

Coastal Steelhead Advisory Group “Syllabus”

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February: Introductions, ground rules, and outline overview

Big question(s)

1. Why is this work important?
2. How should we work together to get the job done?
3. How is the agency planning to structure the Coastal Steelhead Fisheries Management Plan (CSFMP)?

Pre-meeting materials: Charter, CSFMP outline, agenda

Agenda:

- Steelhead biology background
- Ground rules
- Outline overview

Homework: review outline, provide comments on your own copy, send edited copy to WDFW, and come to the next meeting prepared to talk about comments/questions

March: Communications, Management Framework

Big question(s):

1. How should we communicate with the public about coastal steelhead fisheries management?
2. What adaptive management paradigm should we use?

Prep materials (*comments optional*): communications section, status classification approach, agenda

Agenda:

- 5-minute icebreaker. Put everyone in breakout rooms of ~3 people and have them answer the question: What is your first steelhead related memory?
- From last time: talk about outline comments/questions (15 min WDFW & 15 min advisors)
- Introduce **Communications** section (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- 5-minute break
- Introduce and discuss **Management Framework** (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- Public comment (10 minutes)

Homework: read background section and provide edits to WDFW

Post-meeting materials: Background section

April: Monitoring & Evaluation, fisheries regulations

Big question(s):

1. How should we approach updating and/or expanding steelhead monitoring and evaluation strategies for coastal steelhead?
2. What fisheries regulations should we consider? Which regulations are preferred compared to others?

Pre-meeting materials: Monitoring & evaluation section, fisheries regulations section, Schuerell paper, agenda

Agenda:

- 5-minute icebreaker. Put everyone in breakout rooms of ~3 people and have them answer the question: How would you describe steelhead to a child?

- From last time: talk about background section edits (15 min WDFW & 15 min advisors)
- Introduce and discuss **monitoring & evaluation** section (10 min WDFW, 10 minute guest & 15 min advisors), guest speaker could be Amy Edwards
- 5-minute break
- Introduce and discuss **fisheries regulations** section (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- Public comment (10 minutes)

Homework: Choose a coastal river and consider how the fisheries regulations discussed might impact that river, both in terms of biology and socioeconomics. Are there alternative methods the Department should consider when determining fisheries regulations? Come to the next meeting prepared to discuss.

Post-meeting materials: none

June: Fisheries regulations (part 2), Hatchery release scaling

Big question(s):

1. How can we scale hatchery releases to balance wild steelhead conservation with providing angling opportunities?

Pre-meeting materials: hatchery release scaling section, agenda

Agenda:

- 5-minute icebreaker. Put everyone in breakout rooms of ~3 people and have them answer the question: Does anyone in your family like to fish?
- From last time: talk about **fisheries regulations** (25 min WDFW & 25 min advisors)
- 5-minute break
- Introduce and discuss **hatchery release scaling** section (25 min WDFW & 25 min advisors), including 15-minute talk from Gary Marston
- Public comment (10 minutes)

Homework: Read hatchery release scaling white paper (Marston et al. 2022) and come to the next meeting prepared with questions and comments.

Post-meeting materials: Hatchery release scaling white paper

August: Habitat, socioeconomics

Big question(s):

1. How can we collaboratively build capacity to both restore and maintain healthy steelhead habitat and understand the socioeconomic impacts of changes to the steelhead fishery?
2. What can we as a community do to mitigate negative socioeconomic impacts?

Pre-meeting materials: habitat and socioeconomics sections, agenda

Agenda:

- 5-minute icebreaker. Put everyone in breakout rooms of ~3 people and have them answer the question: If you had a million dollars to spend on steelhead management, how would you spend it? (Greer)
- From last time: talk about **hatchery release scaling** (15 min WDFW & 15 min advisors)
- Introduce and discuss **habitat** section (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- 5-minute break
- Introduce and discuss **socioeconomics** section (5 min WDFW, 10 min guest, & 20 min advisors), including 10 minutes from guest speaker Robby Fronner
- Public comment (10 minutes)

Homework: Choose one basin-specific plan to read thoroughly and provide feedback to WDFW.

Post-meeting materials: Basin-specific plans

September: Future research, RMP outline

Big question(s):

2. What research is critical to improving coastal steelhead fisheries management?
3. What are our next steps in advancing management? How might those next steps fit in to Regional Management Plans?

Pre-meeting materials: Future research section and regional management plan outline

Agenda:

- 5-minute icebreaker. Put everyone in breakout rooms of ~3 people and have them answer the question: What is the most important thing you hope to see accomplished within coastal steelhead management in the next ten years?
- From last time: talk about basin-specific plans (15 min WDFW & 15 min advisors)
- Introduce and discuss **future research** section (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- 5-minute break
- Introduce and discuss **Regional Management Plan** outline (15 min WDFW & 20 min advisors)
- Public comment (10 minutes)

Homework: Read entire Coastal Steelhead Fisheries Management Plan and provide feedback and comments *by October 15th, 2022**.

Post-meeting materials: Up-to-date complete CSFMP draft

November: Add Wrap-Up Meeting