Cowlitz Ad Hoc Meeting Notes
Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery
July 19, 2016
9AM – Noon

• Advisor Group protocols
  o Cindy provided the group with WDFW’s Advisor Group handbook and reviewed some of the expectations

• New issue papers
  o Population designations
    ▪ Fall Chinook in the upper Cowlitz – how do you tell Tilton fall Chinook from lower Cowlitz fall Chinook?
    ▪ Potential ramifications to the sport fishery
    ▪ **Action item:** Cindy will send out the population designation paper
    ▪ Concern about keeping fall Chinook in the upper Cowlitz
  o Satellite rearing
    ▪ Discussion about reintroduction and how to get fish into the upper areas
    ▪ Do we need satellite rearing for winter steelhead?
    ▪ Need to release fish high in the system
    ▪ Regulation on the upper Cowlitz was changed this year because of the Muddy River changing
  o Hatchery programs
    ▪ Will the FHMP include recovery goals, and what are the numbers for harvest on wild fish?
    ▪ Want long-term and short-term goals
    ▪ Want to know when anglers can fish
    ▪ Can we have interim goals?
  o Mayfield net pens
    ▪ Look at species with least susceptibility to C.Shasta
    ▪ Winter steelhead goals need to include the actual pound size
    ▪ Why not have Mossyrock Hatchery be the site?
    ▪ Temperature issues

• Advisor Group operations
  o Frustration about things that continue to be talked about at the meetings over again
  o There is some desire to have the opportunity to vote on certain issues/topics
  o Some want to work with staff on issues
  o We need to have the facts – what, why and how

• Barbless hook study
• Cindy provided an update – funding not available for this fall
  o How much short is the funding?
  o Interest in getting one year started
  o Is there money elsewhere that can support this?
  o Some internal concerns – some concerns from FTC
  o Can this be put in the new budget?
  o Ian wants to do this for three years

• Harvest goals
  o Handed out a table from the FHMP that needs to be updated
  o Need to add more than just numeric goals
    ▪ Include retention of NOR fall Chinook, 365 days of opportunity below Barrier Dam
    ▪ What are smolt to adult survival goals and harvest rate goals?
    ▪ **Action item:** Cindy to do some calculations on current expectations – what are current harvest rates and SARs? What do we expect to see on an annual basis in terms of adult returns?

• Steelhead recycle report – Scott
  o PPT presentation with results

• Coho study – Tipping
  o Jack will provide a presentation at the next meeting

• Fall Chinook – wild retention
  o **Action Item:** Cindy will provide the group with a work plan – time line – needs for getting this done – details of how to accomplish this
  o Within the next 2 months