

**IMST Agenda
December 14, 1999
Richardson Hall, room 313
Oregon State University, Corvallis OR 97331**

Tuesday, December 14, 1999 Public Meeting

8:30 Adopt Agenda, Approve Minutes, Report on Developments

9:00 Escapement project – Stan, Bill

- Review draft report on project, special attention to be given to the recommendations
- Verify plans for internal and external review and completing the escapement report

11:00 Native Fish Conservation Policy – Logan

- Discussion of ODFW process, see 2/2/99 letter from Doug DeHart

11:45 Public Comment

Noon – Lunch, on your own

1:00 Lowland Resources Project – John

2:00 Hatchery Project – Jim

- Plans for Phase III project – how hatcheries should be managed (collectively, and individually) to accomplish the mission of the Oregon Plan.

2:30 Team business – Logan

- Elect Chair for 2000, Budget and Longer term IMST strategic perspectives
- Temperature workshop planning – Stan

3:30 Public Comment

3:45 Adjourn

MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
December 13-14, 1999
Richardson Hall, Room 313
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon**

December 13, 1999

Members met in subcommittees to work on projects.

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Members in Attendance:

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

Others Participating:

Bill Bakke, Native Fish Society
Tom Nickelson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
Kelly Moore, Governor's Office
Paul Engelmeier, National Audubon Society
Chuck Tracy, ODFW
Don McIsaac, ODFW
Charlie Corrarino, ODFW
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout
Jacqueline Wyland, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Willamette Restoration Initiative

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The meeting was convened by Chair Logan Norris at 8:45 AM.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as drafted.

MINUTES

The November 15-16, 1999 meeting minutes were approved as written.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS

Budget

Logan reported that the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) approved additional funding for IMST with the following conditions: the funds cannot come from General Fund monies and must be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Stream Restoration and Species Recovery.

Salmon Recovery Groups

ACTION: Logan will communicate with the Chairs of the other panels working on salmon recovery to set up a joint meeting to coordinate research and prevent overlap.

Forest Practices Advisory Committee on Salmon and Watersheds

John reported that he has been asked by the Forest Practices Advisory Committee to participate on a panel discussing national conservancy.

Escapement Workshop Report—Stan

Stan reported that the draft escapement workshop report was distributed to the participants for final comment. It is now ready for distribution to the general public as a summary of the findings of the workshop on “Defining and Evaluating Recovery of OCN Coho Salmon Stocks”.

Escapement Report, Project 8—Stan

Stan reviewed the current draft report with the Team. There was discussion concerning format, readability, a title change and the planned meeting with invited reviewers to comment on the conclusions and recommendations. The meeting with report reviewers will be January 13 or January 10. It will be open to the public although comments will be allowed only at official public comment periods.

ACTION: The Team members will mark technical terms that need explanation. Suzie will develop a glossary for the report.

ACTION: Stan will ask Jim Hill to act as editor of the draft report.

ACTION: Stan will add language to the conclusions and recommendations that notes current actions the Team believes are positive and should be continued. He will distribute the revisions to the reviewers and request their comments be returned by January 5.

Public Comment

The following people made comments:

Paul Engelmeyer, National Audubon Society
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout
Kelly Moore, Governor’s Natural Resources Office
Bill Bakke, Native Fish Society
Jacqueline Wyland, NMFS

Methods to get wider distribution of the IMST reports were discussed. They included the Internet, and a possible press release from the Governor’s Office.

ACTION: The Team will review the current mail distribution list and provide additions.

ACTION: Logan will ensure that the IMST annual report reflects what the Team has learned from the reports.

The timing of the escapement report was discussed. Don McIsaac, ODFW, said the agency would need to receive the report in early February to use the recommendations in its decision making process.

ACTION: Logan will contact PFMC to confirm when the mailing to its membership will go out.

ACTION: Stan will distribute a revised draft report and e-mail the report reviewers to establish whether they will meet on January 10 or 13.

Public Comment

There were comments from the following people:

Paul Engelmeyer, National Audubon Society
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout
Jacqueline Wyland, NMFS
Don McIsaac, ODFW

ACTION: Logan will request the Army Corps of Engineers review of the Management Plan for 2000.

Native Fish Conservation Policy—Logan

Don McIsaac, ODFW presented an overview agency work on revision of the policy. He said peer review is planned for the spring of 2000 and they expect to have the project completed by summer. They would like IMST comments by April 1.

ACTION: Charlie Corrarino will provide a draft summary of the policy to the Team prior to the January meeting.

ACTION: ODFW will brief the Team on the draft policy at the January meeting.

Lowland Resources Report, Project 9—John

John reported on the subcommittee work on the Lowland Resources report. Katy reviewed the draft edits. There was discussion concerning agency updates. Kelly Moore noted that the Oregon Plan annual report includes a section on agencies' measures and updates on their activities.

Proposed Timeline:

May—Department of Agriculture staff review of the conclusions and recommendations
August—Completion

ACTION: Kelly will send a copy of the fish screen report to Logan.

Hatchery Report, Project 7—Jim

Jim suggested drafting a letter to ODFW to ask if the audit report is supposed to provide policy framework/guidance for hatcheries and, if not, what do hatcheries use for guidance. If the answer is yes, then the IMST should review the report to see if it is consistent with the Oregon Plan and later review the implementation of the performance measures. Logan suggested meeting in a workshop situation to talk about implementation.

Don McIsaac said the Coastal Salmon Restoration and Production Task Force is considering a bond issue and has asked ODFW what funding conservation/research hatcheries would entail. Also, when, where and how hatchery intervention is appropriate. ODFW would like the IMST's input on the issues. The agency will have an internal meeting on January 4 to develop information to present to the task force at its January 11 meeting.

ACTION: IMST members will review the ODFW proposal in January and send individual comments to Don McIsaac.

TEAM BUSINESS

Future Work

Logan discussed the future work of the Team. He suggested acceleration of the Team's work with a target date of June 2001 for completion of current projects focusing on fish management and land use. Then the Team could concentrate its efforts on reviewing programs as they relate to the Oregon Plan. The Team decided their current work would be the foundation for future reviews of programs or material brought forward for review. There was discussion concerning the IMST literature database for these purposes.

ACTION: Team members will send info to Stan and Suzie to update the literature database.

Election of Chair

The Team unanimously re-elected Logan as the Chair and agreed to change the Charter to allow him to remain in office through June 2001.

Temperature Workshop—Stan

Stan reviewed the list of proposed participants for the temperature workshop with the Team. There will be a two-day workshop and a one-day meeting. The focus will be on factors that influence temperature and whether the standard is based on science.

ACTION: Stan will poll the folks on the list by e-mail to set a date for the workshop in February, March or April.

Public Comment

There were comments from the following people:
Kelly Moore, Governor's Natural Resources Office
Jacqueline Wyland, NMFS

Other Meetings

December 15—Fisheries Industry

ACTION: Logan will ask Sam Sharr, ODFW, to provide information on this meeting.

December 17—Amendment 13, Newport

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.