CWWLP Advisory Committee meeting minutes

15-16 April 2020, 9:00-3:30, via Zoom meeting

Advisors in attendance: Shane Aggergaard, Rein Attemann, Jeff Friedman, Cindy Hansen, Michael Jasny, Tom Murphy, Nora Nickum, Lovell Pratt, Ivan Reiff, Joe Scordino, Taylor Shedd

Additional attendees: Julie Watson, Todd Hass, Jessica Stocking

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Meeting began at 9am with an orientation by the contractor to the Zoom platform. Because this was the first meeting open to the public, Committee members introduced themselves. Julie provided updates on the other processes and timelines: the intergovernmental group’s recent meeting, the upcoming WSAS Science Panel status and upcoming meeting, the SEIS timeline, and license formatting details. Members participated in an exercise to explore the impacts of COVID-19 on this group and on SRKW, then discussed.

Members were split into small groups for an exercise to identify paradoxes and “wicked questions” inherent in the licensing program process. After lunch, the groups disbanded and brought their points to the full Committee. Themes included: the opportunity to craft messaging and outreach; the potential to revisit the Committee’s meeting schedule, given the online format; a compression of the timeline; and a desire for more interaction with the Science Panel. Members broke into small groups to perform two Critical Uncertainties exercises: 1) 2019 regulations sufficient/insufficient vs. strong/weak industry post-COVID-19 and 2) strong/weak engagement and more/less complicated process, returning after each to discuss.

Members participated in a poll and then discussion about how to proceed with the Committee’s task. At 3pm, the floor was opened to public comment. Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

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The meeting began at 9am with a brief technology check-in then members introduced themselves. Members discussed objectives, re: the language and interpretations of the legislation: e.g. “impacts,” “reduce,” “economic viability,” and how to potentially measure effectiveness of measures in each of these categories. After lunch, the Committee discussed each of the mandated options listed in the RCW. At 2:35, the floor was opened for public comment. Then, the Committee reviewed next steps. Two concerns were raised: June meeting is difficult to schedule, with some members preferring sooner than later; and a request that the Science Panel answer the Committee’s questions as soon as possible. Julie noted that the Committee is invited to observe the Science Panel’s 4/27 workshop. Next meeting is scheduled for April 30th.