Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds

Public Meeting Notice & Agenda
June 22, 2006

Richardson Hall, Room # 115
Oregon State University campus
Corvallis, OR

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Thursday, June 22, 2006

9:00 Convene Meeting – Carl Schreck
Adopt agenda
Adopt May 2006 minutes
Set meeting dates: October 2006

9:15 Updates and developments –very brief:
- E-Board request – Nancy Molina
- GNRO – Molina
- Others?

9:30 Review of ODA's draft Monitoring Handbook – Neil Christensen
Team discussion and adoption of draft review.

10:00 OWEB Research Proposal Review Process – Michael Harte
Team review and adoption of draft proposal to OWEB on the agency's research review process. Discussion of possible IMST roles in the review process.

10:30 IMST review of DEQ's draft document *Technical Basis for Revising Turbidity Criteria* – Carl Y.
Team discussion and adoption of draft review.

11:45 Public comment

12:00 LUNCH (provided for Team and staff, on your own for public)

1:00 On-going project and review (brief updates)
- Urban & Rural Residential – Bob Hughes
- Eastern Oregon Resources – Carl Yee
- Federal guidance document on instream sediment mining – Kathy Maas-Hebner

- Effectiveness Monitoring reports – Nancy Molina

1:45 IMST draft 2007-2009 budget – Molina & Schreck

2:15 IMST draft Guiding Principles – Schreck
Team discussion and adoption of IMST's general guiding principles developed by the Team.

4:00 Public comment

4:15 Adjourn Public Meeting

MINUTES
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Members in Attendance:
Neil Christensen
Carlton Yee
Nancy Molina, Co-Chair
Carl Schreck, Co-Chair
Michael Harte
Bob Hughes
Vic Kaczynski

Members Absent:
None

Others Attending:
Kathy Maas-Hebner, OSU
Susie Dunham, OSU
Bob Baumgartner, DEQ
Tom Rosetta, DEQ
Rob Roholt, Blue Heron Paper & NWPPA
Dave Wilkinson, ODA

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June 22, 2006
Carl Schreck convened the meeting at 9:04 AM and asked anyone with a potential conflict of interest to bring it to the Team's attention for discussion. No one declared a potential conflict.

AGENDA
Two modifications were made to the agenda:

Hughes requested that that an item be added to the agenda regarding team discussion of a request to OSU Research Office to fund a center for statistical analysis, design and monitoring. The item was added to "Updates and Developments".

Schreck indicated that Tom Rosetta (DEQ) requested time on the agenda to discuss points made in IMST's review of turbidity criteria technical document. DEQ's request for time will be incorporated into the Team's discussion on the draft review.

MINUTES
May minutes were adopted as presented.

FUTURE MEETINGS
July 26 & 27, 2006 (may be rescheduled as a short conference call)
August 21 & 22, 2006
September 20 & 21, 2006
October meeting dates were set as October 16 & 17, 2006

UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENTS

- *Team Appointments* – Carl Schreck has been reappointed to the Team for an additional four years.
- *E-Board request* – Nancy Molina: The IMST request for additional operating funds was submitted. The request was later withdrawn by OWEB based on the Legislative Fiscal Office's (LFO) analysis of current expenditures and Team expenditures in the 2003-2005 biennium. The LFO did not find that the IMST had made a sufficient case for the request The Team may make another request in November. Molina stated that the Team needs to develop a detailed long-range work plan to better justify budget requests. Molina suggested that the Team query agencies to see what reviews may come up in 07–09 biennium budget time period. The Team discussed this further under the afternoon budget item.

- *Statistical and monitoring consultation at OSU* – Hughes reported that an EPA funded grant for statistical analysis and consulting was ending and that several state agencies have used this service for developing monitoring designs and statistical analyses. There is a need to continue funding this service and the OSU Survey Research Center is a good place for it. Hughes asked if it is appropriate for the IMST to suggest to OSU that the university seek state and federal funding for such a program. The Team discussed the appropriateness as well as the

effectiveness of the IMST making such a recommendation vs. state agencies approaching OSU. The Team needs to ensure that if it does get involved in developing such a proposal, that it is worded so that it reflects a science need and does not resemble suggestion of policy.

ACTION: Hughes will gather information on OSU's process for proposals to Congress regarding funding a statistical analysis center and report back to the IMST

- *Request for draft reviews* – Schreck indicated that a non-profit group requested a copy of the Team's draft review of DEQ's draft document titled "Technical basis for revising turbidity criteria". The request for IMST draft review documents was followed up with an e-mail message and phone call explaining that the IMST Charter does not allow distribution of draft documents.

REVIEW OF ODA'S DRAFT AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM MONITORING GUIDEBOOK

Neil Christensen updated the Team on the latest round of revisions to the draft review. The team discussed the current draft document paragraph by paragraph and adjusted the wording of sections related to relevant comments that required consensus.
Kaczinski brought up the issue of the target audiences for the document as related to the technical level of the language in the document. Schreck pointed out that the IMST review was intended for ODA. The team discussed how information in the document might be disseminated to various interest groups and how to adjust the language so that the document would serve its purpose.

Molina asked for discussion on why the draft recommendation should be formatted as a formal IMST recommendation, which requires a formal response from the agency. The team discussed the pros and cons of and reasoning behind triggering the formal IMST recommendation process with the ODA document. The team discussed how to revise the recommendation so that the focus was on revising the document and not have it misinterpreted that the Team was recommending changes to any ODA policy or program outlined in the guidebook. All members agreed on the recommendation. .

Dave Wilkinson (ODA) described ODA's perspective on monitoring and gave the history that led to development of the ODA monitoring guidebook. Wilkinson pointed out that ODA does not consider the guidebook to be a complete description of the program. The team outlined the basics of its review for Wilkinson and discussed with Wilkinson how ODA might use suggestions made by the IMST and additional detailed comments from its review. The IMST might need to review other parts of ODA's monitoring program in the future.

Schreck suggested that the team discuss adopting the IMST's draft review of ODA's draft monitoring guidebook. Yee moved that document be adopted and Hughes seconded. The document was unanimously accepted by the IMST as edited at the meeting

ACTION: Christensen will incorporate all edits to the document as discussed by the Team. Maas-Hebner will finalize the document's formatting and prepare a draft cover letter for the Co-Chairs.

IMST REVIEW OF DEQ'S DRAFT DOCUMENT: ***Technical Basis for Revising Turbidity Criteria***

Yee summarized current revisions to the IMST draft review and suggested that the Team discuss the draft paragraph by paragraph. The team discussed changes to the review that still required team consensus. Discussion included but was not limited to: the use of turbidity as a surrogate for sediment, comparison of turbidity standards among states, biological responses to turbidity changes, tiered approaches to water clarity protection, and absolute vs. relative criteria. Bob Baumgartner (DEQ) provided the agency's perspective on several points discussed.

Schreck asked the Team for suggestions on how to best interact with DEQ staff present. Yee suggested that the Team avoid making statements indicating that the IMST would make changes suggested by DEQ staff. Discussion of the review document continued and included cumulative effects, within year variation in turbidity criteria, self monitoring and the 401 permitting process.

Schreck asked for comment from DEQ staff (Baumgartner & Rosetta). Baumgartner indicated that he would like to discuss how DEQ should receive and respond the review and asked for the opportunity to technically review the draft before it was accepted by the IMST. Schreck pointed out that the IMST was most interested in being alerted to errors in fact. Baumgartner understood and indicated that the independent review process by IMST was valuable to DEQ. Schreck proposed that Yee revise the review based on Team discussion and then send the revised draft to DEQ for a technical review to identify any technical errors or areas where the intent or wording was not clearly understood. The Team would then consider the comments. The team generally agreed to this process.

The team discussed the feasibility of holding a meeting in July by conference call to finalize and adopt the final review of DEQ's *Technical Basis for Revising Turbidity Criteria*.

ACTION: Yee and Maas-Hebner will revise the IMST draft review of DEQ's technical documents and send a copy to DEQ for technical review.

ACTION: Maas-Hebner will distribute DEQ comments on the IMST draft review to the Team and synthesize Team comments for subsequent discussion at a July meeting.

ACTION: Staff will arrange a date for a conference call meeting once final comments have been received from Team members and compiled for discussion.

OWEB's PROCESS FOR REQUESTING RESEARCH PROPOSALS

In May, OWEB asked IMST's assistance in developing a process to request and to review research proposals. Harte and Schreck worked with Ken Bierly (OWEB) to identify a proposal request process (including pre-proposals) and edited a draft request for proposals supplied by OWEB. Harte asked for Team comments on the document and the Team discussed the overall proposal solicitation and review process possible IMST roles in the process. The Team agreed that IMST should provide advice on the proposal review process but not take on a formal role as reviewers.

Schreck proposed that the team accept the RFP and cover letter. Hughes seconded and the team voted unanimously to accept the documents.

ACTION: Harte will finalize the draft documents as discussed by the Team and staff will send final versions to OWEB.

IMST DRAFT 2007-2009 BUDGET

Maas-Hebner distributed draft budget documents to the team. The team discussed the general range of the budget. Molina suggested that the item funding an additional FRA would be difficult to justify. The team discussed what additional work was required to complete the budget documents, how to deal with OSU overhead potentially applied to the IMST budget, and how to build in flexibility for additional temporary internship support.

Molina pointed out that it would be very bad for the IMST to have another biennium with a budget surplus. The team discussed how to adjust the budget for this given that three members have terms ending in the middle of the next biennium, potentially creating a potential surplus if team positions are not immediately filled.

The team discussed potential agency needs for IMST reviews and various independent projects that required prioritization by the team that would be used to generate a biennium work plan and budget justification.

ACTION: Molina will contact Sue Knapp and inquire if she can query agencies about their 2007-2009 needs from the IMST and have them bring requests to the next core team meeting.

INDEPENDENT IMST ONGOING PROJECTS AND REVIEW UPDATES

Urban and Rural Residential:

Dunham sent comments on the introduction, hydrology, and water quality sections to Schreck and Hughes. The subcommittee will meet next week.

Eastern Oregon Resources:

Kaczinski has pulled together a 303d water quality summary and will meet with Yee in the near future. The team discussed fish species and the geographic range the document should cover and additional information needs and potential information sources. Maas-Hebner is working with Wayne Elmore as he prepares sections on grazing.

Federal Guidance Document on Instream Sediment Mining:
Maas-Hebner is compiling a list of topics that the Team may want to focus its review on and will send them to the Team within a few weeks.

Effectiveness Monitoring Reports:
Maas-Hebner is synthesizing workshop notes and will update the team at its August meeting. Molina and Christensen will focus on the independent report over the summer.

IMST DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Schreck explained the history related to developing the Team's operating principles. The team discussed the details of several principles.

Schreck moved that the principles be approved as discussed. Kaczinski seconded. The team voted unanimously to accept the revised operating principles as amended to include a final item regarding draft documents.

ACTION: Maas-Hebner will format a final document and distribute to the Team and post on the Team's website. Molina will also forward the principles to the Core Team and appropriate state legislators.

There being no public comment the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM