

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 6, 2010

MEETING CALLED BY	Clint Muns
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Group
FACILITATOR	Steve Thiesfeld
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Clint Muns, Dave Croonquist, Polly Fischer, Mike Gilchrist, Dave Knutzen, Kevin Ryan, Jon Lee

Agenda Topics	Approval of Minutes	
DISCUSSION	Tabled until all have had a chance to review	
CONCLUSIONS	Review and discuss at next meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review and discuss	All	

DISCUSSION	PSRFE Budget Update	
	Adding the salary for a full-time coordinator will bring a deficit to the Program unless we make a/some cut/s.	
CONCLUSIONS	Discuss coordinator position later in meeting.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Discussion	All	October 6, 2010

DISCUSSION	WDFW Budget Update	
	WDFW is expected to take a cut of \$10-20 million for the 2011-13 biennium. Total cuts could be up to \$20-30 million and a loss of 138.6 FTEs without license fee increases.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	Lingcod Update	
	This study was started was due to poor population status and could provide a potential benefit to stock assessment and survival. We are exploring the possibility of jump starting the population; and is not to create hatcheries. The method used is acoustic telemetry with small scale releases; the pilot study consists of 25-45 fish with tags. Twenty-five percent of the yearlings which were released in early July are still there. Sub-yearlings are appearing on rocky reefs. We have deployed stationary receivers and are retrieving them to analyze the data they have collected. One fish was caught from a 2004 release. We would to publish more photos of tags and provide phone numbers to report found tags. DFW creel surveyors are collecting fin clips.	
CONCLUSIONS	Conduct a diet study to find out what they are eating in Puget Sound. Fill in box 1 (presented). Do egg collections in 2011 (January-March). Use NOAA [scientific] divers from Manchester and possibly Seattle. Have cooperative effort for this study with NWIFC, NOAA, and WDFW. Raise fish for production. Reduce cannibalism. Have surveys at two of the four sites. For 2012 have up to 300,000 yearling lingcod at two related sites.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Jon Lee	

DISCUSSION	Legislative Update	
Language tweaks in proposals from PSRFE to update statutes for the committee provided with bullets and there was concern. Once provided with full context, was acceptable.		
CONCLUSIONS		
Provide full language proposals for approval, not just bullets.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

DISCUSSION	Meeting Meals	
With all the budget cuts going on the agency, it is wise to continue having a meal provided or should we start brown bagging?		
CONCLUSIONS		
The public comments indicated that we should continue to have a meal as long as the costs were moderate as they are appreciative of the hard work that the group does for the recreational fisheries, and many of those attending are coming in straight from their respective job site.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue with low-cost meals	All	N/A

DISCUSSION	Full-time Coordinator	
Steve Thiesfeld gave a review of what it would cost (no frills) to pay for a full-time coordinator which would include such things as vehicle, computer, phone, etc. This person would not only provide paperwork involved (budget and other reports), but would be a spokesperson and would do a lot of traveling. Jim Scott would like to see us commit to more than one biennium if we go this route.		
CONCLUSIONS	We need to find funding for this position and would like the group to provide where we can cut in our projects.	
There was much discussion on where the funding could come from, however, no decision was made. It is suggested that the group look at which of the projects are contributing the most to our success and drop those that are not productive, or to do a straight across the board cut within the projects. Go to managers and let them know that the group feels that a full-time coordinator will enable the committee to reach their goals, but we need their help in deciding how to accomplish a budget for this position.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Go to management for assistance.	Steve Thiesfeld	ASAP

OBSERVERS	Dave Puki, Ken Kumasawa, Brian Seiler, Nancy Henderson, Mike Henderson, Bob Jones, Tom Pollack, Norm Reinhardt, Dorothy Reinhardt, Mike Schmidt, Andy Appleby, Al Schmauder, Mike Croft, Bart Madison
RESOURCE PERSONS	Steve Thiesfeld, Colleen Desselle, Jim Jenkins
SPECIAL NOTES	Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.