

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2012

MEETING CALLED BY	Clint Muns
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Steve Thiesfeld
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Clint Muns, Don Freeman, David Puki, Rich Eltrich, Dave Knudsen, Matt Parnel, Norm Reinhardt, Steve Thiesfeld, Colleen Desselle, Dorothy Reinhardt, Larry Madden, Randy Aho, and Jorge Villarreal

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Introductions	
CONCLUSIONS	N/A	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	February Minutes	
A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the February minutes as written.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Accepted		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	Budget Update	
There are concerns about the revenue. Steve provided a broad overview of the funds of the 11/13 biennium through the end of May. We had projected income of 1.26 million and the actual was 1.03 million. Expenditures were as expected. Part of the backlash could be from changing in the middle of the biennium. This is scary because this is a pink year (odd year), and we did not get the usual revenue. The positive is the survey that asks who fished in Puget Sound was during a pink year and that participation rate will apply to the revenue in even year. Do we have enough money to get through the fiscal year?		
CONCLUSIONS		
Need to find out who is overspent and who is under spent to make some adjustments. Need to figure out the issue before eggs takes are performed. We probably should consider that this revenue is not going to pick up and we will need to figure out where we need to cut back and where it would be least harmful. Steve will collect and send out some program specific budget information to discuss and prepare at the next meeting.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discuss at meeting	Steve Thiesfeld	August meeting

DISCUSSION	Evaluation Biologist and PSRFEOC Manager Position	
I held interviews last Thursday with three candidates. Did submit a recommendation of one to hire.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Need to get approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Offer position	Steve Thiesfeld	As soon as possible.

DISCUSSION	Chambers Creek Coho	
Have performed some research. Considering proposal similar to Minter Creek on the resident program. They have the space. Had a program in the 1980's which worked well. This has potential. If we can do a July release it could target resident coho.		

CONCLUSIONS		
Assign obtaining data to new biologist.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Assign to new biologist	Steve Thiesfeld	As soon as possible.

DISCUSSION	Indirect Costs Update	
<p>The agency looked at the way it supports administrative staff and functions and proposed that each program pay the same amount out of their budget rather than some programs paying more than others. We have traditionally paid more than others. Everyone is to pay, but it would lower than before. They want to cover our overage, but there is a caveat: we need to pick up at least one of four specific programs which Jim Scott and Steve Thiesfeld reviewed. None of the existing yearling programs were judged to be a good fit because they aren't marked production programs. Picking up a coho program would help diversify the production "portfolio". The four potential options for funding with the PSRFEF are: 1) Marblemount spring Chinook; 1) Wallace River coho; 3) Voights Creek coho; and/or 4) MSF monitoring. There was much discussion.</p>		

CONCLUSIONS		
Motion was made to split this between Wallace River and Voights Creek and seconded.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Report approval to Jim Scott	Steve Thiesfeld	As soon as possible.

DISCUSSION	Goals and Objectives	
We need to go back and do a broader perspective and then increase awareness (marketing) by encouraging meaningful opportunities based on opportunity for success.		

CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Washington sockeye – increase the survival. If we can find a way to increase survival, they will return.</li> <li>• Improve the recreational fishing opportunity in Puget Sound and Lake Washington. Increase angler trips in Puget Sound and Lake Washington by 7.5% per biennium by 2017 (to be reviewed as to whether this percentage should increase). There are three groups to target: kids, new comers to the state, and drop-outs. We struggled but came up with a number we think is a challenge, yet achievable that can be reviewed to determine if it's a realistic number.</li> <li>• Costs for regulations are high. Building boat ramps is one way this group can provide better access. Although we cannot pay for this we could probably get building them started. How about rather than providing new access, we get information out on what is available to the anglers. For example, awareness of available and potential access sites. Advocate for improved access.</li> <li>• We should advocate for the Hatchery and Harvest Reform Program (H&amp;HRP), but not necessarily fund it. Utilize compliance with this as one measure to allocate PSRFE funds. Compliant by 2022? Needs modification.</li> <li>• Stabilize and increase revenue available for PSRFE. The contribution rate should be increased by 5.00% by 2017. Increase number of licensed anglers. Include the number of salt and combination licenses by 7.5% per biennium.</li> </ul>		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continued revision and review	PSRFE OC	Next meeting

DISCUSSION	Next Meeting Date and Place	
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CONCLUSIONS	Set meeting to occur either on August 8 or August 15 in Olympia.	
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Find best date	Steve Thiesfeld	As soon as possible

OBSERVERS	Dorothy Reinhardt, Larry Madden, Randy Aho, and Jorge Villarreal	
RESOURCE PERSONS	Steve Thiesfeld and Colleen Desselle	

SPECIAL NOTES	
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