

IMST Agenda
Tuesday, February 8, 2000
Richardson Hall, room 313
Oregon State University, Corvallis OR 97331

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- 8:30 Adopt Agenda, Approve Minutes, Report on Developments - Jim
- 9:00 Scope Hatchery phase III project – Jim
- 9:45 Review Kelly Moore report on our 1998 monitoring recommendations – Wayne, Jim
- 10:30 Team Business – Jim
- 11:00 Escapement project – Stan, Bill, Jim
- Review of revised Harvest management report
 - Verify plans for completing the escapement report
- 11:45 Public Comment
- Noon – Lunch, on your own
- 1:00 Escapement project, continued – Stan, Bill, Jim
- 2:45 Charlie Corrarino, ODFW Interjurisdictional Fisheries
- 3:00 Team business – Jim
- 3:15 Public Comment
- 3:30 Adjourn

MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
February 7-8, 2000
Richardson Hall, Room 313
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon**

February 7, 2000

Members met in subcommittees to work on projects.

February 8, 2000

Members in Attendance:

Jim Lichatowich, Vice Chair
John Buckhouse (10:45 AM)
Wayne Elmore
Stan Gregory (11:00 AM)
Kathleen Kavanagh
William Percy

Others Participating:

Kelly Moore, Governor's Office
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout
Chuck Tracy, ODFW
Tom Wainwright, NMFS
Charlie Corrarino, ODFW
Carl Finley, member of the public
Suzie Peck, IMST Literary Asst.

AUDIO TAPES 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.

The meeting was convened by Vice Chair Jim Lichatowich at 8:35 AM.

AGENDA

Added to the agenda was discussion of a draft escapement letter.

MINUTES

The January meeting minutes were held over for review and approval at the March meeting.

Hatchery Scoping Report Phase III, Project # 7—Jim

Jim reported that Don McIsaac's response to the IMST's inquiry is that there is no single document that represents the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) hatchery policy. However, Executive Order 99-01 charges the agency to develop an overall policy.

ACTION: The Team will draft a letter urging ODFW to complete a hatchery policy document as soon as possible.

ACTION: Jim will draft a letter to ODFW using the Team's comments to outline the IMST's issues of concern regarding the Hatchery Audit Report.

Bond Measure

The Team discussed ODFW's work on the Conservation Hatchery Improvement Proposal (CHIP). The Team expressed the following concerns about the development of a bonding proposal for \$20 millions because:

- there is no hatchery policy in place,
- the proposal includes no scientific basis to demonstrate it will lead to salmon recovery,
- ODFW has decentralized the research function and there is no provision for funding for monitoring in the CHIP, and
- There is no discussion of the temporary vs. permanent nature of these hatchery facilities.

Chuck Tracy, ODFW, reviewed the CHIP timeline and answered questions from the Team.

ACTION:

- IMST will organize a workshop on conservation hatcheries and supplementation
- The Team will review the draft bond measure and send comments to Jim.
- Jim will draft a letter to ODFW and send it to Logan for edits.
- The Team will approve the final draft at the March meeting.

Response Monitoring Letter Report Recommendations—Kelly Moore

Kelly Moore reviewed the written response to the IMST's 1998 recommendations. He noted that the April 26-27 monitoring workshop will address some of the IMST's recommendations. He suggested clustering specific topics on one day to accommodate the Team's needs. There was discussion concerning coordination of statewide and regional goals, increased assignments without funding for increased staffing and synthesis of the data collected. Kelly said the IMST recommendations have assisted in agency coordination and commitment to the monitoring program.

ACTION: Kelly will attempt to have the comprehensive draft report on monitoring to the IMST for review at the April meeting.

Escapement Letter—Bill

The Team reviewed a draft letter to ODFW Director, Jim Greer, and the agency as Oregon's Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) representative, regarding salmon management options for the year 2000.

ACTION: Bill will revise the letter using suggestions from the Team and the audience and e-mail it to the Team for further edits. He will then send it to Logan for finalization and mailing by February 15. Copies will be sent to PFMC, the Governor, the Senate President, Speaker of the House, Roy Hemmingway and the Joint Legislative Committee on Stream Restoration and Species Recovery.

Public Comment

None

Team Business

New Positions

The Team discussed what should be included in the job descriptions when hiring the new staff members to assist with reports. The following skills and areas of expertise were discussed: writing, analytical, networking, hydrology, genetics, habitat, ocean conditions and GIS. It was suggested that the Team review what they intend to accomplish in the balance of the current biennium (next 16 months) before developing the job descriptions.

Escapement Report, Project #8—Stan

Stan reviewed the preface and framework principles of the revised draft report.

ACTION/TIMELINE:

- Stan will e-mail the revised draft with the most current edits and graphics to Bill and the Team for comment by February 21.
- Stan and Bill will meet February 25 to make revisions based on the comments.
- Stan and Bill will decide whether the draft is ready to send out to the reviewers for final comment or to wait until after receiving comments from the Team at the March meeting.
- The Team will bring any further comments to the March meeting
- Finalization of the report in April

Native Fish Conservation Policy—Charlie Corrarino, ODFW

Charlie Corrarino gave an update on ODFW's development of its Native Fish Conservation Policy. He said the policy is intended as a tool to explain to the public what the agency is trying to do and why. The Team offered many suggestions. An achievable schedule for producing reports on the status of wild fish populations in Oregon is important. Other suggestions included:

- The biennial reports on the status of native fish in Oregon are useful and important, and the time and resources needed for them should be provided.
- Public meetings to gather comments and discuss the policy
- Review monitoring program for its adequacy to support the status assessment.

Reports on Developments

Bill reported on the latest plans to relocate Caspian terns from Rice Island.

Wayne suggested the Team again ask for assistance to get more timely responses to its report recommendations.

Public Comment

Comments were made by: Carl Finley

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 PM.