

PSRFEF Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

October 5th 2021, 3:00-5:00 pm

Join by Zoom

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Meeting ID: 422 436 2557

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Committee members present

Art Tachell, Chris Grue, Gabe Miller, Hank Vanderhag, Kathy Peters, Mark Riedesel, Michael Gilchrist, Norm Reinhardt, Tom Nelson, Troy McKelvey, Thomas Quinn, Wayne Harmond, Kurt Pachaud

WDFW staff present

Kirsten Simonsen, Jake Rice, Hailey Rosenthal, Eric Kinne, Joe Coutu

Introduction

The WDFW team was introduced by Kirsten. Kirsten led the group in a brief recap of the current Puget Sound Recreational Fishery seasons, which included MA-10 and MA-11 Coho and Pink Fisheries, as well as Snohomish River fisheries. She then covered an introduction to the PSRFEF Budget.

Questions raised:

There was interest in figuring out whether the Coho were resident or ocean-going in the current Coho fisheries. This could be based on the creel data and length distributions in the fishery.

PSE Distribution / License Sales

After the introduction, Hailey led the group through several slides outlining the Puget Sound Enhancement (PSE) participation and license sales.

- 2020 – 21 Participation: 20.107% (+/- 3.42%)
- 2019 – 20 Participation: 23.41% (+/- 33.1%)
- 2020 – 21 Number of Participants: 153,846
- 2019 – 20 Number of Participants: 160,526

License sales by fiscal year were discussed for 2019 – 2021 by license type.

Questions raised:

There was a question on why the license sales breakdown was from April – March when license sales end in November.

Current Budget

Next, Hailey led the group through a breakdown of the current budget, starting with Marking and Tagging investments at the different hatcheries. Next we discussed the Current Budget availability for new projects. And the current investments moving forward.

PSRFE Projects

Next, Kirsten, Hailey, and Joe walked through the projects suggested by WDFW during the May/June meetings. This included more details on the removal of Glenwood, the Oak Harbor Net Pens, Tagging of Hupp Coho, and continuing the Garrison Survival Study.

Questions Raised:

There were many questions raised and lengthy discussions regarding the specifics of these projects.

Committee Suggestions and Other Ideas

- Other suggestions included:
- Bubble Fisheries
- Net Pens
- Alternate Marking Strategies
- Test Fishing / Master Angler Program
- Gear Study

Next Steps/Group Priorities

The department is looking for the group's guidance in the committee's structure and which subcommittees to begin. The group has a history of several different subcommittees, ex: Legislative, Budget, Education & Outreach. Please let Kirsten know your thoughts on committee structure. The next meeting will include a vote on what projects will be funded for the next biennium.

Wrap-Up

The next meeting will take place before Thanksgiving - Kirsten will follow up with a Doodle Poll to select a date.