

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 22, 2013

MEETING CALLED BY	Clint Muns
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Ryan Lothrop and Steve Thiesfeld
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	David Croonquist*, Don Freeman*, Mike Gilchrist*, Dave Knutzen*, Clint Muns*, Rich Eltrich*, Matt Parnell*, David Puki*, Norman Reinhardt*, Erik Anderson*, Michael Rian*, Phil Anderson, Craig Burley, Colleen Desselle, Ryan Lothrop, Steve Thiesfeld, Dorothy Reinhardt, and Michael Schmidt

* Advisory group members.

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Review Agenda	
CONCLUSIONS	No changes suggested.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Proceed with meeting as proposed	Group	

DISCUSSION	Introductions
All persons in attendance introduced themselves.	

DISCUSSION	Election of Chair	
CONCLUSIONS	Entertaining nominations. Clint Muns nominated Dave Knutzen. No other nominations were made. Don Freeman seconded. Dave accepted. Moved to close. Unanimous. Clint passed the baton and Dave thanked Clint for his ten years of service as chair.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Chair meetings until further notice.	Dave Knutzen	

DISCUSSION	Review Goals and Objectives (PDF)
<p>Phil Anderson (Director) thanked and welcomed new members to the group. He explained the importance and what the goal of the group is. He thanked Clint for serving as chair and for continuing with the group. He talked about the statute, goals, and objectives and asked the group to meet with him at least once a year. He asked the group to not take his thoughts on their suggested goals and objectives as opposition, but more as food for thought. He felt the group was being aggressive in their goals in some parts, but not aggressive enough in others. There is a fair workload to complete these. Would like the group to have successes and, therefore, not set unreasonable goals. Lingcod culture is lowest priority as artificial enhancement is not going to help us. When taking on degraded habitat: degraded from what? Who? To what in question? Eel grass protection; focus on habitat where we are already investing. In increasing angler identification of rockfish by 50% by 2020, I think we can do better than that. We have developed flash card tools, etc. Descender tools – anything anglers can do to help the rockfish resource. Some simple and very effective. Tagging and release – be more aggressive. All this is education! I would love to get the license tied to COLA. Leveraging. No opposition. Leverage through partnering in kind. For the saltwater – people are tending to go to combination licenses rather than purchasing saltwater licenses. It might be worthwhile to not focus on the increase in economic benefit, unsure how you will measure it.</p> <p>We will have a new vendor for our electronic licensing. Capabilities will be a great advantage. Public information group is Bruce Botka. Both of these would be good to have them meet with the group. We need to do our homework to increase under-utilized fisheries; struggle we had was with the goals. Phil</p>	

responded that this is a 2-step process to first find out what the under-utilized fish are, then to go through the process. Reporting to Commission, should start relatively soon – April-June meetings – have meetings on status and what we have agreed to. Prepare a biannual report to the legislature.

The Hunter Program has started a wonderful program which is tailor-made to include new hunters.

Dave Knutzen responded: Economics – agreement will be hard to reach. Angler days – get five of them to fish one more day. Also wanted to state he is really glad about the outreach and this should go a long way. Coming full circle, angler trips, set a limit and try to achieve. Agree economics will follow increase in fishers.

Steve Thiesfeld stated to keep in mind the question, what does this program do, and how do we interact with other programs in the agency?

CONCLUSIONS

When we get to the point of having this document completed, we will need to set up a work plan with timelines, overview, and contributions to the fisheries to get to your accomplishment. To increase license sales by 5% is pretty ambitious. When setting goals to improve marketing, remove obstacles, and build interest ensure you are picking species that you can measure. In developing five tools by 2017, use our existing agency outreach resources (e.g., sport shows [~8 we are going to]; use some sort of 3-fold brochure [they are at the sport shows anyway]; we have a new outreach and public leader coming on – keep that in mind and use that as your leverage.

Craig Burley stated that a package was developed for anglers and training people on rockfish identification, and provided logbooks – the group may be able to expand on this.

There is a possibility to increased knowledge out via brochures and videos at sport shows and through hunter/boater education classes.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

We may want to change our goals as we go along. This is a start and we do not know where it will take us. Group to bounce their ideas to either Ryan or Steve through emails so we can hit the ground running at the next meeting.

Group

Refine goals at next meeting.

DISCUSSION

October 30, 2012 Minutes (PDF)

Would like to change a word in the Glenwood Spring Hatchery Chinook Program conclusions: first sentence - ...grain of salt as the data is limited. We did increase...

CONCLUSIONS

All were in agreement with the changes and the incorporation of this change.

DISCUSSION

June 28, 2012 Minutes (PDF)

CONCLUSIONS

Motioned to accept as amended and seconded. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Budget Status Update (PDF)

FY 12 expenditures through June 30, 2012. Not great detail – expenditures are down. We have a positive variance. Good thing. FY 13 plan for entire year (5th column). FY 13 to date. Variance program of note is the Wallace yearling and Soos Creek zeros. Garrison and Hupp Springs are high. Other one is Glenwood – take from start, but is metered. Definitely over on Wallace. Lake Washington overage may come out of coordinator budget.

CONCLUSIONS

Also need to follow-up on whether high fees are due to personnel.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

Will find out where the problems lie and will report

Steve Thiesfeld

Next meeting

back.		
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DISCUSSION	Revenue Forecast (PDF)	
We want to focus on the back page at the bottom table – RFE-04M – we had a strong coho season with a boost in the Sound. Hopefully, will show inclusion next year.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Potential cuts		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
List cuts at a certain level and then review whether we are on track and perhaps revisit for possible cuts.	Group	May/June

DISCUSSION	Production Update (PDF)	
Voights Creek is low – not sure if this is due to flooding in 2009. Minter Creek – need to make sure that they are fin-clipped per our budget. Wallace – a sink hole was discovered and repaired. Hoodsport – heavy tribal fishery in front of the hatchery. Glenwood – recap – did not make our brood stock and egg take goals this year. Fewer jacks than previous years. Egg to fry is good. Should make the goal.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Steve Thiesfeld stated that he has a proposal, but would like to discuss it with Jim before going over it. Rough estimate is \$1.230/fiscal year. True costs are not always pointed out in our budget. No decision is based solely on survival rates right now. You need to be careful how you choose cuts, because all factors may not be included. Take a hard look at costs and contribution rates. Mike S. suggested Ryan provide more recent survival and contribution rates for Glenwood (2006-2007) by recovery year, not just brood year.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss closer target on budget cuts with Jim. Look at contribution/costs evaluation of the science.	Steve Thiesfeld	

DISCUSSION	Next Meeting	
Due to the timelines coming up, the next meeting should be sooner than later, probably around the end of February or early March, but availability is limited due to North of Falcon meetings.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Doodle Poll for February		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Doodle poll the members and base the meeting date on the results	Ryan Lothrop	ASAP

OBSERVERS	Dorothy Reinhardt and Michael Schmidt
RESOURCE PERSONS	Ryan Lothrop, Steve Thiesfeld, Colleen Desselle
SPECIAL NOTES	