

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 22, 2016

MEETING CALLED BY	Dave Knutzen
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Ryan Lothrop
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Erik Anderson, Steven Chamberlain, Don Freeman, Mike Gilchrist, Dave Knutzen, James Malcolm, Troy McKelvey, David Puki, Norm Reinhardt, Brett Rosson, Michael Rian, Art Tachell, Gregg Williams, Craig Burley, Kelly Cunningham, Colleen Desselle, Edward Eleazer, Jim Jenkins, James Losee, Ryan Lothrop, and Laurie Peterson

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Introductions	
Review agenda and approve previous meeting minutes		
CONCLUSIONS		
No changes.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Proceed with meeting		

DISCUSSION	Wild Futures
<p>Craig Burley and Kelly Cunningham spoke to Washington's Wild Future about comments received from both, the public and staff, the direction of the agency, budget shortfalls and license fee increase proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We will be seeking spending authority to spend revenues derived from the sales of the steelhead license plates.</li> <li>o We are working on a mobile application to enable fishers to know where they are and what the fishing rule is for that location. If outside cell range, they will be notified of any rule change/s when back into cell range. Will have a database and geographic links. We will need funding to have staff to keep this current. It will be available for iPhone and android.</li> <li>o We want to rebuild Outreach and Education and work on getting kids out fishing. Change rule from kids under the age of 15 to fish free to under the age of 16. They may use their parent's CRC or if they want to purchase their own, it will be available to them at ½ price.</li> <li>o We are working at lowering the senior citizen age from 70 to 65 for senior licenses, and it will include CRC for salmon, steelhead, halibut, and sturgeon to provide quicker results on harvest.</li> <li>o Working with a new vendor for license sales and ability to do CRC reporting online.</li> </ul> <p>The proposal reflects the needs of the Department so don't get 'sticker shock' of the increase. Please first read all of the provided handouts at: <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/wildfuture/">http://wdfw.wa.gov/wildfuture/</a> and speak to PSRFEF Oversight members who attended to get their perspective. We encourage you to share with others. The Department is very interested in feedback.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Once you have researched this proposal, we encourage you to have yourself and others provide comments on this site (creative ideas are encouraged). This fee proposal is just that, a proposal and the Department will likely change it before submitting it as an actual proposal to the legislature. Timeline is to have it finalized and to OFM in November. It will then go to the Legislature for approval. Don't hesitate to contact Laurie, Kelly, Craig, or Ryan if you have any questions.</li> <li>o The Department has a new Legislative Liaison who has expressed interest in meeting with and getting to know our advisors. If our legislative sub-committee is interested, we could set up a small meeting.</li> </ul>	

DISCUSSION	Sea-Run Cutthroat
Research Findings and Future Work - PowerPoint	
CONCLUSIONS	
James Losee provided a background and study design/results of the sea-run coastal cutthroat trout	

populations and fisheries (primarily in south Puget Sound). Attached is the presentation and research paper. Seeking up to \$5,000 for current research on genetic analysis. James will provide a write-up (update) of his funding needs to the Goal Development sub-committee. For additional information, go to: <http://www.coastalcutthroatcoalition.com/>.

DISCUSSION	Program Updates	
Fisheries Outlook, Budget Status, Sub-Committee, Hatchery Production, and Goal Development: Seattle Boat Show and Survey; Glenwood Springs (LLTK); South Sound Coho Transportation Study; and Chinook and Coho Production		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fishery updates/NOF/future outlooks were provided. With the pending NOAA permit likely to come in on Friday, license sales should tick up and help us out as we are using a very high participation rate survey. An e-rule has occurred to allow anglers to upgrade their freshwater license to a combo for the difference in price now through September.</li> <li>○ The budget is looking good as license sales coming in are near the forecasts (even w/ the initial lack of agreement and NOAA permit from NOF). Many of the expenditures have not hit our account but we are in the positive variance. We did spend up to our spending authority so likely we may more positive variance than we want. We want to find ways to purchase/invest/increase PSRFEF footprint/diversify which the Goal Development Sub-committee will help out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Goal Development sub-committee: Dave K., Don, Art, Greg, Jim Jenkins + staff</li> <li>○ Some ideas include, but are not limited to: supporting the sea-run cutthroat study; initial investment into the fishing app; purchase outreach materials (Fish WA decals, youth materials); pre-purchase CWT; purchase CWT for non-PSRFEF programs so we can better evaluate the hatchery programs; Skagit fall Chinook; UW Chinook; net pen sterile chinook for release; and descending devices (planned).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● South Sound coho transportation project initial release was a success. Time will tell on contribution, but this project aligns greatly with the Salish Sea Project. Create line item for a minimum of three additional years. Joint tribal-state video/outreach from this project is highly recommend (several video segments should be done).</li> <li>● Survey results (preliminary) are provided and it appears that the public better understands what PSRFEF is as two years after the baseline we had a 16% increase in awareness which surpasses the goal of 10%.</li> <li>● Glenwood Springs status was provided, including LLTK's response to the evaluation and the updated evaluation. The oversight committee continues to recommend defunding the program, even with the latest developments from discussions this spring between the Department, LLTK, legislators, and PSRFEF. However, PSRFEF does recognize FY17 begins on July 1 and providing a year's notice continues to be a goal to allow enough time for a transition to new funds, even as PSRFEF originally proposed defunding at the September 28, 2015 meeting. Staff will provide the evaluation and an update to the Director so he can make a recommendation prior to July 1, 2016.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the plan is to fish, pending weather/tides/participation next week out at the Nisqually flats to develop a flounder fishing video. If anyone is interested in joining and has room in their boat (and/or bringing youth out), please let me know. Likely this would occur in an afternoon June 28-30, 2016.</p>		

DISCUSSION	Wrap Up	
Q&A and Date/Location for Next Meeting		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS		
Doodle Poll for a meeting in the last two weeks of September 2016.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Ryan Lothrop	
OBSERVERS		
RESOURCE PERSONS	Colleen Desselle and Ryan Lothrop	