

Cowlitz Ad Hoc Meeting Notes  
Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery  
July 19, 2016  
9AM – Noon

- Advisor Group protocols
  - Cindy provided the group with WDFW's Advisor Group handbook and reviewed some of the expectations
- New issue papers
  - Population designations
    - Fall Chinook in the upper Cowlitz –how do you tell Tilton fall Chinook from lower Cowlitz fall Chinook?
    - Potential ramifications to the sport fishery
    - **Action item:** Cindy will send out the population designation paper ✓
    - Concern about keeping fall Chinook in the upper Cowlitz
  - Satellite rearing
    - Discussion about reintroduction and how to get fish into the upper areas
    - Do we need satellite rearing for winter steelhead?
    - Need to release fish high in the system
    - Regulation on the upper Cowlitz was changed this year because of the Muddy River changing
  - Hatchery programs
    - Will the FHMP include recovery goals, and what are the numbers for harvest on wild fish?
    - Want long-term and short-term goals
    - Want to know when anglers can fish
    - Can we have interim goals?
  - Mayfield net pens
    - Look at species with least susceptibility to C.Shasta
    - Winter steelhead goals need to include the actual pound size
    - Why not have Mossyrock Hatchery be the site?
    - Temperature issues
- Advisor Group operations
  - Frustration about things that continue to be talked about at the meetings over again
  - There is some desire to have the opportunity to vote on certain issues/topics
  - Some want to work with staff on issues
  - We need to have the facts – what, why and how
- Barbless hook study

- Cindy provided an update – funding not available for this fall
  - How much short is the funding?
  - Interest in getting one year started
  - Is there money elsewhere that can support this?
  - Some internal concerns – some concerns from FTC
  - Can this be put in the new budget?
  - Ian wants to do this for three years
- Harvest goals
    - Handed out a table from the FHMP that needs to be updated
    - Need to add more than just numeric goals
      - Include retention of NOR fall Chinook, 365 days of opportunity below Barrier Dam
      - What are smolt to adult survival goals and harvest rate goals?
      - **Action item:** Cindy to do some calculations on current expectations – what are current harvest rates and SARs? What do we expect to see on an annual basis in terms of adult returns?
- Steelhead recycle report – Scott
    - PPT presentation with results
- Coho study – Tipping
    - Jack will provide a presentation at the next meeting
- Fall Chinook – wild retention
    - **Action Item:** Cindy will provide the group with a work plan – time line – needs for getting this done – details of how to accomplish this
    - Within the next 2 months