


PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 28, 2015

MEETING CALLED BY	Dave Knutzen
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Ryan Lothrop
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Colleen Desselle, Ryan Lothrop, Jim Jenkins, Dave Knutzen*, Don Freeman*, Dave Puki*, Art Tachell*, Steve Chamberlin*, Gregg Williams*, Dan H. Stauffer, Mike Gilchrist*, Norm Reinhardt*, Troy McKelvey*, Ron Warren, James Malcomb (via conf. call)*, Michael Schmidt, Laurie Peterson, and Michael Rian*

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Introductions	
	Introductions were made around the room and noted one participant via conference call.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	May and June Minutes	
	Strike out the phrase "Put Long Live the Kings presentation in its place." from the Review Agenda section of the June minutes.	
CONCLUSIONS		
	With the removal of above stated, both May and June minutes are approved.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Per discussion.	Colleen Desselle	

DISCUSSION	South Sound Hatchery Coho Acoustic Telemetry Brief Proposal	
	Michael Schmidt spoke of a proposal for hatchery coho acoustic telemetry in south Sound.	
CONCLUSIONS		
	 Hatchery Coho Telemetry Study Prop.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Searching for \$27,000 to perform this study	Michael Schmidt	

DISCUSSION	Current Budget Status	
	We currently have \$56,000 for what we planned to spend. For our spending authority we have about \$2.6m which allows us to not have a negative allotment in the coordinator fund for the future and some wiggle room as well. We carry forward the \$56,000 but we are limited in our spending ability due to spending authority.	
CONCLUSIONS		
	The Department would like add the following to upcoming budget planning: Seattle Boat Show; descending devices, video production; tackle; bottomfish ID cards (key chains); miscellaneous (presentations, outreach...); TBD (research...); and a Fish Biologist 1 to help Ryan with PSRFE duties as required.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
PSRFE OC Discussion		

DISCUSSION	Oversight Committee Proposals
	FY1 – Coalition sport fish divers for reef habitat; Minter yearlings to jumbos; and Marblemount. WDFW -

In speaking with D. Lowry, adding new habitats for rockfish will not really buy us anything. Working with NOAA on recovery and use of GoPro to analyze juvenile recruitment. Use sport fish community and divers. Other variables need to be considered for recruitment: weather, wind, etc. which are out of our control. PSRFEF – Asked for a follow-up meeting with WDFW bottomfish group.
 Minter yearlings to jumbos – part of the cost difference is because there is no temporary staff to cover for the hatcheries rotation staff. Chambers Creek hatchery rearing is paid for by Tacoma Power.
 Marblemount Chinook – PHOS limits this ability at this time. Currently in transitional position for system stock recovery with improved PHOS score – can review PHOS in the future and consider adding more Chinook production in the future. Minter/Hupp coho production increase of 150,000 for feed, mass marking, transportation, etc for a cost of \$25,000. Suquamish Tribe provides staffing, fish health, includes summer at Hupp contrast between salt and freshwater.

FY2 – JBLM net pen had issues with survival, straying, etc. and has freshwater issues. Elliott Bay net pens (ad-clip, create net pen) are potentially at full capacity. Adding to any net pens may not be the best way to go. Most cooperatives are tribal. For our money look to our own hatcheries. Need longer term strategies. Agate pass can add but is not available to raise them to net pen size. May be able to piggyback but they have marine, not freshwater. We should explore. We would like the Department to supply a cost analysis and what it would cost to run the different programs. Consider looking at barging. South Sound net pens are currently being marked and are tagged. We likely need three groups for comparison.

What can be added for coho production? Voights has space, but no water; Minter (just discussed); South Sound net pens options are complex. Tribe is only interested in adding 1.8.

Consider stop funding Glenwood Springs and Lake Washington Counts. We need to look at what is contributing to our fisheries and whether to continue with those that do not contribute. Make goal develop for FY17 larger. We are committed to FY16 for Glenwood. It was stated that LLTK may not provide us with the contribution from the fish, but they are providing answers. If the research keeps that going, do we really want to drop the program?

WDFW: If you anticipate making changes to Glenwood Springs, please provide what you want to do so the Department can look for other sources of funding such as ALEA grants, but not likely to happen. WDFW asks PSRFEF to hold on any changes to Ballard counts as internal meetings are ongoing.

CONCLUSIONS

Create sub-groups: Coho production (north, central, and south Sound – Norm, Art, Don, and Mike G.; Net pen studies (Garrison FY17, Jumbo \$25,000) – Dave K., Steven, Gregg, and Mike R. Sub groups will get answers based on cost/production = X.

Motion made and seconded to take away \$80,000 at Glenwood Springs for zeros – they will probably have to close the hatchery unless they get other funding - ayes have it with one abstention.

Motion made and seconded to move the Glenwood Springs money into Goal Development – ayes have it with one opposed.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION | Next Meeting

Discussion indicated mid-November may be best.

CONCLUSIONS

Work on goals and development. Sub groups to work on their portions and report back at the meeting. Also need to discuss barging and Lake Washington.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Will put out a Doodle Poll.	Ryan Lothrop	

OBSERVERS	Michael Schmidt and Dan H. Stauffer
RESOURCE PERSONS	Colleen Desselle and Ryan Lothrop
SPECIAL NOTES	