

MINUTES
IMST Coastal Coho Recovery Plan Review Subcommittee
September 27, 2006
Richardson Hall, Room 115
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Vic Kaczynski
Carl Schreck
Michael Harte
Bob Hughes

Others Attending:

Susie Dunham, OSU
Neil Christensen, OSU
Nancy Molina, Cascadia Ecosystems
Kathy Maas-Hebner-OSU

Vic Kaczynski convened the meeting at 1:30 PM

Kaczynski felt that the documents were primarily policy documents and questioned the appropriateness of an IMST review. He also expressed concerns that freshwater restoration may not overcome bad ocean conditions for coastal coho.

The subcommittee discussed the values of population recovery planning for freshwater habitats including: reductions in freshwater habitat productivity, refugia, drought, historical river survival rates, the utility of index sites, data (provided by Kaczynski) on coho returns related to several estuary productivity and ocean temperature cycles, and the relevance of ocean productivity to anadromous salmonid production and coho returns in particular.

Hughes suggested that, in the document, ODFW may be over-estimating its management ability to mitigate for ocean conditions. Schreck pointed out that, despite ocean conditions, recent data also suggest that some juvenile coho remain in fresh water for less than a year.

The subcommittee discussed where an IMST review might contribute to the recovery plan and generally agreed to conduct the review as agreed by the IMST in August. Discussion points included coho range limitations, implications for future sea temperature variability, genetic consequences of population size fluctuations, and the utility of genetic data as a management tool. The subcommittee then worked through comments each had made on the documents to identify points requiring further clarification.

ACTION ITEM: Kaczynski will attempt a first draft of the review based on detailed notes provided by Dunham and distribute the draft to the subcommittee for their input.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM

Minutes were prepared by staff and reviewed by the subcommittee for accuracy

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