

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team  
Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds**

**Public Meeting Notice & Agenda  
September 27, 2006**

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

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Wednesday, September 27, 2006

8:30 Convene Meeting – Carl Schreck

Adopt agenda

Adopt August 2006 minutes

Set meeting dates: December 2006, January 2007

8:45 Updates and developments –very brief:

- IMST Annual Report, accountability, and external communications
- Team member compensation
- Clackamas Bull Trout Feasibility Study
- Others

9:30 Project and Review updates (*very brief*)

➤ Urban & Rural Residential – Bob Hughes

➤ Eastern Oregon Resources – Carl Yee

➤ Federal guidance document on instream sediment mining – Carl Yee

➤ Oregon Coastal Coho Recovery Plan – Vic Kaczynski

10:00 Effectiveness Monitoring Workshop Synthesis – Kathy Maas-Hebner

Team review final edits and suggested revisions and adopt final report.

10:30 Effectiveness Monitoring Independent Report – Nancy Molina

Briefing on discussions with OWEB and suggestions from the subcommittee for an independent report.

11:30 Public comment

11:45 Adjourn Public Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team**

**September 27, 2006**

**Richardson Hall, Room 115**

**Oregon State University**

**Corvallis OR 97331**

**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

Sue Knapp, GNRO

Greg Sieglitz, OWEB

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## **September 27, 2006**

Carl Schreck convened the meeting at 8:34 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** – The agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES** – August minutes were adopted as presented.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 16 & 17 (with preference for the 16<sup>th</sup>)

November 16

December 13 & 14

January 17 & 18 were set as new dates

## **UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENTS**

- *IMST Annual Report, accountability, and external communications:*  
Molina spoke with Monty Turner (OWEB outreach specialist) to determine ways to better present the IMST annual report. Based on Turner's advice Molina suggested a web-based format and various strategies to broaden report distribution. The team generally agreed with this strategy and discussed implementation and report content.

**ACTION ITEM:** Maas-Hebner will work with Ryan Hink (OSU) design a web-based document

**ACTION ITEM:** Molina will contact Turner regarding the design of a one-page flyer.

- *Interactions with Legislative committees and elected officials*  
Molina contacted Sandy Thiele-Cirka (Legislative Committee Services Office) regarding opportunities to interact with and brief legislative committees and individual Senators and Representative prior to budget hearings. Thiele-Cirka will work to arrange time for the IMST on the House Interim Committee Agriculture and Natural Resources November agenda. Molina and Schreck will plan to attend the November hearing.
- **State accountability measures**  
Based on discussions at a recent orientation for appointed board and committee members, Schreck suggested that the Team consider developing something along the lines of benchmarks and accountability criteria. The Team discussed the value of doing this and how it would be separate from formal benchmarks set by the Oregon Progress Board for state agencies.

**ACTION ITEM:** Harte and Christensen will develop ideas on how the Team might approach the issue.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:** Team discussion of potential IMST performance measures.

- *Team Member Compensation:*  
Maas-Hebner spoke to Bill Percy (ISAB) about ISAB compensation (model originally used for compensation of contractors) and learned that salaries are currently at \$90/hr plus travel and per diem. Maas-Hebner and Molina also approached Tom Byler (OWEB) on the issue. Byler encouraged the Team to approach their appointments as service positions to the State because this is how they are viewed by the Legislature. Molina suggested that the team continue their current compensation structure. Harte pointed out several inequities between university and private team appointees may exist. Kaczynski suggested that the hourly rate be increased to the maximum possible for the current budget then to the ISAB rate in the next budget.

ACTION ITEM: Maas-Hebner will assess possible rate increases in the current budget.

- *Clackamas Bull Trout Feasibility Study:*  
Schreck distributed a formal letter from ODFW requesting an IMST review of its draft feasibility study for bull trout reintroduction into the Clackamas. Schreck indicated that he'd contacted Chris Wheaton for additional guidance but had not heard back. Molina suggested holding the relevant IMST meeting in a location where local interest groups could more easily attend. No formal decision was made regarding the review.

ACTION ITEM: Schreck will contact Chris Wheaton to expedite delivery of the document to the IMST.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM: Clackamas Bull Trout Feasibility Study Review discussion and determine whether or not the Team should conduct the review.

- *Update from the GNRO:*  
Sue Knapp (GNRO) assured the Team that she was still working on IMST's request for clarification of document confidentiality issue. Knapp also inquired about agency responses to the IMST's request for information on potential future projects. Molina indicated that the responses were minimal. The Team discussed with Knapp their concerns about agency understanding of IMST services and the need for the IMST to develop a work plan as part of the upcoming budget process.

### **IMST/OWEB EFFECTIVENESS WORKSHOP SYNTHESIS**

Greg Sieglitz (OWEB) thanked the IMST for an opportunity to review the draft synthesis and expressed that OWEB was generally pleased with the synthesis. He provided a few comments for the Team to consider including rewording parts of the disclaimer, increase representation of watershed council contributions to monitoring, and adding a sentence on training for practitioner. He also felt that the discussion of regional data centers required revision to include a more comprehensive discussion.

Molina called for general comments from the Team followed by page by page review. Discussion of the document covered, but was not limited to, editing and placement of the disclaimer, Sieglitz's suggested edits, concepts related to restoration, the intent of individual discussion groups, and how to best summarize work group comments on the workshop directives.

Hughes moved for acceptance of the synthesis including discussed edits. Molina seconded. The Team unanimously agreed to approve the document as edited.

**ACTION ITEM:** Schreck will develop a submission letter.

**ACTION ITEM:** Maas-Hebner will finalize the document and prepare it for printing and distribution to OWEB and workshop participants.

### **EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING INDEPENDENT REPORT**

Molina reviewed different approaches to an independent document considered so far. Sieglitz summarized OWEB's interests in the future report including: scale issues and linkage between monitoring projects, the role of high level indicators, and the role of status and trends monitoring. The Team discussed and clarified Sieglitz's three central ideas. Molina proposed that the subcommittee frame a proposal for a future report or a series of reports that review large scale restoration projects have potential for addressing some of these issues.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The monitoring subcommittee (Molina, Christensen, and Maas-Hebner) will meet and prepare a report proposal for the Team to consider.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:** Structure of the effectiveness monitoring report.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM