

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 3, 2012

MEETING CALLED BY	Clint Muns
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Steve Thiesfeld
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Dave Croonquist, Rich Eltrich, Don Freeman, Mike Gilchrist, Dave Knutzen, Clint Muns, Matt Parnel, David Puki, Norm Reinhardt, Steve Thiesfeld, Tara Livingood, Colleen Desselle, Michael Schmidt, Dorothy Reinhardt.

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

DISCUSSION	Minutes from October 24, 2011	
CONCLUSIONS	Accepted as written.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	Review Final Production Changes	
	Reviewed the letter from Jim Scott that responded to the request by the OC (attachment 1). WDFW will implement the changes previously discussed and supported by the Oversight Committee. WDFW also indicated that funding for Soos Creek would be reduced and replaced with Wildlife Fund, and that switch allowed the continued production at Garrison Springs as requested by the OC. OC members were supportive of the actions.	
CONCLUSIONS	Pushing forward to implement changes immediately.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	Budget/Legislation Updates	
	This is not by program (attachment 2). Since updated it is to actual picture. We found a difference in the monthly revenue forecast and adjusted the table to reflect the better monthly estimates. With those corrections, the fund is doing better than reported at the last meeting. It is now where we had expected. Caveat is that the production changes we are implementing (outlined in Jim Scott's letter) are going to change the allotments. Hatcheries need to find money to make some of these changes by shifting or holding off on purchases.	
CONCLUSIONS	Dave suggested that we obtain funding from each saltwater license rather than just Puget Sound. May have to go back to the Commission and have them change the WAC. May have to check more WACs rather than just to PSRFE to ensure it will not affect it/them. Legislative Update: very briefly reviewed the email from Ann Larson that was previously distributed to the OC.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Steve to find WAC and forward to OC members.	Group	

DISCUSSION	Legislative Goals and Objectives Progress	
<p>This is not intended to be the plan, but a starting point. We need baseline data. Are there any other criteria we need? Are the criteria listed correct?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track fish that this program produces in the bag.</li> <li>• Increase total angler trips.</li> <li>• Need to project out to ten years as some of the changes will not be seen for 3-5 years.</li> </ul> <p>Each of the facilities has production goals and they look at percent of survival. We need to look at the growth starting as of today – we cannot go back as a starting point. We do have some recent programs that we can start with. Start with 10% and decide later down the line if it needs to be bumped up – we need to challenge ourselves. If we establish a percentage and we under-achieve, we can go to the Legislature and say, “We are doing everything we can, the agency is doing everything they can, but this is what is happening. We need your help.” PSRFE can become an advocate. Find out how we can help. Change size limits? How do we measure our success?</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Tara and Steve will put ideas into a format and distribute for review. OC members will provide feedback and additional ideas.		
DISCUSSION	A Transboundary Research Approach to Understanding the Marine Survival of Salmon and Steelhead in the Salish Sea – Michael Schmidt	
<p>Most species (exception pinks) are declining in Puget Sound. All aspects of the salmon cycle is important. Many different things are affecting salmon survival but nothing has been weeded out. Canada has facilitated the research planning effort. We now want to develop a U.S. side in about 1-1½ years. Coordinated research planning process is about 4-5 years. Need to identify the most significant factors affecting growth, condition, and survival. A U.S. coordinating committee is under development. Need to understand role, coordination, facilitation, project management, research fundraising, research (PSF), communication, and outreach. Research Benefits: simultaneous data collection and collaboration. Management Benefits: Support multi-recovery and EBM initiatives. Continue to develop. Long-term Outcome: Recovery and/or improvement of sustainable fisheries.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
DISCUSSION	Next meeting	
CONCLUSIONS	February 22, NRB	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Tara Livingood	
OBSERVERS	Dorothy Reinhardt, Michael Schmidt	
RESOURCE PERSONS	Tara Livingood	
SPECIAL NOTES		