Temperature Standard—Stan

Stan noted that NMFS had again declined to speak on the temperature standard while negotiations continue. Stan suggested putting the item on the agenda for the March meeting. Debra Sturdevant, DEQ, attended the meeting to answer any questions the Team might have. There was discussion concerning the state TMDL temperature based models, uniformity or coordination of monitoring programs, the relationship between water temperature and human activities and non-human

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activities. There was much discussion about how to proceed with the IMST report: should it include the science/biological basis for the standard and/or focus on factors that influence stream temperature (human activities, shade etc.).

ACTION: The Team will reshape the scoping report at the February meeting.

IMST Annual Report

The Team reviewed Logan's first draft of the IMST Annual Report and agreed that such a report is appropriate.

ACTION: Logan will redraft the report with an emphasis on what the Team has accomplished, its current work in progress and possible work strategies for 1999. It will also include an explanation of the process used to complete reports and the various meetings that Team members attend to represent IMST.

ACTION: Team members should send any further comments to Logan ASAP. He will distribute the final draft to the Team for approval before sending it to the Oregon Plan appointing authorities.

There was discussion concerning whether the Team would be asked to devote a larger percentage of time to its work. Stan suggested the use of subcommittees consisting of one Team member and the rest non-Team members to produce draft reports. The Team would then edit and enhance it before publication.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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Subcommittee meetings were held from 8:30-12:00.

Chair Norris reconvened the public meeting at 1:00 PM.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Project 3, Forestry--Logan

Logan reported that he and Katy attended the Board of Forestry's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Salmon and Watersheds (formerly the MOA Committee) meeting on January 14 to review the outline of the IMST Forestry report. He said the newly formed Committee will have a different focus based on the NMFS proposal and the Executive Order #99-1. It will make its report to the Board in June. The Committee has asked for a further report at its April 29-30 meeting.

Logan reviewed the outline and the science questions of the Forestry report. There was discussion concerning the various sections of the report:

Section one – emphasis on three areas: riparian habitat/buffers, large wood and roads

Section two – bio-physical issues

Section three – the interaction between forests and forest practices and aquatic structure

Section four – identifies approaches to achieving the goals of the Oregon Plan from the standpoint of forestry and forest practices

Section five – include the science questions

Specific recommendations about the Oregon Plan measures

There was further discussion concerning the Forest Practices Act, the Oregon Plan measures, core salmon areas, old growth, watershed based assessments, uniform prescriptives, fish bearing streams and geographic regions and riparian buffer zones, large wood, road aging and identification of resource materials.

ACTION: Team members noted their comments in the margin of their draft copies and gave them to Logan.

ACTION: Peer review of the draft report will be requested.

TIMELINE: The subcommittee will provide a draft report to the Team in February and intend to have a final report ready for adoption in March.

Project 8, Escapement--Stan

Stan reviewed the subcommittee draft, the three science questions, recommendations and conclusions.

The list of questions was condensed to the following:

1. How has harvest management affected OCN stock recovery?
2. Are harvest strategies based on the best available information and are they likely to contribute to rebuilding depressed stocks?
3. Are monitoring activities adequate to assess escapement and status of stocks?

There was discussion concerning mortality rates, Amendment 13 harvest modifications, human related mortality, selective fisheries, ocean conditions, delays in obtaining information, sub-basin models and extinction rates.

ACTION: A draft report will be distributed to the Team for comments before the February meeting.

ACTION: Logan will write a letter to Jim Martin, ODFW, to request further information on spawning issues.

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There was discussion about Amendment 14 relating to sustainable fisheries and essential fish habitat and decision-making process that will be finalized at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council's (PFMC) March meeting.

ACTION: Team members will review the Amendment 14 mailing and note how it may impact future IMST reports to discuss at the February meeting.

ACTION: Logan will call Executive Director Larry Six, Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) to request a response to IMST's November 2, 1998 letter.

Project 9, Land Use--Wayne/John

Jeff Weber, DLCD, discussed the effects of land use on aquatic habitat, land use patterns, activities, and categories.

John discussed possible phases of the project. There was discussion about coverage of forest and lowlands and estuaries land use and their cumulative effect on salmonids in reports already in process. John will prioritize this report focusing first on agricultural, then gravel extraction mining and then urban land use issues.

ACTION: John will contact Pete Lawson (?) to request a presentation relating a previous gravel mining report to the focus of the Oregon Plan.

ACTION: John will draft and distribute science questions and a report outline with an explanation of the integration across various land uses to the Team for comment.

ACTION: John will represent IMST at the Healthy Streams Partnership meeting on Friday, January 22.

TEAM BUSINESS

Executive Order No. 99-1 (EO)—Jay Nicholas

Jay reviewed the EO with the Team. The document reaffirms the Governor's and the State of Oregon's dedication to salmon recovery by widening the scope of the Oregon Plan to include the whole state, all state agencies and all wild salmonids. It also dispels the theory that since the listing the Oregon Plan is no longer applicable. The EO contains no new budgetary or statutory authority, and maintains the IMST's independence. Jay said the EO states that the IMST will send its reports/recommendations to the appropriate state agency. The agencies will respond to those recommendations through the Governor's Office and the Joint Legislative Committee on Stream Restoration and Species Recovery. Logan asked that the Governor's Natural Resources Office (GNRO) assist in ensuring that IMST recommendations are directed to the appropriate agencies.

Team Representatives to Oregon Plan Groups

ACTION: Logan will include in his meeting notes his understanding of which Team member represents which related group and ask for corrections if needed.

Next Meeting Agendas

There was discussion concerning meeting conflicts on February 18 and 19.

ACTION: Logan will draft an agenda and distribute to the Team. Each member will contact him with any conflicting times.

The following is the tentative meeting schedule for the rest of 1999:

February 18-19

March 10-11

April 14-15

May 12-13

June 9-10

July 14-15

August 11-12

September 8-9

October 13-14

November 10-11

December 8-9

Public Comment

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.