

Minutes
Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
May 24, 2013

Conference Call
Nash Hall, Room 104J
Oregon State University campus
Corvallis, OR 97331

Members in Attendance:

Carl Schreck
Bob Hughes (via phone)
Nancy Molina (via phone)
Alan Yeakley (via phone)

Members Absent:

None

Others Attending:

Kathy Maas-Hebner, OSU
Tom Stahl, ODFW
Dave Jepsen, ODFW

Public Meeting:

Schreck convened the meeting at 12:32 pm and asked that any Team member with an actual or potential conflict of interest to bring the issue to the Team's attention for discussion. No one declared a conflict of interest.

Agenda – Agenda adopted as presented.

Minutes – November 2012 meeting minutes were adopted with minor edits.

Updates and Developments

2013-2015 Biennium Budget – Tom Byler (OWEB) indicated to Nancy Molina that OWEB and IMST should know more about next biennium's budget in late May. Regardless of the outcome of budget discussions with the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Byler said there would be adequate funds to continue the Team's Faculty Research Assistant position. Molina has not been able to speak directly to anyone in the Governor's Natural Resource Office. After lengthy discussion, the Team agreed to prepare a letter to the GNRO indicating that the Team is planning to 'stand down' and limit its time to completing work already in progress.

ODFW Coastal Salmonid Multi-SMU Conservation Plan

Tom Stahl and Dave Jepsen (ODFW) said the department has been developing the Oregon Coastal Multi-Species Management Plan (does not include coastal coho which are under a separate conservation plan) and working with stakeholders since August/September 2012. Species population status evaluations were completed in 2011. They are now working on the stakeholder's draft and will send that out for review late spring. None of the species included are listed under the state or federal Endangered Species Act so the plan does not have some of the legal constraints associated with the ESAs. This plan will focus more on social context, hatcheries, where fishing is allowed, and predator management, rather than recovery issues. Presently, ODFW is planning to present information on the plan to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in August and submit it for final Commission approval in October. ODFW will submit a formal letter of request to the IMST when the draft plan is ready for review. Pending final acceptance of the request, Hughes volunteered to chair the review subcommittee. Schreck will also serve on the subcommittee and Maas-Hebner will provide support.

Urban Fisheries Manuscript

Hughes said that the Team's draft manuscript was accepted by the journal *Fisheries* for publication pending revision which includes dividing the manuscript into two separate papers. Hughes proposed adding an outside author, Jeff Schaeffer, who is currently serving as an editor for American Fisheries Society. After discussion pros and cons of dividing the paper and adding an author, the Team approved both actions. The new manuscripts will also include a preface documenting how the papers came about and the work the IMST has been doing on urban and salmon issues. Hughes will draft the preface. Schaeffer will split the manuscript into two separate papers and to offer editorial suggestions.

Draft Book – Wild Salmonids in the Urbanizing Pacific Northwest

Yeakley briefly updated the Team on progress being made on the draft book. The draft manuscript is due to the publisher by June 15, 2013. There are a total of 18 chapters and the status of when two chapters will be completed is uncertain. Maas-Hebner is working with the College of Forestry's Communication Office to have the chapters, including references, to be formatted to meet the publisher's requirements. Once all chapters are received, copies will be sent to Team members for their review and formal approval at a future meeting.

No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm