Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds

Public Meeting Agenda
June 28, 2007

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

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PUBLIC MEETING:
Thursday June 28, 2007

8:30 Convene Meeting –Carl Schreck
Adopt agenda
Adopt May minutes
Decide on July & August meetings – keep or cancel (in favor of subcommittee work)
Set meeting dates: October and November 2007

8:45 Updates and developments –very brief:
- 2007-2009 pending IMST budget and MOU
- Other items

9:00 Evaluate Responses to Recommendations – Schreck
Discuss and evaluate responses to coho conservation plan review recommendations received from ODFW and the Oregon Plan Core Team.

9:30 Independent IMST Projects – Updates on progress and work plans
- *Urban and Rural Residential areas* – Bob Hughes
- *Central and Eastern Oregon Resources* – Carl Yee
  Review and adoption of an draft outline for posting on the Team's website.
- *Scaling issues in restoration effectiveness evaluation* – Nancy Molina

10:15 IMST's voluntary performance framework – Michael Harte
Discussion and adoption of a draft performance measure to determine timeliness of completing review requests.

10:30 Annual and Administrative Reports – Kathy Maas-Hebner
Team review and adopt 2006-2007 annual report and brochure, and administrative report 2007-1 reporting recommendations, agency responses, and IMST evaluations.

11:00 Mid-Columbia Steelhead Recovery Plan – Schreck
Team discussion of logistic for the pending review including but not limited to identifying subcommittee and chair, support staff person (and role), tentative time-line for work that can be adjusted based on when the draft plan is received.

12:00 Public Comment

12:15 Lunch – on your own

1:00 Ecological indicators in restoration effectiveness monitoring – Nancy Molina
Review and discuss in detail draft report. Team may consider adopting report at this meeting.

4:15 Public comment

4:30 Adjourn

A brief public comment period will be available at designated times. Written comments may also be submitted at the meeting or sent to Kathy Maas-Hebner, Dept of Forest Science, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331 or to imst@fsl.orst.edu

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

Members Absent:
none

Others Attending:
Susie Dunham, OSU
Kathy Maas-Hebner, OSU
Sue Knapp, GNRO
Bruce McIntosh, ODFW
Greg Sieglitz, OWEB
David Morman, ODF
Courtney Shaff, OWEB

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Public meeting

Carl Schreck convened the meeting at 8:40 AM and asked anyone with an actual or a potential conflict of interest to bring it to the Team's attention for discussion. No one declared a conflict.

AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES – May 2007 minutes were adopted as presented.

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 30 & 31 (preferred) – conference call
August - cancelled
September 19 (preferred) & 20
October 31

UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENTS

- *2007-2009 Pending IMST budget and MOU*:

  Schreck summarized current negotiations regarding a new MOU between OWEB and OSU. Schreck intends to meet with relevant department heads, Dan Edge (Fisheries and Wildlife) and Tom Adams (Forest Science), to work out contract and computer support administration details. Depending on individual schedules, the MOU should be formalized within the next several weeks. The Team discussed the logistics of completing IMST summer work without signed agreements.

- *IMST Meeting Schedule*:

  Schreck indicated that working within the limited 2007-2009 budget might require a reduced meeting schedule. The Team agreed to set monthly meeting dates but also assess necessity of each meeting on a monthly basis and cancel meetings when group discussions or decisions are not needed.

- *May 2007 Core Team Meeting:*

  Molina informed the Team of upcoming Core Team topics with potential interest to IMST. Topics included DEQ water quality sampling for toxins and proposals to DLCD regarding wave energy development along the coast. The July 3rd Core Team meeting will include a presentation by BLM on their evaluation of late seral reserves and revision of Forest Plan implementation.

- *OWEB Funding for additional IMST FRA Support*

  Bruce McIntosh (ODFW) indicated that OWEB is likely to have salary funds available for additional IMST support staff dedicated to the five upcoming Recovery Plan reviews.

- *Other items*

  Sue Knapp (GNRO) indicated that the director of ODFW is leaving for personal reasons at the end of June. Roy Elicker will be the acting director.

  Harte suggested the Team members examine the ISAB climate change report and issues raised related to salmonid habitat.

IMST EVALUATION OF RECOMMENDATION RESPONSES

The Team discussed ODFW's and the Core Team's responses to IMST recommendations made in the Team's 2006 review of the Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan. Recommendations 1 and 3 were directed to ODFW, while Recommendation 2 was directed to the Core Team.

Bruce McIntosh clarified the response ODFW intended to relay to IMST. The discussion covered IMST's concerns that the Coho conservation plan did not explicitly identify Coho population trends that would trigger adaptive management responses, possible adaptive management actions, and agency control over effecting such changes. Molina suggested that Recommendation 1 may have more appropriately been directed to the Core Team rather than ODFW, so that all responsible agencies could address these issues. Schreck suggested the ODFW response to the recommendation regarding adaptive management be ranked as indeterminate. The Team generally agreed and discussed how the IMST evaluation might be structured to help ODFW understand this ranking. Molina suggested the Team rank ODFW responses to individual recommendation bullets separately. The Team agreed and ranked the bullet related to the plans monitoring component as adequate.

The Team ranked ODFW's response to Recommendation 3 regarding measurement timeframes as adequate.

The Team discussed the contents of the Core Team's response Recommendation 2. Molina reiterated the intent of IMST's recommendation and summarized aspects of the Core Team response that constitute concrete actions. Harte and Kaczynski indicated that while many actions were discussed the response lacked description of an accountability or sufficiency matrix. The Team, McIntosh, and Knapp discussed how IMST might clarify the intent of recommendations by use of examples or a more structured discussion process. The Team agreed to rank the response as adequate with acknowledgement that the response as well as IMST's framing of the recommendation could have been more explicit. IMST will endeavor to make future recommendations more explicit to encourage more explicit responses.

ACTION: Letters will be sent to ODFW and the Core Team indicating IMST's evaluations of the responses.

IMST INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

- *Urban and Rural Residential areas*:

  Dunham indicated that short term support staff contract work had been delivered on time. The subcommittee is 3–4 weeks behind the work plan but the report is progressing. The Team discussed how to structure literature summary tables within Science Question 1.

- *Central and Eastern Oregon Resources:*

  Maas-Hebner reorganized existing text into a revised outline incorporating the new science questions. Harte raised the issue of delaying work on this report in light of reduced Team member FTE and upcoming review workloads. Schreck suggested that the Team partition the workload as agency requests appear and the Team generally agreed. The Team reviewed a draft outline for posting on IMST's website. Schreck moved that

the Team adopt the outline for web posting. The adoption was seconded by Hughes and the Team unanimously adopted the draft outline and approved it for web posting after minor revision.

ACTION: Maas-Hebner will revise the outline and post on the IMST's website.

- *Scaling issues in restoration effectiveness evaluation:*

  Molina described Don Stevens (OSU) involvement in IMST work on temporal and scaling issues in effectiveness monitoring. He will be preparing a short paper describing these issues from a statistical point of view for the IMST with a completed product by June 30th.

IMST'S VOLUNTARY PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

The Team discussed revisions to the IMST performance framework. Hughes moved for adoption of the amended performance measure as presented, seconded by Molina. The Team unanimously adopted the IMST performance measures after incorporating minor revisions as discussed.

ACTION: Maas-Hebner will revise the outline and post on the IMST's website.

IMST'S ANNUAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Molina summarized the need for multiple annual and administrative reports that overlap in content. The Team discussed minor edits to the draft annual report. Schreck moved that the Team adopt the report, seconded by Harte. The 2006-2007 annual report was unanimously adopted by the Team.

The Team discussed minor edits to the draft IMST accomplishment highlights brochure. Harte moved that the document be adopted, seconded by Molina. The 2006-2007 accomplishment highlights brochure was unanimously adopted by the Team.

The Team discussed minor edits to the draft IMST administrative report summarizing recommendations. Schreck moved that the document be adopted, seconded by Harte. The report was unanimously adopted by the Team.

ACTION: Maas-Hebner will revise the documents; Irene Schoppy will post the html version of the annual report. Copies will be sent to the Appointing Authorities.

MID-COLUMBIA STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLAN

Sue Knapp indicated that the draft Mid-Columbia Steelhead Recovery Plan would be available for IMST review by September. The Team discussed timing of document delivery, and identified subcommittee members, and support staff so review work could be initiated without prior discussion at the July or August meeting. Knapp described the major contents of the plan and offered to develop a document outline and provide the Team with the table of contents. Knapp indicated that the Team would have 60–90 days to review the plan after receiving it. The Team agreed that Schreck and Kaczynski would

co-chair the subcommittee with Dunham serving as support staff. Additional Team and FRA support will be utilized as needed.

RESTORATION EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING: ECOLOGICAL INDICATORS

Molina summarized the original goals of the indicator section of the effectiveness monitoring report, the needs stated by OWEB, work completed to date, and work requiring completion. The Team reviewed and edited the document page by page. For part 1, edits included wording changes to clarify the discussion of indicator types, experimental design and scope of inference, indicator selection, utility, and application, indicator deconstruction, and effectiveness. The Team generally felt that part 1 of the report required additional examples highlighting cases where indicators had been used successfully to achieve particular management goals. For part 2, edits related to statistical aspects of indicator construction and analysis, reference site selection, and other aspects of experimental design including pseudoreplication. General discussion concerned revisions to increase utility of this section for state agencies. For part 3 edits included minor wording changes. The Team discussed the general purpose of part 4 (case studies) and how best to integrate this information into other sections. The Team discussed with Greg Sieglitz (OWEB) how the report could be structured to best inform monitoring efforts currently under development in Oregon. The Team agreed on a process for revising the document to be led by Molina with Maas-Hebner as support staff. The Team agreed that formal recommendations not be included as part of this report but that a section summarizing key findings will be added. After revision the document will be reviewed prior to adoption via phone conference or email. The Team agreed to provide all edits to Maas-Hebner by the end of next week.

ACTION: The subcommittee will provide a revised document for Team review prior to the July IMST meeting.

Public Comment.

No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM