

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 22, 2016

MEETING CALLED BY	Dave Knutzen
TYPE OF MEETING	Oversight Committee
FACILITATOR	Ryan Lothrop
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Don Freeman, Mike Gilchrist, Dave Knutzen, David Puki, Norm Reinhardt, Art Tachell, Gregg Williams, Ryan Lothrop, Laurie Peterson, Ed Eleazer, Romney Aiken, Dorothy Reinhardt, Bradley Hostetler, Colleen Desselle, Troy McKelvey

Agenda Topics		
DISCUSSION	Introductions, Review Agenda, & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	
CONCLUSIONS	Introductions unnecessary, no changes to agenda. A motion was made to approve the June minutes as written; seconded. No opposition. Approved as written.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Add to the Web Page	Ryan Lothrop	

DISCUSSION	Wild Future Update – Ryan Lothrop	
<p>The updates were provided in a hand-out which has more information than we had previously had available. Shared issues about the fee bill: Bad timing for opportunity, sticker shock, but overall the fees are not that bad. If the fee increases does not succeed, there will be cuts in the Department. The public wants to ensure the budget and the policy aligns. Some concerns are: 1) tribal and NOAA issues; 2) why should I pay more and get less; 3) why is it I see revenue increases generated by recreational fleet of \$15 M, and commercial fleet receives nominal increases. Need more opportunity and commercial fleet needs to be realistic.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	Occurring during and finalizing right after North of Falcon. Final version to Governor/Legislature at the turn of the year. Legislature may finalize in April. Your opinions are being monitored, so ensure to get in any input you have on issues in which you have concerns. The Department needs to stress what the fee increases will provide to the fishing communities: they will get this, and this, and this, etc. There is an email from the Director to staff asking for creative ideas on the fee increases. Until the Department can sell that there will be more opportunities, the cuts are not going to matter to the anglers. Keep discussions on a positive note, don't reiterate the downside. List what it will get them and keep repeating it.	
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David Puki & Norm Reinhardt will provide support to the agency when presenting this to the Legislature.		

DISCUSSION	Program Update – Sub-Committee Report	
<p>We did meet. Proposed ideas to spend \$75,000. We need to decide project terms, the priority of projects, what we could provide, the costs of the term, and the possibility of achieving the goal. Cutthroat are worth the money and we need to consider what projects are needed to achieve the funding. We do need to consider letting our audience know what we are good at; we need to instill some excitement from the anglers and get them more enthused about the fee increases.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	Project ideas: All are one-time deal. We will not set in stone until we can provide toward the project. Development Project Table: this is a living document; use this as a blueprint to move forward.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saltwater Pinkalouisa or Fish Pink (similar to trout derby) \$10K – collect pinks as they are coming in, mark with visible tags, and associate tags with prizes such as rods, reels, etc. Cost little; get sponsors. Need to hash out details. This could get a lot of PR. Women and children possibly get better prizes to encourage their participation. Tie in with breast cancer research. 		

- Small group to discuss details – Mike G., Don, Art, Norm, and Troy. Committee to hash out logistics, numbers, and interface with trout derby folks. **Discuss for future possibility**
2. **Net Pen Superextended Rearing** – Chinook reared at (e.g., Garrison). Saltwater net pen until 22" long, release in South Sound about 25K fish. Put and take, similar to what occurred in the 1970s. Squaxin rearing to market size. Stumbling blocks starting with NOAA on down. Did meet with Squaxin Tribe and they like it. Squaxin tribe, Jim Jenkins, Dave Knutzen – small group to push. Come back next meeting, but if need to provide \$ to get something going, provide placeholder of \$10K. Small committee to discuss and provide whether to move forward. Add authority to subcommittee to make commitment to approve funding. **Approved**
 3. **Independent Review** – Focused on HGMPs and approval. Hire independent panel to look at harvest, increased opportunities, stay within hatchery reform. Needs more details. This could be a one-time or continuation. Not sure if it will be one year or multi-year. Create document, experts in field for agency to hold up to why we do or don't do certain activities. Mike G., Dave K., Gregg, Eric Kinne, Andy Appleby. **Need further discussion**
 4. **Expanded Production** – Build on additional coho at Minter, +120K at Hupp. Garrison Chinook production plus in Lake Steilacoom - good to fair. Garrison jumbo, Hupp Springs coho and Chinook, mid-Sound coho. Department to state where to occur. We support increased production, but want a list from hatcheries as to where they would like to spend it based on approved. **Need further discussion**
 5. **Outreach and Sport Show** – zero time for Laurie and Ryan. We do have materials. **Approved**
 6. **Fishing Mobile Application** – Department is working on this. Not seeing much effort. All members will receive. We are in test phase through December. Deliverable for fee bill. More money up front will get a better product. Mapping is biggest functionality. \$2,500 **Approved**
 7. **Cutthroat Research** – a way to get research on whether this will provide more fishing opportunities. This is a base amount to get genetics. \$5,500 **Approved**

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Cutthroat, mobile app, outreach, sports show \$13K – motion made to approve, seconded, approved.		

DISCUSSION | Program Update – WDW Commission Presentation
November 4 in Olympia. Time to present annual report. You are welcome to attend.

CONCLUSIONS
Need feedback on your ideas for our report.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Time and location to be sent to oversight committee members.	Ryan Lothrop	

DISCUSSION | Program Update – Budget: Status and Outlook; Goal Development: 1) Chinook and Coho Production Options; 2) Research; and 3) Outreach – Ryan Lothrop

I sent these out on Monday for your review. We are at 98% through August. Forecast was fairly accurate to actual. Suspect we will see a lot of variability from month-to-month, but we are pretty much on track. Not sure how things will hold out in 2017. There may be a little extra in coordinator fund, but will have to pay some of it to Laurie's salary. Glenwood Springs Hatchery – we are paying the \$80K; still being finalized, with a possible reduction in future years is the last update I heard. It is still in discussions and upper management is trying to finalize it. We are trying to work with them and not lose partnerships held in the past.

CONCLUSIONS
We will focus on next biennium budget at the next meeting. I hope we will be ready by then. That will depend on the goal development.

Lake Washington sockeye – still with policy people. Working on a tiered funding. No updates. Looking at reducing 350,000 as a threshold to 200,000. This was supposed to be the year to get major counts. We spent \$100,000 since the last fishery and the tribe is getting the lion's share. Forecast was 119,000 and we only got 58,000. I think we need to tell them we are not funding if we are not getting any return. I think we are keeping it in an attempt to recoup the costs when and if a fishery does happen – table for

next meeting.

Sockeye predation study is not done. What is the population? How do you get control? Not close to having something reliable. Dave K stated he saw the Beauchamp presentation and it was pretty interesting. Smallmouth populations are really high and hard to keep them at bay.

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DISCUSSION | Wrap-Up – Q&As; Date/Location for Next Meeting

South Sound coho barging – Ryan created poster. We are getting a thumbs up on this project.

This is the final year for your 2-year membership. Think about your support in the future. You just need to let me know of your interest when the announcement goes out.

Ron would like to attend the next meeting. Need to schedule it in early December.

Salmon Field Day – November 5 at Jarstad Park in Gorst. PSRFE outreach can be included. We have received letters requesting our participation. No fees. David Puki will attend and bring new banners.

CONCLUSIONS

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Doodle-Poll for next meeting in early December.	Ryan Lothrop	

OBSERVERS	Dorothy Reinhardt
RESOURCE PERSONS	Colleen Desselle and Ryan Lothrop
SPECIAL NOTES	Thank you Ed and Bradley for hosting.