

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 28, 2014

MEETING CALLED BY	Norman Reinhardt
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Ryan Lothrop
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	David Croonquist*, Rich Eltrich*, Don Freeman*, Mike Gilchrist*, Norm Reinhardt*, Ryan Lothrop, Colleen Desselle, Steve Thiesfeld, Ron Warren Jim Jenkins, Jason Smith,

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Review Agenda/Approve Previous Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made to change the agenda to allow Frank Urabeck to present his talk on Lake Washington sockeye early in the meeting to allow him to leave at his convenience. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motion to change the agenda was seconded and approved. No opposition. The motion to accept the minutes as written was seconded and approved. No opposition. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Allow Frank to present next.	Frank Urabeck	At meeting

DISCUSSION	Lake Washington Sockeye by Frank Urabeck	
	Frank provided his background. He stated that there is a study going through the Legislature to conduct a diet analysis with predator fish to quantify sockeye mortality from predation. Working on increasing hatchery production to get the stock to a level to allow fisheries.	
CONCLUSIONS	UW and the Department applying for grant through legislature. The current study is a 2-year study which will start this year at a cost of \$300,000 coming out of the GF operating budget.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss the agency's position on this with Jim Scott.	Ryan Lothrop	ASAP

DISCUSSION	Introductions	
	After Frank left the meeting, we went around the room and provided introductions.	
CONCLUSIONS	There have been changes for staff within the Department, and these changes were noted. We had two visitors from South Sound hatcheries: Jim Jenkins and Jason Smith.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	Budget Update	
	Ryan went through the budget table, the biennial report, and the 13-15 Revenue Forecast and Sales Reports which he provided.	
CONCLUSIONS	We can expect the Voights Creek Hatchery Coho to remain low. There may be a raise in the indirect rate which may affect Voights Creek. Ron Warren stated that the bigger expenditures happen later in the spring.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Keep abreast of changes in the budget. Keep in mind that if revenue comes in lower than planned, any expenditures are deficit spending.	Ryan Lothrop	Ongoing

DISCUSSION	Hatchery Update (PSRFEF Facility Status and Update) – Ron Warren	
<p>During the budget reduction in 2011, we notified the tribes that we would close the Wallace River spring Chinook and they did not object. We thought that we had always wanted to move them to Minter/Hupp, so we did. We had 400,000 0-age and ad clipped and CWT all. We continued to work on HGMP in order to submit updates to NOAA. The tribes were concerned we stepped away from conservation. We are not sure how the fish will react, but have our suspicions. We continue to volley with the tribes on the language. The Muckleshoot Tribe runs the White River and the Puyallup Tribe runs the upper White River. This last year the Puyallup Tribe had additional funding for Puyallup Hatchery to raise additional coho, Chinook, and steelhead at the hatchery. If we have excess, we would like to contribute these fish to their program. It has kind of cramped up the Muckleshoot Tribe and they wanted to follow suit. They offered to raise fish from White River but have no funding to mark them. We are getting this funding in addition to coho to be released at Puyallup based on funding availability. That means the escaped fish will come back to the tribal facility. They will collect and get them back into the system. How do we show conservation? We have a meeting next week. Lean toward rationale of sharing gametes. Current production/survival we should get 1,700 fish each year. Not sit on current blackmouth. Hopefully, we will get some kind of fishery.</p> <p>Moving trout production to Lakewood. Moved recently. In later years we will manage differently. We are not adding any fisheries until we see what the current situation is.</p> <p>Through the jobs bill, phasing program at Soos. Longest standing Capital request grant will really help get this facility updated which is badly needed.</p> <p>Ryan and Ron are working on a form to enable more consistent and accurate numbers from the hatcheries.</p> <p>At Chambers we took a few eggs and let everything else run its course. Get fish from outside to meet goals. We should not have to take any fish at Chambers.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	See above paragraphs. We owe a lot to the co-managers for helping us to obtain funding to rebuild Voights Creek Hatchery.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
There is a ground-breaking ceremony at Voights Creek.		Feb. 8, 2014
DISCUSSION	Commission Meeting Review -	
We met on January 10, 2014. Don, Norm, Dave K. Steve T. and Ryan were there.		
CONCLUSIONS	We felt it was well-received. We characterize it as a road map for the future. Focus is on moving forward. The Commission was impressed, enthusiastic, and supportive.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Keep in mind a reach-out to children is needed. Update presentation to the Commission in 2015.	PSRFEF	Jan. 2015
DISCUSSION	PS Recreational Salmon and Marine Fish Enhancement Program Survey	
We have received several surveys to date, but are unsure whether we will meet the goal we have set.		
CONCLUSIONS	Contacted several potential survey-takers at the sports show, but the people who were only interested in hunting did not want to have anything to do with it. Our booth location may not have been conducive to reaching out to more fishers and survey results may be skewed. The concern about phone apps is legality issues.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Cost sharing and efficiency ideas were tossed around for further discussion at another time including several possible phone applications which the public can use.	PSRFEF	

DISCUSSION		Subcommittees	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hatchery Evaluation – we have not yet met. We wanted to wait for Ron Warren’s presentation tonight. We will meet in February. Legislative – we have not yet met. Have been trying to set up a meeting, but activities in December prevented it from happening. Will try to set up a meeting in February. Alternate Funding – we have not met nor done anything to date. 			
CONCLUSIONS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HE – will meet in February Leg – Will try to set up a meeting in February. The idea was to pursue an increase in COLA funding to the PSRFEF via licenses for the coming year. It is probably too late for that, and the process will probably take at least 2-3 years. AF – We have questions and need some guidance. 			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HE – Set meeting. Leg - It was suggested to contact Ann Larson, WDFW Legislative Liaison to find out what the agency’s agenda to ensure we are not crossing the objectives. Provide agency agenda and any other particular information on this to PSRFEF. If a member hears of things regarding this, please contact us. AF – Need to identify what the needs are. Establish needs and prioritize. Find out what the problems are that are preventing the agency from doing it. Lean toward things that are tangible and can always be used no matter what happens at the facility. Do homework. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich Eltrich Dave Puki will set meeting. Ron will provide Leg. Agenda. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Freeman to set meeting date. 	
DISCUSSION		Wrap Up – Q&A and Date/Location for next meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS			
Have the meeting at Wallace River Hatchery. Perhaps have a van/bus or two and meet while in transit to enable more intensive touring of the hatchery.			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Doodle Poll for a meeting in late April to mid-March. Meeting at Wallace River Hatchery.		Ryan Lothrop	ASAP
DISCUSSION		Ron Warren Plans for his new position (not on agenda)	
Ron wanted to let the advisors know that he is interested in participating in angler groups/clubs (both large and small) prior to and following the North of Falcon process so that they can get to know him and vice-versa, and enable discussions of what is happening in his world within the agency.			
CONCLUSIONS		Advisors to inform Ron of upcoming meetings.	
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
OBSERVERS			
RESOURCE PERSONS		Colleen Desselle and Ryan Lothrop	
SPECIAL NOTES			